



## Festive Fun in Leeds 2023

**Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> November to Sunday 3rd December 2023– 3 Nights, 4 days**

Following our wonderful festive tour in Derbyshire in 2022, we now look towards Christmas 2023!

This year we are celebrating the festive season in Leeds, we are back in Yorkshire and it's not just because I am a tour guide in Yorkshire! It's also because it is 25 years since this musical journey began, and yes it began in Leeds, so it seems a fitting tribute to return there.

Our magical Christmas merrymaking will include singing in the Steel Hall at the Royal Armouries Museum, singing in the Corn Exchange in the centre of Leeds, singing in the Great Hall and Picture Gallery in Temple Newsam House, singing in the courtyard at Nostell Priory, singing in the service at Huddersfield Parish Church, as well as a night at the Pantomime at the City Varieties Music Hall!

Our festive tour will therefore follow our normal format of visiting and singing wonderful Christmas music in special places, but we are also including a special event, a 'Sing the Musicals Singing Day' and anyone who wants to celebrate the journey, and of course sing Starlight Express again can join us just for that day. There will be a 'showcase' in the evening celebrating your accomplishments from the day which will be open to members of the public. We are also having a dinner on the Friday evening preceding the singing day where we are inviting people to bring photos, albums and memories.

Sing the Musicals was the beginning of the musical journey in 1998 and thereafter the company took on a life of its own. Singing was the draw but friendship was at its core, friendships which still permeate people's lives today. So many concerts, events and tours which enriched people's lives and group belonging which was at the heart of it all. It's time to celebrate all of that in its simplest form – by singing!

We would love you to join us for the whole tour, but if not join us for the singing day and/or the Friday evening dinner. See all the details on the booking form.





## **Festive Tour Information**

### **Accommodation and Food**

We are staying at the 4 star Crowne Plaza Hotel, Wellington St, LS1 4DL, situated in the heart of Leeds with free access to its indoor swimming pool, sauna, whirlpool and steam room.

Our accommodation is on a half board basis with bed, breakfast and evening meals on Thursday and Friday nights and bed, breakfast and early evening catering at the Singing Day on Saturday night.

### **Travel**

You will make your way to and from Leeds.

We will have a coach for our visits on Friday and Sunday. On Thursday and Saturday you will make your own way to the locations.

## **Sing the Musicals Singing Day and Showcase Information**

A full day Singing Musicals in Leeds followed by a Musicals Showcase in the evening open to the public.

### **Music**

#### **Music for the Full Tour (please see below for details if you are only attending the Musicals Singing Day)**

Joe Diggle is to be our musical director for this tour and he will be taking two of the three rehearsals. We will sing from books on the tour, but Joe is keen to have some of the music sung without books!

Our programme will be a festive one drawn from our existing library together with some new songs.

The rehearsals will take place on the following days:-

Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> September 2023 12.30 to 5.30 pm Garden Studio, Midlands Art Centre, Cannon Hill Park, Birmingham, B12 9QH

Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2023 12.30 to 5.30 pm Salendine Nook Baptist Church, Moor Hill Road, Salendine Nook, Huddersfield, West Yorkshire, HD3 3SF

Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> November 2023 12.30 to 5.30 pm - Cheadle Hulme Methodist Church, Ramilies Ave, Cheadle, SK8 7AL

You will receive your music and CD electronically. If you wish to have a copy of the music printed and the CD sent to you please confirm this by email when you receive your electronic copy to the person who has sent it. There will be a £5 fee for this which you can add to your singing fee.

Our rehearsals will be recorded and if there is a suitable signal at the venue they will be live streamed and if not they will be recorded and put up online afterwards.

Please make sure you attend as many rehearsals as possible either in person or on zoom or using the link afterwards.

