



LIMERICK CHORAL UNION

NEXT CONCERT

Romantic Classics

Featuring Verdi, Puccini, Mascagni & Brahms 'Requiem'

UCH LIMERICK, 7:30pm SUNDAY 16th APRIL 2023

Tickets €30 From UCH Box Office at (061) 331549 or <http://www.uch.ie> or
contact LCU at (089) 2267899

LCU will present a concert of two halves; the first portraying the Romantic Era,
commencing with

Verdi's 'Stabat Mater'

Often described as a mixture of the purity and simplicity of the 16th century verse of
Palestrina, with the drama and pathos of Il Trovatore;

Mascagni's 'Intermezzo' [*Cavalleria Rusticana*]

A delicate, nostalgic, yearning and beautifully structured piece.

Puccini's 'Humming Chorus' [*from Madame Butterfly*],

exquisite and beautiful & one of the most compelling moments in the opera where
optimism is shattered by reality.

Puccini's 'Un bel di Vedremo' [*one fine day we'll see*]

The most famous aria in Madame Butterfly, known for its lyrical beauty and
appealing to audiences with its emotive melody while also encapsulating the tragedy
at the heart of the opera.

Mascagni's 'Easter Hymn' [*Cavalleria Rusticana*]

The wonderful Easter Hymn brings the first half to a close with intensity and
magnificence.

The evening concludes in the 2nd half with

Brahms' 'Ein Deutsches Requiem'

A beloved masterpiece, not primarily a mass for the dead; instead, it is intended as
comfort and consolation for those who mourn and feel the pain of the death of others.

For audiences it is comfortably spiritual and catchy but it is rewarding and
exhilarating for performers!

Limerick Choral Union will be accompanied by

The 44 strong LCU orchestra and soloists

Rachel Croash, Soprano & Owen Gilhooly Miles, Baritone

Musical Director: Malcolm Green



LIMERICK CHORAL UNION

Limerick Choral Union (LCU) an amateur choir now in its 59th year was established in 1964. It is an oratorio choir based in the heart of Limerick City and the aim is to make choral singing accessible, enjoyable and rewarding for the singers and audience alike.

LCU sees itself as an ambassador for Limerick and Ireland, promoting its talents locally, nationally and internationally. The choir has performed extensively throughout Europe spreading the joy of singing far and wide and showcasing the talent, the dedication and the love that exists in Limerick for singing and choral music. LCU has been directed by many guest conductors and has also collaborated with numerous orchestras and choirs. The choir has recently returned from a very successful Choral Festival in Sardinia. LCU is a progressive choir, always learning new repertoire, singing in many languages, challenging both members and audiences to more complex and demanding choral works.

Everyone is welcome to sing with LCU providing they can sing in tune. LCU aims to raise awareness of the benefits of singing for mental health, and through the Musical Director, Mr. Malcolm Green, LCU has assisted and been involved in the Mental Health Awareness Week. The message is “singing is good for you”.

For further information and full calendar details, please see our website

www.thelcu.com and Facebook page www.facebook.com/LimerickChoralUnion

