Live in the United States

Tobin Center

San Antonio, TX

April 4TH 2015 at 7:30pm





Joyful Joyful

How Can I Keep From Singing

Sanctus

Salva Me

Amazing Grace

Morning Has Broken

Voca Me

Exultate

The Prayer

INTERVAL

Always With You Song Of Life

Orinoco Flow Wayfaring Stranger

How Great Thou Art Wonderful World

Going Home How Shall I Sing That Majesty



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There will be an opportunity to purchase CDs/DVDs during the interval and at the end of the concert.







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Musical Director – Robert Prizeman Assistant musical directors – Sam Coates & Steven Geraghty

Flute / Whistle – Candice Hamel Percussion – Jonathan Ormston

Keyboard – Joshua Madine Steven Geraghty

Sound mixing & production - Sam Coates

Lighting - Luke Avery

Stage management - Jonathan Barrington & Simon Lewis

Stage direction - Steven Geraghty

Tour coordination and chaperone - Barbara Geraghty & Eleanor Lewis

Tour coordination assistant - Vanda Winakor

Tour manager - John Rexroad

Libera management - John Rexroad & Steven Philipp

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Libera is true to the meaning of its Latin title, 'Free', and crosses many musical boundaries. With original repertoire, innovative textures and inventive arrangements the group brings an imaginative new perspective to the landscape of vocal music.

The core of the sound is built around the voices of the young singers with their clarity, enthusiasm and excitement - the haunting yet vibrant sound of the treble voice that has long been a feature of choral music, particularly in the church. Indeed, the defining inspiration for Libera sprang from the ancient music of the cathedrals and monasteries - from the earliest form of choral music - plainchant. The boys' robes of course retain a visual continuation of that history and quite closely copy what the boy monks wore when they sang and were schooled in medieval monasteries. Libera often mixes the traditional chants with contemporary instrumentation and arrangement. Some songs are arrangements of well-known classical works. Although the originals cannot be bettered, some lend themselves to the uplifting sound and harmonies of the boys' treble voices.







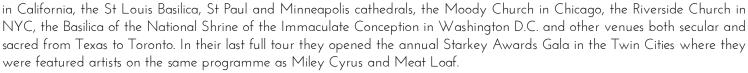
The boys who make up the South London based vocal band Libera have been described as "normal" and "ordinary". However, as their recordings and performances demonstrate, the music they produce is anything but.

Familiar to audiences around the world, the boys have a stunningly original sound, which is at once both ancient and modern. Their distinctive flowing white robes symbolise the traditional origins of their style - yet their music reaches across the generations to a new mainstream audience. Libera's success in album charts around the world bears witness to the extraordinary appeal of

this unique 'boy band'. Enchanting audiences wherever they go, they have attracted an enthusiastic fan base in many countries, particularly the US, Canada, UK, Japan, the Philippines, South Korea and Russia.

In the US & Canada, Libera are known through their concert tours and TV appearances including two nationwide PBS specials, NBC 'Today' Show and 'Tonight'. The boys had their debut at the Kennedy Center Honors, where Libera performed in front of the President and a hall full of celebrities - including Robert de Niro, Cameron Diaz, Diana Ross and Steve Martin. The boys were privileged to close the Kennedy Center Honours with a moving tribute to honoree Brian Wilson of the Beach Boys. This was followed by Libera's participation in the Papal Mass at the climax of Pope Benedict XVI's first visit to the USA. Performing to a capacity congregation of 65,000 at New York's Yankee Stadium, Libera were the only British artists to take part in this historical event.

Libera have travelled across North America several times, appearing in venues as diverse as the Crystal Cathedral



The group is well known to British audiences through TV appearances and staged concerts at venues as diverse as the Queen Elizabeth Hall in London, the Grassington Festival, Abbey Road Studios and Arundel Cathedral. Recent appearances have included the Edinburgh Fringe festival, the National Concert Hall in Dublin and at St Peter's Cathedral in Belfast. Libera have made many TV appearances including BBC-TV's 'Last Choir Standing', on which the Libera boys were featured as guests. They were winners of the Saturday night show 'When Will I Be Famous' and had a whole documentary devoted to them on BBC-TV's 'Songs of Praise'. Other TV/Radio appearances have included BBC Breakfast and the Chris Evans Show. The boys are regularly to be heard on Classic FM and last Christmas scored the top classical song download at iTunes. Libera regularly sing at events and services in cathedrals and churches like Buckfast Abbey and Westminster Cathedral.

