

Richard & Adam headline Christmas Pops 2018



The line-up for the annual Christmas Pops celebrations in Rhyl have been announced.

Welsh brothers Richard and Adam first burst onto the nation's TV screens on Britain's Got Talent, making it to the final in 2013 performing their classical crossover version of 'The Impossible Dream'. The show established them as two of the greatest vocalists singing opera in this country.

They credit their "Nan" as being their biggest influence. When they were young, she played music by Caruso, Mario Lanza and The Three Tenors and she encouraged them to sing along, building their confidence and encouraging them to follow an opera career. They honed their craft, playing live gigs and performing with the Birkenhead Operatic Society. When they won a local talent competition, the offers came flooding in and they began performing professionally on cruise lines before their big break on Britain's Got Talent.

Having made it to the final, the boys signed a record deal and have since had a number one album, “The Impossible Dream” that remained at the top of the charts for four consecutive weeks, breaking UK records. A sell-out UK tour followed and a number five charting album titled “At The Movies” that competed with international artistes including Dolly Parton! Their fourth album ‘Believe’ reached number one in the UK classical charts.

As they start a new chapter, with the increasing commercial appeal of classical crossover and musical theatre genres, Richard and Adam are focusing on a more contemporary feel.

The concert line-up also includes singer Georgia Holland who has celebrated her 20th anniversary as a vocalist this year. She has performed in venues all over the country from intimate venues, to large theatres such as Manchester's Opera House and Bridgewater Hall. Her smooth, sultry voice lends a new interpretation to time honoured jazz/swing and pop classics and makes them her own. She performs solo or with her Jazz Quartet. Georgia is also a regular guest vocalist with various Manchester 'Big Bands' in addition to performing with soul band The Goodfellas and funk band 'The Funktionals'.

Also appearing will be Ysgol Emmanuel Choir and the Denbighshire County Youth Brass Band.

The annual concert, organised by Denbighshire County Council, in partnership with Rhyl Town Council, will be staged at St Thomas’ Church, Rhyl on Sunday, 9th December from 5pm.

Councillor Hugh Evans OBE, Leader of Denbighshire, said: “We are delighted to have secured such a great line up and the event has been long established as a way of kick starting the Christmas celebrations. We would encourage people get into the festive spirit and secure their free ticket for this prestigious event”.

Rhyl Town Mayor Councillor Win Mullen James said: “Rhyl Town Council is pleased to once again be supporting the Christmas Pops which is one of the highlights in the festive calendar. It’s always a well-supported event and we are looking forward to another successful evening.”

Tickets for the event are free and will be available from Rhyl Tourist Information Centre on Wednesday 14th November. To reserve your tickets please call 01745 355068.