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WELCOME

Welcome to the Stamford Corn Exchange.

It's a pleasure to welcome you this evening. Thank you for joining us for An Evening of Song with the combined choirs of the Military Wives Choirs network.

Tonight, we are proud to have members from 24 of our 71 choirs performing—representing locations from Lossiemouth in Scotland to Culdrose in Cornwall, and many places in between. This evening is a special opportunity for choir members to reconnect with friends from previous postings and to share their joy of singing together with you.

We are thrilled to introduce our new Artistic Director, Joanna Tomlinson, in her first concert with us. We are also honoured to be performing alongside the Military Kids Choir, conducted by Kim Martin. These talented young singers, all of whom have serving or ex-serving parents, use music as a way to navigate the unique challenges of military life.

A heartfelt thank you to the Stamford Corn Exchange team for their generous support in making this evening possible.

Please sit back and enjoy as the Military Wives Choirs do what they do best:

Sing • Share • Support

We hope you enjoy the evening and look forward to welcoming you again soon.

Wendy Human
CEO



Caroline Paxton
Chair of
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MILITARY WIVES CHOIRS

The Military Wives Choirs are a symbol of strength, solidarity, and sisterhood among women connected to the Armed Forces. Following the 2010 BBC Gareth Malone documentary series, Military Wives choirs were formed across military bases aiming to support the wives and girlfriends of servicemen deployed to Afghanistan. Within a year, the choir was number one with the Christmas hit 'Wherever You Are'. A number one album, *In My Dreams*, followed. The charity was established in 2012.



Today the Military Wives Choirs are a network of 71 choirs across the UK, Northern Ireland and internationally, following the global footprint of the Armed Forces, including a Virtual Choir for those without access to a local group. The choirs welcome not just wives but all women with a military connection - including partners, widows, serving women, reservists, veterans, mothers, daughters and sisters. They offer a supportive network of women who understand the unique challenges faced by military families and provide a space to connect and uplift one another.



Today's performance features a selection of songs from our core repertoire common to all of our choirs, including 'Wherever You Are' and our latest single 'November Sunday' released last year.



ACT 1

Sing - Gary Barlow and Andrew Lloyd Webber

November Sunday - John McLaren arr. Sean Hargreaves and Steve Turner

Make You Feel My Love - Bob Dylan arr. Jon Cohen and Gareth Malone

For Good - Stephen Schwartz arr. Chris Roe

A Thousand Years - Christina Perri and David Hodges arr. Chris Roe

Reflections of Military Life

Caledonia - Dougie MacLean arr. Shona Mackay

Human - Brandon Flowers, Dave Keuning, Mark Stoermer & Ronnie Vannucci Jr arr. Sean Hargreaves & John Haywood

Poems & Stories - Military Kids Choir

Dandelions - The Voices of Armed Forces Children's Choir and Otto Aday

Wherever You Are - Paul Mealor - featuring The Military Kids Choir

INTERVAL - 15 Minutes



ACT 2

Unstoppable - Sia and Christopher Braide

Poems & Stories - The Military Kids Choir

Welcome Home - The Military Kids Choir

Thank You for the Music - Benny
Andersson & BJorn Ulvaeus arr. Lucy
Mulgan

O Waly Waly arr Suzzie Vango

Reflections of Military Life

Rolling in the Deep - Adele Adkins & Paul
Epworth arr. Sean Hargreaves & John
Haywood

Fix You - Guy Berryman, Jonny Buckland,
Will Champion and Chris Martin arr. Geoff
Lawson

9 to 5 - Dolly Parton arr. Lucy Mulgan

Together We Are Stronger - Eliot Kennedy
and Gareth Malone



CONDUCTOR JOANNA TOMLINSON

Joanna Tomlinson has established an outstanding reputation for her work as conductor, singer and vocal coach with choirs of all ages and sizes.

As Principal Conductor of National Youth Choir's Female/Non-Binary choir for five years, she made numerous recordings and conducted at venues including the Royal Albert Hall in London.

In her time as Artistic Director of the internationally renowned Farnham Youth Choir they were winners of two gold medals in the 2019 European Choir Games and featured in the live final of ITV's X-Factor in 2018.

Choirs that Joanna works with regularly include Constanza Chorus and Whitehall Choir in London, and she often features as guest conductor with the BBC Symphony Chorus, Epiphoni and at the Royal Opera House on their Sing at the ROH programme. She has also delivered workshops and community singing programmes for Glyndebourne Opera, the Association of British Choral Directors and Association of Teachers of Singing.

Having gained a Distinction in Singing from the Royal College of Music, Joanna brings to her work the knowledge and experience of singing with world class professional choral groups such as the BBC Singers, London Voices, Gabrieli Consort, Philharmonia Voices and Sonoro.

She is Artistic Director of the Military Wives Choirs, and conductor of Constanza Chorus and Whitehall Choir in London.



ACCOMPANIST DAN MORIYAMA

Dan Moriyama is a London based pianist, arranger, producer and cross-genre multi-instrumentalist, performing across the UK and internationally.

An accomplished classical pianist, he specialises in playing with singers and choirs including London Youth Choirs where he is an arranger and resident pianist, Military Wives Choirs, singer Laura Wright, Ark Schools Inspiring Excellence programme, and previously for many years with National Youth Choirs of Great Britain. He performs regularly with Orchestra of the Swan, renowned British composer Harvey Brough, and comedian/conductor Rainer Hersch.

In the popular music world he plays piano & Hammond organ with Tennessee blues/gospel singer, Earl Thomas, and has played keyboards and sung backing vocals with many artists including Dr Hook, the late Donna Summer, and members of Madness. Dan led his own band as writer, bassist and front man for many years, and continues to write and produce original music.