In South East Asia, the sounds of Libera are frequently heard in mainstream TV and radio programmes and their CDs, ride high in the classical and pop charts of countries like Japan, South Korea, Taiwan, Singapore and the Philippines. The boys have sung the music for several feature films, television programs and commercials. On recent tours they packed out major concert venues in Tokyo, Seoul and Taipei, where the boys were feted by thousands of enthusiastic fans who queued for hours to meet them and collect autographs. During the recent tour in the Philippines, Libera topped the main album charts and sung to the major concert halls in Manila and Cebu crammed full with excitable fans.

Through their involvement in Libera, the boys have travelled the world, recorded movie soundtracks, CDs, DVDs, Blu-ray and served as backing singers to mega-stars. But, as one of the boys said, "The travelling and filming is fun but even if we didn't go anywhere I'd still want to do it because I just love singing."



Join us for The Boys of Libera

AUTOGRAPH LINE

The Boys will be taking a brief break to eat something and hydrate before signing autographs. If you are unable to wait to meet them.

The boys look forward to meeting you!





Marc Alvares Really looking forward to the roller coasters that I hope we'll go on!



Merlin Brouwer
I'm going to enjoy singing in
the wonderful places.



Thomas Delgado-Little
I'm really going to enjoy the singing
& free time with my friends.



Matthew Jansen
I will like doing new harmony
parts now my voice is lower.



Alessandro Mackinnon-Botti I love doing the concerts and activities with my friends.



Shay Balsekar I'm happy to see the American sunshine.



Benedict Bywater Excited for my first trip away.



Alexander Gula I'm going to enjoy performing again In America.



Timothy Lee I am happy to be in America again.



Matthew Madine Thinking of my family when I perform.



Ciaran Bradbury-Hickey Looking forward to the tasty pretzels.



Gabriel Collins Thinking of my Cat Crackers.



Adam Izghouti I'm interested In the experience of two weeks away from home.



Isaac London I can't wait to perform in front of the friendly audiences.



James Menezes I'm excited to see what America is like for my first tour.



Michael Menezes
I'm looking forward to playing
basketball with some Americans!



Alexander Montoro I can't wait to see all the different places.



Cassius O'Connell-White There's nothing like a good American BUFFET!



Taichi Shinokubo I'm so excited to go to America away from my family, who I'll miss.



Camden Stewart
Can't wait to play in the playgrounds
that are better than at home.



Rocco Tesei A merica will be very much fun!



Mark Ustynovych-Repa Thinking of my dog Pickles when I perform.



Joseph Walshe Really going to miss my cat and dog but happy to try my first time away.



Samuel Wiggin
I wish my family could
be here with us.



Lucas Wood
I'm getting ready for the water
parks – I hope!



Moose I'll be watching.







Music based on theme from the 9th Symphony 'Choral' by Beethoven Words by Henry Van Dyke Arranged by Robert Prizeman Jubilate Adoramus

Joyful joyful we adore thee
God of glory Lord of love
Hearts unfold like flowers before thee
opening to the sun above
melt the clouds of sin and sadness
drive the dark of doubt away,
giver of immortal gladness
fill us with the light of day

All thy works with joy surround thee earth and heaven reflect thy rays
Stars and angels sing around thee centre of unbroken praise
Field and forest vale and mountain flowery meadow flashing sea,
Singing bird and flowing fountain call us to rejoice in thee

Thou art giving and forgiving ever blessing ever blest well spring of the joy of living ocean depth of happy rest Thou our father Christ our brother all who live in love are thine Teach us how to love each other lift us to the joy divine





Music based on 'Canon' by Johann Pachelbel Words traditional Arranged by Robert Prizeman

Sanctus Benedictus qui venit in nomine Domine Sanctus Dominus Deus Sabbaoth pleni sunt coeli et terra Gloria



Music traditional Words by John Newton Arranged by Robert Prizeman Amazing grace how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me I once was lost but now am found was blind but now I see

Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved how precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed

Through many dangers toils and snares I have already come tis grace that brought me safe thus far and grace will lead me home

When we've been there a thousand years bright shining as the sun we've no less days to sing God's praise than when we first begun



English Words & Music by Robert Prizeman Inspired by 'Stabat Mater' by Pergolesi and a chant fragment by Hildegard Von Bingen As secret as a dream you call As silent as the night for all you cry Lacrymosa

Lacrymosa dies illa Dolorosa Domine Voca Voca Me

You whisper in my silent sleep You answer to my call when lost I cry Lacrymosa





Music David Foster Words Carole Bayer Sager Arranged by Sam Coates



from singing

Words by Robert Wadsworth Lowry Music - trad Arranged by Robert Prizeman

My life flows on in endless song above earth's lamentation
I hear the real though far-off hymn that hails a new creation
No storm can shake my inmost calm while to that rock I'm clinging
It sounds an echo in my soul how can I keep from singing?

