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Conducted by					C. JOHN WHY
Accompanied by					EILEEN ABELA-SMITH
Madrigal group trained by	٠				BILL ALEXANDER
Solos by			•		PATRICIA TATTON
					JEAN MYERS
					TREVOR JONES

ABOUT THE MALTA CHORAL SOCIETY

Chairman: ROBIN LATTA

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Conductor: JOHN WHY

The Society was formed in 1936 as a Madrigal and Glee Club but was soon re-named Malta Choral Society. During the war it disbanded but in 1947 once more resumed activities as a Madrigal and Glee Club. Once again it changed its title to that used now.

Recent major works performed have included "Merrie England", "Messiah" and "The Creation". In the autumn of 1965 it is hoped to commence rehearsals for Verdi's "Requiem" to be performed in Lent 1966 in association with the Chorus Melitensis because a large choir is needed to do justice to this work.

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The Malta Choral Society extends a welcome to new members. Anyone interested is invited to attend the Annual General Meeting to be held at 7.30 p.m. on 14th June at Lamplough Hall, next to the Methodist Church in Floriana or to attend the rehearsals at the same place which start in September and the dates of which will be announced in the press.

SUMMER SONG - PART I

Tales of the Vienna Forest — Johann Strauss	THE CHOIR
Piano	. EVELYN CARUANA GALIZIA
Intermezzo in A Major — Impromtu No. 3—Variations on a theme Intermezzo in B Minor —	Brahms Schubert Schumann
The Silver Swan — Orlando Gibbons Fire, Fire. — Thomas Morley April is in my Mistress' Face — Thomas Morley My Bonny Lass She Smileth — Thomas Morley	The Madrigal Group
Barcarolle (Night of Stars) from Tales of Hoffmann — Offenbach	PATRICIA TATTON — Soprano
O Lovely Peace from Judas Maccabæus — Handel	and
La Paloma (The Dove) — Yradier	JEAN MYERS — Mezzo Soprano
Oh, dear! What can the matter be? — arr. Granville Bantock Seventeen Come Sunday — arr. R.O. Morris Bobby Shaftoe — arr. W.G. Whittaker	THE CHOIR

SUMMER SONG - PART II

Chorus of men and women from
"H.M.S. Pinafore" — Gilbert and Sullivan THE CHOIF
Songs from the Bavarian Highlands — Elgar No. 1 The Dance No. 2 False Love No. 3 Lullaby No. 4 Aspiration No. 5 On the Alm No. 6 The Marksmen
Simon the Cellarer — J.L. Hatton TREVOR JONES — Base Flanders and Swann
Blest Pair of Sirens — Parry THE CHOIR

TONIGHT'S CONCERT

Most of the works to be performed need little introduction but the group of six songs by Edward Elgar are perhaps worthy of comment. They are dedicated to Mr. & Mrs. Henry Slingsby Bethell of Garmisch, Bavaria and the words are described as having been "imitated from Bavarian Volkslieder and Schnadahüpfler". The songs are charming, simple and will suggest to some a Victorian musical evening.

Parry's "Blest Pair of Sirens", the most serious work of the evening, is dedicated to C.V. Stanford and members of the Bach Choir. The words, by John

Milton, are given below:—

Blest pair of Sirens, pledges of heav'n's, joy, Sphere-born harmonious sisters, Voice and Verse. Wed your divine sounds, and mixed pow'r employ. Dead things with inbreathed sense able to pierce: And to our high-raised phantasy present That undisturbed song of pure concent, Aye sung before the sapphire-coloured throne To Him that sits thereon, With saintly shout and solemn jubilee; Where the bright Seraphim in burning row, Their loud, uplifted and angel-trumpets blow. And the cherubic host in thousand quires, Touch their immortal harps of golden wires, With those just Spirits that wear victorious palms. Hymns devout and holy psalms Singing everlastingly; That we on earth with undiscording voice May rightly answer that melodious noise; As once we did, till disproportioned sin Jarred against nature's chime, and with harsh din Broke the fair music that all creatures made To their great Lord, whose love their motion swaved In perfect diapason, whilst they stood In first obedience, and their state of good. O may we soon again renew that song, And keep in tune with Heav'n, till God ere long To His celestial concert us unite. To live with Him, and sing in endless morn of light.

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The Management reserve the right to vary or omit any part of the programme without previous notice.

Patrons are reminded that the taking of photographs during the performance is not allowed. Children even when accompanied by their parents, will be required to occupy individual seats.

