

Durufle's exquisite and well loved Requiem was the music chosen for the one day workshop I attended, put on by Dartington Community Choir. I had never done a one day singing workshop before. Tori Longdon was the conductor and she was a very talented and inspiring woman. She moved like a dancer! And at times she sang all our parts to us beautifully as she taught us! She was dynamic and had positive and helpful ways of teaching us. She was very competent and skillful.

We rehearsed in the conference centre at the Abbey in the morning, then rehearsed in Buckfast Abbey in the afternoon and performed there in the evening. The Abbey is a magnificent building with excellent acoustics, it was a great honour to sing there. We had a delicious dinner before the performance (included in our workshop fee).

I was amazed by what the 100 strong choir achieved after 6 hours of rehearsal! Tori gave us confidence and we gave a very good performance. It was a joy to be part of the choir and to sing such a moving and utterly gorgeous requiem.

Thank you so much to Carol Robinson and Robyn Roberts of Dartington Community Choir, who created and organized such a magnificent day, which ran so smoothly.