What though the tempest loudly roars
I know the truth it liveth
What though the darkness round me close
Songs in the night it giveth
No storms can shake my inmost calm

while to that rock I'm clinging Since love is Lord of heaven and earth how can I keep from singing?

I lift my eyes, the cloud grows thin I see the blue above it and day by day this pathway smoothes since first I learned to love it. The peace and love makes fresh my heart a fountain ever springing. All things are mine since I am his how can I keep from singing?



Words & Music by Robert Prizeman

Domine deus miserere mei

Carry me away
From the dark I fear
When the storm is near
From the endless night
From my blinded sight
To a sky of light
Free me to fly away
Salva me

Carry me away
From the things that harm
On a sea of calm
From the endless night
From my blinded sight
To a sky of light





Music traditional Words by Eleanor Farjeon Arranged by Robert Prizeman





Music by Robert Prizeman English words by Henry Burton

There's a light upon the mountains and the day is at the spring when our eyes shall see the wonder and the glory it will bring

et laudate Domino in laetitia et cantate Domino gloria saecula et saeculorum Alleluia

Hark we hear a distant music and it comes with fuller swell, tis the glorious song of heaven and our fears it will dispel Angeli et archangeli, psallite et laudate in hymnis et psalmis et canticis

We hear a distant music it comes with fuller swell For the angels here are human not the shining hosts above For the drumbeats of the army are the heart beats of our love









Music by Robert Prizeman Words by Robert Prizeman & Ben Crawley Do you know me, who I am? I am always with you I am near you every day Always share what you do

Follow the path to anywhere A stranger in the world without you Forever I will be there The shadow you always knew Beati quorum via, integra est.

If you think I've gone away And am never with you I am not so far away Always shadowing you

ow great

Words traditional translated by S Hine. Melody traditional arranged by S Hine This arrangement by Robert Prizeman



Music by Enya Words by Roma Ryan







Based on Largo from the 9th symphony 'From the New World' by Antonin Dvorak Words by William Arms Fisher Arranged by Robert Prizeman

Going home, going home, I am going home Quiet like, some still day, I am going home It's not far, just close by, through an open door Work all done, care laid by, never fear no more Mother's there expecting me, Father's waiting too Lots of faces gathered there All the friends I knew I'm just going home No more fear, No more pain, No more stumbling by the way No more longing for the day Going to run no more Morning star lights the way Restless dreams all gone Shadows gone, break of day, real life has begun There's no break, there's no end Just a living on Wide awake, with a smile, going on and on Going home, going home, I am going home shadows gone break of day







Music: Takatsugu Muramatsu Arranged Robert Prizeman Words: Robert Prizeman

There's a whisper in the dark as a new life comes to be Then a song begins to form as it finds the harmony With the chorus of sound of the world all around now it blends in the tune joining the endless song of life,

real life has begun I'm just going home

We shall never be alone as we link our hearts in one, Joining voices from above, all in the miracle of life, through the ages we will grow, only time will ever know, as our voices magnify, all in the miracle of life

Love plays along in our lives yet to come as we join in the song of life.

Now the music starts to build as the words begin to rhyme then another lends a tune as their voices now combine With the chorus of sound of the world all around now they blend in their tune sharing the endless song of life,









Words and music traditional arranged by Sam Coates

I am a poor wayfaring stranger a travelling though this world of woe But there's no sickness toil or danger in that bright land to which I go I'm going there to see my Father, I'm going there no more to roam. I'm just a going over Jordan, I'm just a going over home.

I know dark clouds will gather round me, I know my way is rough and steep, yet beauteous fields lie just before me, where those redeemed no more shall weep. I'm going there to see my mother she said she'd meet me when I come. I'm just a going over Jordan I'm just a going over home.

So I will wear a crown of glory when I get home to that good land and I will sing redemption's story in concert with that heavenly band I'm going there to see my brother I'm going there no more to roam I'm just a going over Jordan. I'm just a going over home.



