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AN EVENING OF MUSICAL ENTERTAINMENT

**With Erin Alexander and Marienella Phillips
Accompanied by Christopher Coote**

Monday 9th December 2019 at 7.30pm

**The Assembly Room, Council House
North Street, Chichester**

Members £10.00 Non members £12.00

We are delighted to welcome two singers to our musical evening. Award-winning soprano Erin Alexander did her training at the European Opera Academy in Florence, Italy. While there, she performed the roles of Despina (*Così fan Tutte*), Susanna (*Le Nozze di Figaro*), and Rosina (*Il Barbiere di Siviglia*). Prior to this, Erin read music at the University of Chichester under Ian Baar, graduating with First Class Honours and the Funtington Music Group Robert Headley Music Prize.

British-Filipino mezzo-soprano Marienella Phillips is on the MA in Advanced Opera Performance course at the Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama. Her operatic roles include Mrs Charlton in Jake Heggie's *Dead Man Walking* with the Welsh National Opera, Cherubino (*Le nozze di Figaro*), Nancy (*Albert Herring*), Tessa (*The Gondoliers*) and Prince Orlofsky (*Die Fledermaus*).

Christopher Coote also has an impressive musical pedigree, which started at a very early age and although having retired in 2013, he still performs regularly and is actively involved with Master Class sessions at Chichester University.

Tonight's programme will consist of popular pieces by well known composers such as Mozart, Donizetti, Rossini, Handel, Puccini, Bellini and Verdi.

Festive refreshments will be served during the interval