### **Music for the Sing the Musicals Singing Day and Evening Showcase**

Joe Diggle will be our musical director for our Sing the Musicals Singing Day and evening Showcase on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup>, he will lead the day along with Richard Quarmby and Mitchell Wright

You will receive your printed music pack on the day. **Please see the details for the day below under day 3.**

We are inviting anyone who ever had a solo or ensemble part in 'Sing the Musicals 1' to apply for the solo they originally sang and names will be drawn from that pool to take on any solo roles in the concert. Please email [linda@unlimitedvoices.uk](mailto:linda@unlimitedvoices.uk) stating your name, which 'Sing the Musicals 1' concert you sang in and which solo/or ensemble part you sang. As this is a one day only Singing Day - if you are selected you will be expected to come fully prepared for your solo. You will rehearse with one of the musical directors on the day, but time will be limited.

### **The Festive Tour Itinerary**

#### **Day 1 – Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> November 2023**

Today we start with a rehearsal, have a guided tour of Leeds, sing in the Corn Exchange and end the day at a Pantomime!

You will make your own way to Leeds and to the hotel.

11.30 am to 1 pm Rehearsal at the hotel

(The rooms at the hotel may not be ready but you can store luggage there until later)

1.00 Free time for lunch

2.00 pm Walking tour of Leeds- with a Yorkshire blue badge tour guide! (Starting point for the tour tbc)

4.00 pm Arrive at the Leeds Corn exchange for a recital

The Leeds Corn Exchange is an amazing grade 1 listed building dating back to 1863. As its name implies it was the former corn exchange and now full of quirky, brightly coloured independent shops which will provide a vibrant back drop to our recital.

5.00 pm Early Pre-theatre dinner at the hotel. After dinner you make your own way to the City Varieties Music Hall

6.45 pm for 7.00 pm performance – The Rock ‘n’ Roll Pantomime at The City Varieties Music Hall

The City Varieties Music Hall is one of the hidden gems of Leeds and it’s oldest working theatre and the Guinness World Record holder for the nation’s longest running music hall! We are hoping to have a private tour of the venue, but this is tbc.

## **Day 2 - Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2022**

Breakfast at the Hotel.

Today we visit and sing at Temple Newsam House and The Royal Armouries Museum, rounded off with a trip down memory lane at our gala dinner this evening.

9.30 am Depart hotel and travel to Temple Newsam

10 am Private tour of Temple Newsam followed by singing in the house

Temple Newsam House is a Tudor-Jacobean house with grounds landscaped by Capability Brown and a magnificent collection of Chippendale furniture. We have a private tour and then sing in the Great Hall, the Picture Gallery and on the Oak Staircase.

12.30 depart Temple Newsam

1 to 2 pm free time for lunch in Leeds

2 pm Visit to The Royal Armouries and singing in the Hall of Steel. Following this you have free time to look around the museum and then the remainder of the afternoon to explore the very many treasures Leeds has to offer, including Leeds Art Gallery, The Henry Moore Institute, The Tetley Contemporary Art Gallery, Leeds Central Library, and then of course there’s shopping! Take your pick from the County Arcade, Thorntons Arcade, Queens Arcade, Victoria Quarter, Victoria Gate, Kirkgate Market, Harvey Nichols. Then you may need a drink. Whitelock's Ale House, dating back to 1715. The Angel Inn and The Ship Inn, The Griffin Pub where Leeds United Football Club was born!, The Domino Club, Angelica – so many to choose from!

The Royal Armouries Museum is the home of the UK's national collection of arms and armour. It has one of the largest collections of arms and armour in the world. There are five floors housing over 4,500 objects. We are singing in the Hall of Steel which is the architectural centrepiece of the Museum.

7.30 pm Gala Dinner at the hotel with a chance to share singing stories and experiences from the past 25 years, bring your photographs, bring your albums, bring your memories!

## **Day 3 – Saturday 2nd December 2023**

Breakfast at the Hotel.

**Information for those taking part in the full tour and those joining us for today:-**

Today we enjoy a full Singing Day based on the Musicals, with an evening Showcase. A day to celebrate the 25-year musical journey

Our venue for the entire day and evening is Gateway at St Mark's Church, St Mark's Road, Leeds, LS2 9A. A beautifully restored grade II listed Church which was originally built as a Waterloo Church back in 1818, and has undergone a huge restoration in 2014, including underfloor heating!!, and winning an Angel award from Historic England for the renovation.