Words & music by George David Weiss and Bob Thiele Arranged by Sam Coates



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Music: Robert Prizeman Words: John Mason

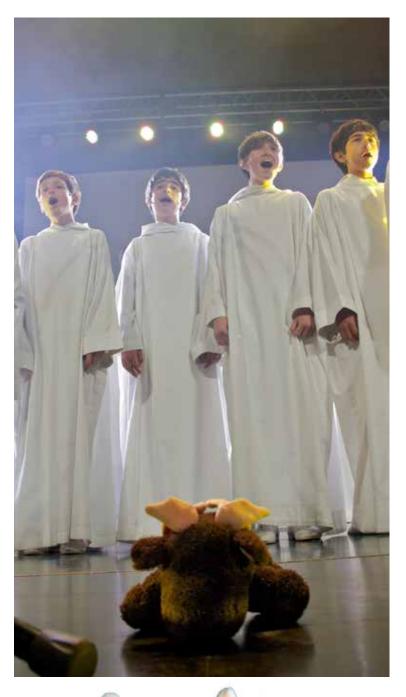
How great a being which doth all beings keep Thy knowledge is the only line to sound so vast a deep

Thou art a sea without a shore a sun without a sphere Thy time is now and evermore Thy place is everywhere

How shall I sing that majesty which angels do admire? Let dust in dust and silence lie Sing, sing ye heavenly choir

Enlighten with faith my heart, inflame it with love's fire then shall I bear a part with that celestial choir





story of where Libera's Moose mascot came from is a bit shrouded in mystery. Legend tells that a certain senior boy from time gone by received Moose as a Christmas present, and thus it was that Moose turned up one day in his travelling tin, complete with a smidgen of chocolate for the journey – for he was a Chocolate Moose

To this day, the very same moose travels the world with Libera as its ambassador. On occasion, Moose has been known to make stage appearances, but is usually hidden beneath a robe or in a secure hidey-hole back-stage. Some have speculated that the Libera Moose may suffer from stage fright, hence his desire to remain incognito. His wellworn fur shows years of hugs, and (embarrassingly) a few games of toss the moose. In reality, the Libera Moose has become a mascot for the boys, much like any iconic mascot of collegiate and professional sports. Like many boys, hours of practice require a little levity and distraction, which this little Eurasian elk provides.

Whether or not he understands Latin is another matter, but it is probable he speaks a variant of Moose-Latin, which may be his chosen language (with a British accent): Moosis, Moosum, Moosorum.

Libera's first official plush Moose was sold this year. He wears a Libera bandana with an official Libera medieval "L", and was introduced as part of the 2014 filming of the group's concert in Washington DC. You will have to watch the DVD carefully to see if he appears on stage. Most likely he will be lurking around somewhere, just out of the spotlight. As Libera is comprised of younger boys and older ones, there is a small-singer version and a large-singer version. Only 200 of each have been produced and then he will retire that special bandana and we will have to see what next transpires. Given the choral group's worldwide appeal, it is fitting that the first two Libera Moose went to Australia, while the second two travelled to the Philip-

pines. Fans are now beginning to send in Moose sightings from around the world, where Moose is popping up at unlikely spots and events. We hope you will choose to share your Libera Moose sightings or pictures with us, and know that Libera supporters will have as much fun with their plush moose as the Libera boys have had.

ear Friend of Libera:

If you are hearing Libera for the first time this evening, I hope the boys' performance is as impressive, perhaps even as moving, for you as it was for me when I first heard them live in concert. Of course, I had another reason for listening, as my son had recently joined and was singing with them in public for the first time. Libera changed his life. And Libera has impacted the lives of numerous other young men in their formative years, some of whom now join us backstage in helping to continue the traditions of this group.

This is a boy choir with a difference – not just vocally or stylistically. These boys volunteer of their time on evenings and weekends of their own free will. We are not a choir school; we are more like a boys club. The boys attend some 15 different schools in south London and then join us for rehearsals after school in the evenings and on weekends. We are not affiliated with any particular church, confession or denomination.

Our circumstances require that we ration carefully the limited time we have available to tour in any given calendar year. You can imagine our logistical headaches when trying to coordinate touring schedules. Nonetheless, we have been lucky enough to visit some amazing places whilst taking our music around the world. We are glad, and somewhat humbled, at the warmth of the reception we have received in so many places.