Dan won a music scholarship to Wells Cathedral School aged 8, and was a BBC Young Musician piano finalist at 15. He studied accompaniment at Junior Royal Academy of Music, and then jazz and classical piano at the Guildhall School of Music, winning several awards. He is now a deputy jazz professor at Junior Guildhall.



PARTICIPATING CHOIRS

With 71 Choirs around the globe, many of our members have come to join us for this performance. Tonight we have performers from:

Abingdon & Didcot Military Wives Choir
Chicksands and Henlow Military Wives Choir
Coningsby Military Wives Choir
Cosford Military Wives Choir
Cottesmore Military Wives Choir
Cranwell Military Wives Choir
Culdrose Military Wives Choir
Digby Military Wives Choir
Dishforth Military Wives Choir
Halton & High Wycombe Military Wives Choir
Honington Military Wives Choir
Leeming Military Wives Choir
Lossiemouth Military Wives Choir
Lyneham Military Wives Choir
North London Military Wives Choir
Nottingham Military Wives Choir
Odiham Military Wives Choir
Salisbury Plain Military Wives Choir
Sandhurst Military Wives Choir
Shawbury Military Wives Choir
Taunton Military Wives Choir
Waddington Military Wives Choir
Wyton & Brampton Military Wives Choir
York Military Wives Choir



THE MILITARY KIDS CHOIR

The Military Kids Choir (formerly the Voices of Armed Forces Children Choir) is made up of military children, ages 6-18, with a mum or dad who is currently serving or who has previously served in the British Armed Forces. The choir has members located all across the country and even members who are currently living overseas. Singers write, record and perform original songs, which speak about their experiences as military children. They have performed at Parliament, as part of The Last Post Ceremony at the Menin Gate in Belgium and were on Britain's Got Talent. They love coming together to sing and see their friends!

The choir will be conducted by Kim Martin. The choir members who will be in attendance are from triservice backgrounds.



THANK YOU TO THE MILITARY KIDS CHOIR AND
THEIR FAMILIES FOR JOINING US THIS EVENING.

PROGRAMME

We are delighted to share this free online programme with you for tonight's Military Wives Choir performance at the Stamford Corn Exchange Theatre. Music has the power to bring people together and tonight is no exception.

Instead of purchasing a printed programme, we invite you to donate to support our network. Every contribution, big or small, helps us continue sharing our music, supporting military families, and bringing our community together.

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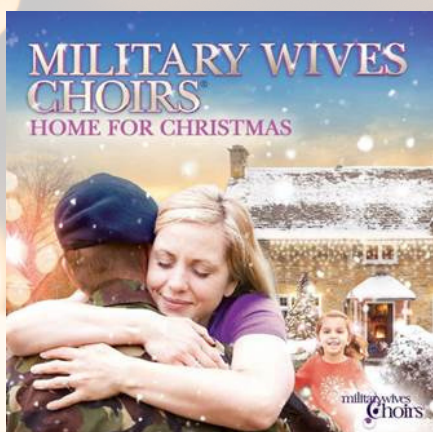
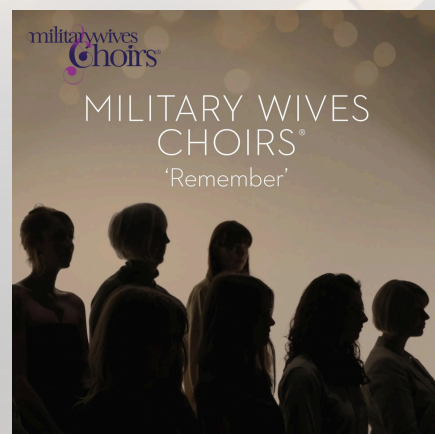
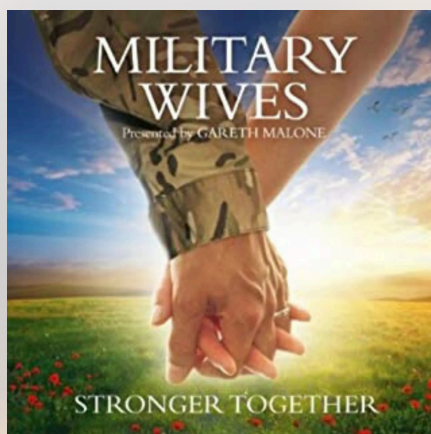
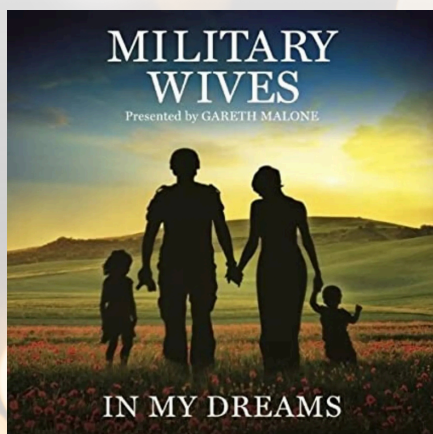
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OUR MUSIC

We are a successful recording artist with a number of popular releases. Our albums can be downloaded and purchased via our website and available on all music streaming platforms.

In My Dreams (Decca Records 2012), Stronger Together (Decca Records 2012), Home For Christmas (BMG 2016), 'Remember' (Absolute 2018), Military Wives Original Motion Picture Soundtrack (Decca Records 2020), Abide with Me (Absolute 2020) and November Sunday (Absolute 2024).



JOIN US!

The Military Wives Choirs continue to bring women in the military community closer together through singing.

If you are a woman connected with the military community and would like to experience singing with one of our choirs follow the links below:

- Find your nearest choir [here!](#)
- If you don't have a choir near you join our virtual choir by emailing info@militarywiveschoirs.org.



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Many thanks to the entire team
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