Please make sure you bring food and drinks for your lunch and your snacks throughout the day. There will however be hot food served in between the singing day and the showcase for those who order it.

The format for the day is as follows:-

10 am – 5.30 pm ‘Sing the Musicals Singing Day’ – with breakout sessions for the soloists. There will be a mid-morning and mid-afternoon break

5.30 to 6.45 pm hot food served

6.45 to 7.15 pm preparation for the showcase – attire tbc, please note there will be a communal changing area and no mirrors!! Removal of bags from showcase area to storage area!

7.15 pm doors open for public – the showcase will not be a ticketed event; it will be a free performance and seating on a first come first served basis.

7.30 pm ‘Sing the Musicals Showcase’ – all your day’s preparation, all your memories old and new culminating in tonight’s showcase!

9.30 pm to 11 pm Party time! Bring your own drinks and nibbles!

#### **Day 4 – Sunday 3rd December 2023**

Breakfast at the Hotel

Today we take part in the service at Huddersfield Parish Church, where Richard is the head of Music and finish our festive tour with a visit and singing at Nostell Priory.

8.15 am We check out and depart the hotel by coach to travel to Huddersfield (45 min journey)

10.00 am We take part in the morning service at Huddersfield Parish Church of St Peters – where we will sing in the service

11.45 am Depart Huddersfield and head to Nostell Priory

12.45 pm to 3 pm Visit and singing at Nostell Priory. We have a free flow tour, and we are singing in the courtyard

Nostell Priory is a Palladian house and regarded as one of the great treasure houses of the North of England. It has a collection of treasures garnered to impress the guests of those who built it. We have a free flow tour to enjoy its contents and be suitably impressed and then sing in the courtyard!

3 pm Depart Nostell Priory

3.45 to 4 pm Arrive back at Hotel for our fond farewells and make our own way home

### **Prices and Booking**

**For those taking the full package** - The singing fee is £105 payable either with your application or by Friday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2023. For the tour prices please see the booking form below.

**For those NOT taking the full package** – please see prices below on the booking form.

Please complete the booking form below and return it to us by Friday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2023.

Please refer to our terms and conditions on our website or request a copy directly from us.

Please ensure you supply us with an up-to-date e-mail address for yourself so that we can correspond with you through email. Please advise us if you are unable to receive emails and we will post things out to you.

**Please tick this box to give your consent to us using your data to keep you informed of news, events, rehearsal details and schedules for UVT. Please see privacy statement on our website.**

**Please note once we have sufficient numbers we will confirm your application to you.**

**Please make sure we have confirmed your place before you book your transport.**

**Please return your application forms as soon as possible to:- Festive Tour & Musicals  
Singing Day 2023, Unlimited Voices Travel, 92 Thirsk Road, Northallerton, North Yorkshire,  
DL6 1PL.**

**Festive Tour & Musicals Singing Day 2023 – Booking Form - Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> November to  
Sunday 3rd December 2023**

**THIS SECTION TO BE COMPLETED BY ALL**

Lead Name

Address

Post Code

Home Phone No.

Mobile No

Email address

**Please note that all correspondence relating to the payment for this tour/singing day will be forwarded to the lead name only as our system does not enable us to duplicate it.**  
**PLEASE THEREFORE MAKE SURE YOU PASS IT ON TO EVERYONE ON YOUR FORM. With regard to other information relating to the tour/singing day if you wish us to send it to everyone on your form please include their email address below.**

Individual names of all participants including lead name	If singing please indicate voice type including 1 or 2	Age/DOB	Are you a National Trust Member Insert Yes or No (applicable to tour participants only)	**E-mail address

**INFORMATION REQUIRED IF YOU ARE TAKING THE FULL TOUR**

**Room Requirements** - Please circle -    Single    Double    Twin

The Package – As detailed above (including Saturday Singing Day and Showcase and Friday night dinner)	Price Per Person
Single – Price per person	£700
Double/Twin – Price per person	£625

