



## ALTRINCHAM OPERA SINGER PRODUCES CD WITH DESTINATION FLORIDA

Altrincham opera singer Martin Toal is producing a Christmas charity CD to help fund the holiday of a lifetime for children with life limiting conditions.

Martin, who has a job share role as Head of Modern Languages at St. Ambrose College, working three days each week at the top Hale Barns Catholic Grammar School and the remainder on the entertainment circuit, has produced his CD in partnership with the choirs of two local primary schools Woodheys in Sale and Northenden Primary School.

He is giving two concerts to launch the album at the Avenue Methodist Church on Tuesday December 13 with Woodheys and at St. Hilda's in Northenden on Tuesday December 19th.

The CD is part of the appeal to raise £400,000 in the next two years to send around 75 children, who might not have too many special occasions left, to the Disney and Universal theme parks with Destination Florida.

The charity sent 75 youngsters this summer and is now starting the campaign for their eight day all expenses trip in the Summer of 2018.



Martin, Laura and Paul are pictured with some of the choristers from St. Hilda's

Destination Florida Operations Manager Paul Bailey said: "We pay for everything: air fares, accommodation, tickets and have six parties each with their own doctor, nurses, physios and support workers.

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Martin came to fame as 'The Singing Teacher' in the early 1990s and has sung national and operatic anthems at many major U.K. stadiums including Wembley, Twickenham, Old Trafford and the Etihad. He has also sung for the Queen and at many high profile charity and corporate events nationwide.

Next year's itinerary includes singing some popular sea shanties on HMS Victory on St. George's Day and releasing a new album.

He said: "I love teaching and working with young enquiring minds and was a former Deputy Head Boy at St. Ambrose where I have taught for nearly 30 years, but I also have a passion for singing and performing. Destination Florida is clearly a truly wonderful cause and I hope the concerts will launch another successful campaign."

Laura Roberts Headteacher at Woodheys Primary School in Sale, who is retiring after 37 years in teaching this Christmas, up until recently known as Laura Daniels said: "There are 120 children aged from eight to ten-years-old in years 4 and 5. It has been truly inspirational for them to work with the professional musicians that you would find in concert in central Manchester, while for me it has been a fitting finale."

Tickets for the concerts are available from the schools or on the door.

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