

ST JOHN'S SMITH SQUARE

2019/20 SEASON

Autumn Edition



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WELCOME TO ST JOHN'S SMITH SQUARE

St John's Smith Square provides a home for the best in Baroque music, within the UK's only concert hall dating from the Baroque period, whilst equally championing creative exploration and new music. International artists sit comfortably alongside emerging talent, and we continue to provide a vital and unique home for the best in community music.

You can find a rich diversity of events within this programme, and opera, oratorio, symphony, concerto sit alongside song, chamber music and solo recitals to make a rich and diverse programme this season. I hope you will find many concerts that entice you and to offer you a regular welcome to St John's Smith Square. Our concert journey through the autumn reaches a joyous climax with the 34th Christmas Festival at St John's, from 8th to 23rd December. These concerts are always such a firm favourite and often sell out well in advance so, to be sure to secure your place, do book early.

We are delighted to host many partners throughout the season and to feature the best chamber orchestras, choirs and ensembles at St John's Smith Square. You can enjoy our regular Thursday Lunchtime Concerts and Organ Series featuring both established ensembles and emerging artists. Don't forget to allow time to dine in the atmospheric Footstool Restaurant.

St John's Smith Square is unique amongst London's concert halls – it is the oldest, yet most flexible, concert hall in London and we are very proud that we are able to offer a programme which is so diverse yet filled with events and festivals of deep integrity.

St John's Smith Square is only able to provide this programme thanks to the generosity of our wonderful Friends and Patrons. This support is crucial to our success (ticket sales alone can never meet the needs of our busy artistic and community programme, let alone the costs of maintaining our wonderful Grade I listed home). Please help us in our mission by joining the Friends of St John's Smith Square. Thank you for your support!

I hope you will find the programme and your future visits to St John's Smith Square stimulating and interesting and I would be very interested to hear any thoughts and comments about your experiences.

I look forward to welcoming you soon.

Richel Hear

Richard Heason Director



AUGUST

SEPTEMBER

THURSDAY LUNCHTIME CONCERTS

DARIUS BATTIWALLA

Organ Series

Mendelssohn Sonata 1 in F minor Philip Wilby Organ Hours: Contrapuntal Exercises after the Medieval Clock at Wells Cathedral Bach Prelude and Fugue in C major BWV545 Sowande Kyrie Duruflé Toccata (Suite, Op. 5)

Thu 5 September 1.05pm £10. YF



Piano

Couperin La Muse Plantine • Le Tic-Toc-Choc Thomas Ades Second Mazurka Chopin Polonaise Fantasie in A flat Op. 61 Rayel Le Tombeau de Couperin

Thu 19 September 1.05pm £10. YF



MyCool Singers

THURSDAY LUNCHTIME CONCERTS

KATE SEMMENS & STEVEN DEVINE

Kate Semmens SOPRANO
Steven Devine FORTEPIANO

Beethoven Adelaide * Piano Sonata Op. 2 No. 1 (1st movement) Haydn Piano Sonata in E minor HobXVI/34 (1st movement) * Arianna a Naxos Mozart An Chloe * Als Luise die

Thu 12 September 1.05pm £10, YF

briefe * Abendempfindung

KALEIDOSCOPE SAXOPHONE QUARTET

Jonathan Dove Tuning In Gabrieli Canzon Quarta Mark Bowler Puzzle Book: XXIV Tippett Lilliburlero James MacMillan Intercession Palestrina Adoramus Te David Lancaster Swan Mark Mellits Black

kaleidoscopesax.com

Thu 26 September 1.05pm £10, YF

THE MYCOOL MUSIC FOUNDATION CHARITY CONCERT

MyCool Singers Trust Harmonix Mike King Collective (MKC)

An evening of inspiring and uplifting singing with heartfelt renditions of jazz, soul and pop classics.