Special Requirements (i.e. Mobility) and dietary requirements

PLEASE CONFIRM IF YOU REQUIRE COACH TRANSPORT ON THE FINAL DAY – SUNDAY 3<sup>RD</sup>

Please circle    YES    or    NO

**INFORMATION REQUIRED IF YOU ARE NOT TAKING THE FULL TOUR**

**NB if you are taking the full tour you do not need to fill in the section below as it is included in your package.**

**If you do not require the full package** for our festive tour, but would like to join us for the gala dinner on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December, and/or singing day and showcase on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> December, and/or Hot food on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> Dec, and/or bed and breakfast on Friday and/or Saturday night please complete the section below

	<b>Price Per Person</b>
Friday Night 1 <sup>st</sup> December - Gala Dinner at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, Leeds  PLEASE LET US KNOW ANY DIETARY REQUIREMENTS	£35
Saturday 2 <sup>nd</sup> December - Sing the Musicals Singing Day and Showcase	£40
Saturday 2 <sup>nd</sup> December - Hot Food served at the venue in between the singing day and the showcase  PLEASE LET US KNOW ANY DIETARY REQUIREMENTS	£10
Friday Night 1 <sup>st</sup> December bed and breakfast at the Crowne Plaza - single	134
Friday Night 1 <sup>st</sup> December bed and breakfast at the Crowne Plaza – double or twin room – cost per person	109
Saturday Night 2 <sup>nd</sup> December bed and breakfast at the Crowne Plaza - single	134
Saturday Night 2 <sup>nd</sup> December bed and breakfast at the Crowne Plaza – double or twin room – cost per person	109

Please note an administration fee of £50 will be applied to all changes after the initial booking and to any late payments.

**Deposit & Balance Due**

**FOR THE FULL TOUR - Deposit on Application - £150 per person, Balance due Monday 2nd October 2023.**

**FOR THE SING THE MUSICALS SINGING DAY AND SHOWCASE/AND/OR GALA DINNER/ AND/OR ACCOMMODATION**

**Payment on application - Gala Dinner £35, Singing Day and Showcase £40, Hot Food on Saturday evening £10.**

**Friday and/or Saturday Accommodation £75 deposit on application, Balance due Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2023**

Please pay by bacs (details below) or alternatively send a cheque payable to **Unlimited Voices Travel**, **noting on the back of the cheque what the payment is for. Please note that all monies are strictly non-refundable once the tour/singing day has been confirmed.**

**PLEASE MAKE SURE THAT YOU FILL IN AN APPLICATION FORM AS WELL AS PAYING YOUR DEPOSIT**

**By applying and paying a deposit you agree to our terms and conditions which are available on our website. If you are unable to obtain access to these please request a copy directly from us.**

Please make sure you have valid and adequate travel insurance to cover this trip. Once the trip is confirmed all monies are strictly non-refundable and the full balance is due whether you or your party travels or not. Unlimited Voices Travel can take no responsibility for changes in the economic climate that might affect the services of the suppliers.

**Please return as soon as possible to: Festive Tour & Musicals Singing Day 2023, Unlimited Voices Travel, 92 Thirsk Road, Northallerton, North Yorkshire, DL6 1PL.**

Please note that our system only allows us to generate receipts to the lead person. Please therefore help us by sending in just one payment each time an instalment is due, e.g. if you are sharing a twin room please just send in one deposit payment to cover both people, and the same for the interim payment and final balance. However, with regard to the singing fee we can accept payments individually.

**Please make sure that you make a note of when the singing fee and the balance for the tour is due to help us with our administration and ensure prompt payment as sadly we don't have the resources to chase up individual cases.**

**Please note once we have sufficient numbers we will confirm your application to you.** Wherever possible we will send all correspondence by e-mail. If however you prefer to receive things by post, please send us 2 self-addressed, C5 stamped envelopes.

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#### **Festive Tour & Musicals Singing Day 2023 – Bacs Payments**

**BANK TRANSFER DETAILS** – please quote **Leeds Festive Tour & Musicals Singing Day 2023** and send an email to confirm transfer to [teresa@unlimitedvoices.uk](mailto:teresa@unlimitedvoices.uk) Remember to tell us if any of your personal details have changed

**Account Name:** Unlimited Voices Travel Ltd      **Sorting Code:** 20 61 46      **Account No:** 23999343

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