



# A news release from Friends of St Andrew's Church Waterloo Street • Hove

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## 'Best of the West End' – The Royal Academy of Music comes to St Andrews.

St Andrews , Waterloo Street – the Church by the Sea will have a coup on **Sunday 29 November at 6pm** when the Musical Theatre Company of the Royal Academy of Music will perform their London Christmas show They will include songs from the West End Musicals with some seasonal music too. The cast will come straight from the stage of the RAM and into St Andrew's. There will be a guest appearance by the Brighton and Hove (Actually) Gay Men's Chorus. The talented singers and musicians are donating all proceeds to the Friends of St Andrews and the Churches Conservation Trust.

Mary Hammond , one of the country's leading music and voice teachers, and who heads the Musical Theatre Company said; " I am a keen supporter of The Friends of St Andrews and the Churches Conservation Trust and all they do to keep St Andrews and other Churches open for community use. We will have an enjoyable programme which will include a selection of Elton John's music which we sang in a recent concert with him at the Albert Hall; Broadway and West End Musicals plus jazz standards of the 1920s and 30s from the show 'White Christmas'".

Tickets will cost £10 and will shortly be available from the Dome Box Office , the Iron Duke Pub and the Aquarium Theatre Bar as well as from the door on the night.

The show will form part of the celebrations to mark the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the CCT. The Churches Conservation Trust is the national charity protecting England's historic churches at risk. These are the most significant historic churches which are no longer needed for regular worship. Set back from the seafront, this Regency church of St Andrews was built to serve the expanding resorts of Hove and Brighton. Designed in 1827 by the famous architect Sir Charles Barry, its Italian Renaissance style perfectly matches the symmetry and grandeur of the neighbouring squares and terraces. A fine series of 19th century monuments forms an excellent introduction to the good and great who worshipped there in the church's heyday.

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