Sat 31 August 7.30pm £16, £14, £12

BRIDE & GLOOM

Bampton Classical Opera CHROMA Aoife O'Sullivan, Jenny Stafford & Caroline Kennedy SOPRANO

Stephen Storace Bride & Gloom (Gli sposi malcontenti, 1785)

Pre-concert talk: 6.00pm bamptonopera.org

Tue 17 September 7.00pm £38. £28. £18

BRAHMS REQUIEM

The Purcell Singers
Mary Nelson SOPRANO
Andrew Smith & Christopher
Hopkins PIANO
Mark Ford CONDUCTOR

Brahms Ein Deutsches Requiem purcellsingers.org

Sat 28 September 7.30pm £15 (£12), £10



50th ANNIVERSARY APPEAL

2019/20 marks our 50th season as a concert hall, the opening concert at the newly reconstructed St John's Smith Square having taken place on 5th October 1969. Throughout the forthcoming year we will be hosting a range of events to celebrate this anniversary. Do watch out for further announcements about these.

The reconstruction and opening of St John's as a concert hall came about due to the incredible support and dedication of the community (led by Lady Parker of Waddington) who had the vision to enable this incredible concert hall to rise from the ruins of the war-ravaged and derelict church which occupied this site. Thanks to the generosity of all those who contributed to realising this wonderful ambition we now, 50 years on, continue to enjoy world class music making within one of the most sublime heritage settings in the UK.

The success of St John's has always been thanks to the fabulous support of those who love the building and the music which comes to life within it. This is as true today as it was 50 years ago. St John's Smith Square is a registered charity and receives no core subsidy from any source. Our income is

made up of revenue from ticket sales; fees we receive from renting out the hall; income from catering and merchandising; and gifts from generous supporters. Ticket sales alone only cover a small part of our costs and to maintain this wonderful Grade I listed building whilst offering a world class programme of concerts and events we need to find approximately £250,000 every year.

For our 50th anniversary year we are launching an appeal. We are seeking funds to support the artistic programme; invest in the building; and develop our operating model. Any support will go towards increasing our sustainability by enabling us to develop further earned income.

Please consider making a donation towards our 50th anniversary appeal. Either send a cheque, made out to 'St John's Smith Square' to: 'St John's Smith Square, London, SW1P 3HA' or look online at www.sjss.org.uk/donations to find other ways to give.

Thank you for your support of St John's Smith Square.



A MUSICIAN 'UNCORRUPTED' & UNFLAWED'

The Regents Consort
Michael Petrov CELLO
Jacqueline Shave CONDUCTOR

Bach Prelude Cello Suite No. 5 in C minor BWV1011 Beethoven Piano Trio No. 3 in C minor Handel Concerto Grosso Op. 6 No. 7 in B flat major HWV325

Tue 1 October 7.30pm £20. £15. £10

Heath Cello Concerto

LONDON MOZART PLAYERS

Piano Explored

Howard Shelley PIANO/DIRECTOR

Mozart Piano Concerto No. 25 in C K503

londonmozartplayers.com

Wed 2 October 1.05pm £16, (Students £5)

THOMAS GAYNOR

Organ Series

Bach arr. Guilmant Sinfonia to Cantata 21 Widor Allegro Vivace (Symphony V, Op. 42) Duruflé Sicilienne (Suite, Op. 5) Hampton Five Dances for Organ (excerpts) Whitlock Scherzetto (Organ Sonata in C minor) Lindberg Sonata in G minor (excerpts)

Thu 3 October 1.05pm £10. YF

KENSINGTON SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

Russell Keable CONDUCTOR

Anna Clyne Masquerade Berg Lulu Suite Prokofiev Symphony No. 5

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kso.org.uk

Mon 7 October 7.30pm £18.50 (£14), £14

CHORAL EUCHARIST

The Feast of Edward the Confessor

Floreat
Gilly French DIRECTOR
Reverend Graham Buckle
CELEBRANT

Victoria O quam gloriosum (mass and motet)

Tue 8 October 1.00pm Free admission, all welcome

YOUNG MUSICIANS SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

Berlioz Le Carnaval Romain Schumann Piano Concerto in A minor Op. 54 Prokofiev Romeo and Juliet Suite

ymso.org.uk

Wed 9 October 7.30pm £20, £15, £10 (20% off)

