An AIDS Requiem



An AIDS Requiem was first performed on Friday, 2nd December 1994 at Greyfriars Kirk, Edinburgh in aid of Milestone House and The Village Charity Manchester. It was performed by Edinburgh University Savoy Opera Group under Musical Director Shona Morgan. (Recording Available: please contact Carpe Diem)

Kyrie - choir

Requiem - mezzo-soprano, choir

Dies Irae - baritone

Tuba Mirum - choir

Liber Scriptus - soprano, mezzo-soprano

Quod Sum Miser - mezzo-soprano, tenor

Rex Tremendae - choir

Recordare - soloists

Qui Mariam - tenor, soprano, mezzo-soprano

Confutatis - mezzo-soprano

Lacrymosa - soprano, baritone

Offertorio - mezzo-soprano, tenor, baritone, choir

Sanctus - soprano, mezzo-soprano, choir

Benedictus - tenor

Agnus Dei - soprano, mezzo-soprano, choir

Gloria - soloists, choir

Lux Aeterna - mezzo-soprano, choir

Libera Me - baritone, tenor, choir

Jane Young - Soprano Fiona McLeod - Mezzo-Soprano Iain Hughes - Tenor Edward Cearns - Baritone

Moray Nairn - Piano Peter Horsefall - Organ Claire Alexander - Flute Bryan Pilkington – Cello

Edinburgh University Savoy Opera Group



Sopranos	Altos	Tenors	Basses
Emma Braithwaite	Hannah Avis	Angus Duncan	Justin Morley
Jaqui Milton	Louise Dennis	Ed Hollis	Alexander Scott
Elinor Newman	Emily Haigh	Bill Warrell	James Scowen
Elizabeth Swan	Penelope Rudd	Chris Young	David Sheldon
Alice Wilkinson			Greg Stewart
Kathryn Wright			
Carolyn Young			

An AIDS Requiem was composed to celebrate the lives of Colin Lambie and Bill Green.

Most people think that AIDS has nothing to do with them. They believe it is a "gay disease" or something you get from using drugs. But HIV/AIDS is something that concerns us all. Through the stories in this book of those in Scotland affected by the virus, whether told by men or women, straight or gay, drug users, haemophiliacs, bereaved parents, medical staff, support workers, children, partners, we see how this disease can suddenly appear out of nowhere in the lives of the most ordinary families.

Books on HIV and AIDS written from the perspective of people living in New York, California, or even the south-east of England paint a very different picture from the reality of the situation in Scotland. Where are the stories of injecting drug-users living on peripheral housing schemes? What about middle-aged women who find themselves raising grandchildren whose parents are too ill to look after them? And the young women with partners infected by HIV who face tortuous decisions about whether to risk having a child?

The simple yet often moving accounts in Brid Cullen's book come from people who have been affected by HIV and AIDS in different ways. Some are directly infected with the virus, some have lost a loved one to AIDS, and others have worked to provide support for those with the virus and have seen their lives changed as a consequence. The courage and determination of all these individuals shine through as an encouragement to those who have just been diagnosed and their friends and families, showing that HIV and AIDS need not mean dying but rather living to the best of one's ability.

With a foreword by Richard Holloway, author of Dancing on the Edge, Colours of Hope and Promise is published by Wild Goose Publications. ISBN 1-901557-09-X £8.99

Colours of Hope and Promise Personal Stories of HIV and AIDS Brid Cullen

The greatest Rabbi is life itself and in this book there is a lot of life . . . I recommend this book.

Rabbi Lionel Blue

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Brid Cullen The author



Brid Cullen was born in Northern Ireland and worked with the Corrymeela Community before moving to Scotland in 1986. She was involved in setting up Support on Addiction for Families in Edinburgh (SAFE) which gave practical and emotional support to drug users and those with HIV/AIDS. When this closed as a result of funding cutbacks, she started recording the stories of people infected or affected by HIV and AIDS, wanting to give a human face to the often-quoted statistics and to document the reality of this illness in Scotland where it involves a different balance of social groups than in the USA or even England. She now works for volunteer Development Scotland.