We would love to be able to tour more and to bring our music to even more people. However, we are restricted from doing so by our financial resources. We are enormously grateful for the time volunteered by parents and many other volunteers, to say nothing of the boys' time. However, ultimately we have to pay our bills – and taking the boys on tour is very expensive. We are keen that, wherever possible, tickets to our concerts should be available at relatively inexpensive prices. We even occasionally give free concerts – but this means that income from ticket sales is generally insufficient to cover the costs of touring with 25 boys and 10 support staff. Even in the UK we rarely cover the full cost of our concerts with income from ticket sales, so we rely on kind gifts from generous supporters.

Libera is a not-for-profit organization, registered as a charity in the United Kingdom. We have also applied for 501(c) 3 charity status in the US, to enable our friends across the pond to help us take this project forward. If you've enjoyed our music, perhaps you might consider joining our volunteer team in the US or making a donation to us, either as a one-off gift or on a regular monthly basis. Even small donations given on a regular basis are of great benefit as they allow us to plan prudently for the future.

Please check our relevant websites for more information, or feel free to contact me directly at steven.philipp@libera.org.uk.

The generosity of our supporters is what makes it possible to create and share the sound of Libera worldwide, simultaneously giving the boys a unique musical education, fantastic opportunities to perform, and friendships for life.

Thank you.

Steven R. Philipp

Chairman – for and on behalf of Libera steven.philipp@libera.org.uk

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THE STORY OF THE CONCERT, THAT WAS MEANT TO BE

- (1) A friend told me several years ago I might like Libera, so I bought a CD. Recently, I bought a few more and that led to a chain of events I hadn't foreseen.
- (2) Recently (April 2014) I wanted to know more about the history behind the group Libera, so I visited their website: www.libera.org.uk and saw the US concerts listed at Mayo (MPAC) in Morristown, New Jersey, so I went on their website and purchased tickets.
- (3) When I failed to receive my tickets, I returned to the MPAC site to see who I should contact and located the concert scheule page for Libera. I noticed sponsorship opportunities and read about the MPAC mission and commitment to making the performing arts accessible to a diverse population and schools.
- (4) I contacted MPAC and was very disappointed to find out that just hours previously, the concert had been canceled due to technical issues.
- (5) As I drove home that night I wondered if perhaps this event might be a good opportunity to support two organizations that support children and the arts. So, with only hours to spare I decided to sponsor Libera's performance.
- **(6)** The concert went on and Libera shared their gift with many others.
- (7) I went on, to sponsor and provide a day in New York City for the boys, and several older former boys, now young men working as a stage manager, musicians in the orchestra or other support roles. I soon learned beyond nurturing talent, the group develops boys into great young men. Libera is as much focused on providing a lifetime of experi

ences and opportunities to these wonderful boys as it is with creating a world class musical experience. I saw that Robert Prizeman – the founding musical director – pours all his energy into this endeavour, yet he insists that the boys be the focus—and that everyone should be equally committed to the goal of developing great young vocalists, young men willing to share their diverse talents with the world. This group truly loves what they do and cares for one another.

o one at Libera is in it for the money. The boys aren't paid, but rather participate in their free time and out of their love for singing and the amazing experiences they are privileged to be a part of. It

really is like one large musical family. Everyone involved does it out of a deep commitment to the music and raising awareness to various causes by their participation. The talents of the Libera musical family impact the fundraising efforts of many other charities. Ironically, even though Libera has produced many recordingss and has participated in many high profile events, they consistently lose money when they tour. This is where my involvement began and continues. In order for Libera to continue to tour and support other charities, they need to raise an endowment for their own organization in order to remain solvent.

I believe things are often predestined, and we just need to play our part. When I financially intervened with MPAC and Libera and sponsored their concert, I was really able to help two great organizations. We can all make a difference, and even the smallest contribution can affect change.

I always live by: "I can if" and "You can if" -

John Rexroad President Pucuda-Leading Edge Trustee / Manager

John Boak Honorary Trustee

Kent Ringler Founding Member

The Libera family wishes to thank the generous contributions of these individuals, and the ongoing support and donations which enable the boys of Libera to perform and record their music.

Special thanks to our friend Brenda, whose photo is featured on our recent CD and DVD covers.

Thanks for catching all the memories.



Amazon #1 Classical Chamber Music , #1 Opera & Vocal and Billboard Classical Chart #8

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