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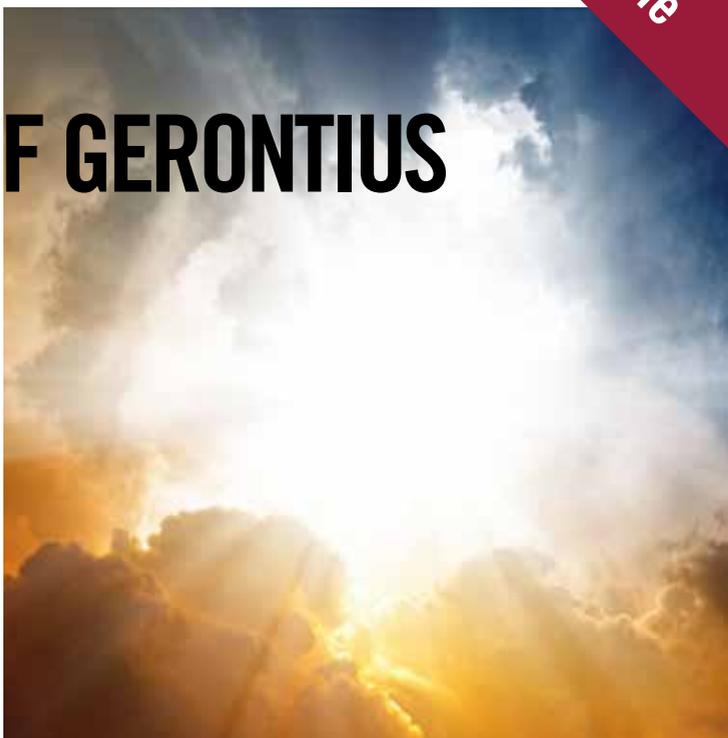
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Henley Choral Society
The Lea Singers

Joshua Ellicott, Gerontius



Yvonne Howard, Angel
Matthew Brook, bass
Benjamin Goodson, conductor



‘Elgar’s dramatic choral masterpiece brought to life in all its emotional intensity’ Benjamin Goodson, 2016



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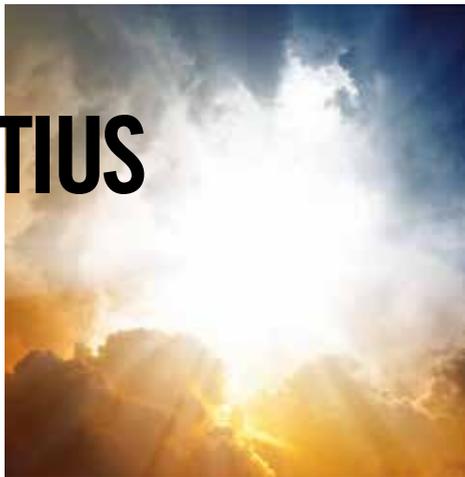
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After an acclaimed performance of Bach St John Passion and two sell-out Christmas concerts in 2015, this Spring, Henley Choral Society returns to Reading Concert Hall to perform Elgar's dramatic choral masterpiece: The Dream of Gerontius.

Written by Elgar in 1900, The Dream initially proved controversial in its portrayal of Cardinal Newman's moving poem depicting one man's death and his soul's journey into the next world. What remains universal to this day is the humanity of the piece and the dramatic and heartfelt expression of hope in the face of loss.

A grand and multi-layered choral work, full of passionate intensity, Elgar beautifully captures Gerontius' changing emotions on this spiritual journey through fear, hope, dread, sadness and ultimately peace.

For his last concert as Musical Director of Henley Choral Society, inspirational young conductor Benjamin Goodson brings together over 200 performers on one stage. Henley Choral Society will combine forces with the Lea Singers, be joined by internationally-acclaimed soloists, and accompanied by a full symphony orchestra containing some of Britain's finest players.



The magnificent international Tenor, Joshua Ellicott, described as "outstanding" by The Times, will play Gerontius, bringing his versatile yet powerful voice to this complex role. Yvonne Howard, mezzo-soprano, has received critical acclaim for previous interpretations of the Angel and Matthew Brook has been described by The Observer as turning "everything he sings to gold".

On Saturday 5th March the stage is set for a spectacular performance of Elgar's cherished masterpiece. Join us for an unforgettable musical experience.

Concert Coaches from Henley-on-Thames Via Shiplake to Reading and Return

Outward Journey:

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Tickets:

18:00 Henley Station & 18:20 Shiplake War Memorial Bus Shelter

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