THURSDAY LUNCHTIME CONCERTS

ANGELA SIMKIN & LUCY COLQUHOUN

Angela Simkin MEZZO SOPRANO Lucy Colquboun PIANO

Berlioz Les Nuits d'été Mahler Rückert Lieder

Thu 10 October 1.05pm £10. YF



Scottish Ensemble © Peter Dibdin

THIIDSDAY I HNCHTIME CONCEPTS

SAVITRI GRIER & YUNDU WANG

Savitri Grier VIOLIN Yundu Wang PIANO

Ravel Violin Sonata No. 2 in G Fauré Violin Sonata No. 1 in A Op. 13

Thu 17 October 1.05pm £10. YF

THE MUSIC OF ARETHA FRANKLIN, THE QUEEN OF SOUL

Nicole Henry
The Nick Fitch Band
Michael Underwood SAXOPHONE
Freddie Gavita TRUMPET
Nick Fitch ELECTRIC & ACOUSTIC

Joe Hill ORGAN/PIANO
Jack Tustin BASS
Luke Tomlinson DRUMS

With great Aretha Franklin songs including Amazing Grace, Say A Little Prayer, Natural Woman, Spirit In The Dark, Respect and many more.

Sat 12 October 7.30pm £35, £25, £20, £15

SCOTTISH ENSEMBLE AT 50 WITH JONATHAN COHEN: BAROQUE CONCERTI GROSSI

Scottish Ensemble Jonathan Cohen SOLOIST/ HARPSICHORD

Vivaldi Concerto Grosso in G minor Op. 3 No. 2 RV578 Corelli Violin Sonata in G minor Op. 5 No. 5 • Concerto Grosso in B flat major Op. 6 No. 5 Locatelli Concerto Grosso 'Il Pianto d'arianna' Op. 7 No. 6 • Concerto Grosso in C minor Op. 4 Biber Rosary Sonata No. 6 in C minor "The Agony in the Garden"

Mon 21 October 7.30pm £26, £22, £16, £12

OCTOBER



Eric Whitacre @ Marc Royce

ERIC WHITACRE: THE SACRED VEIL

Eric Whitacre Singers
Christopher Glynn PIANO
Jeffrey Zeigler CELLO
Eric Whitacre CONDUCTOR

Eric Whitacre Lux Aurumque • Leonardo Dreams of His Flying Machine • The Sacred Veil (European Premiere)

Pre-concert talk: 6.30pm

ericwhitacre.com/singers

Fri 25 October 7.30pm Sat 26 October 7.30pm £60*, £35, £25, £15 *VIP – includes signed programme and ability to attend rehearsal

ERIC WHITACRE CHORAL WORKSHOP

Join Eric in reading through some of his most-loved works and learn about the composer's creative process.

Sat 26 October 2.30pm £20 Participants £20 Observers

MEGUMI FUJITA PIANO RECITAL

Megumi Fujita PIANO

Chopin Études Op. 10 Chopin Études Op. 25

Sun 27 October 3.00pm £20, £15, £10

SALOMON ORCHESTRA

Stephen Bryant VIOLIN Philip Ellis CONDUCTOR

Programme to include: Korngold Violin Concerto

salomonorchestra.org

Tue 29 October 7.30pm £17 (£14), £14

PURCELL: KING ARTHUR

Gabrieli
Anna Dennis, Mhairi Lawson &
Rowan Pierce SOPRANO
Jeremy Budd & James Way TENOR
Marcus Farnsworth & Ashley
Riches BARITONE/BASS
Paul McCreesh CONDUCTOR

Purcell King Arthur gabrieli.com

Wed 30 October 7.30pm £35, £28, £22, £15

THURSDAY LUNCHTIME CONCERTS

VICKERS BOVEY GUITAR DUO

Rameau Pieces de Clavecin Le Rappel des Oiseaux, Musette en Rondeau & Les Cyclopes Scarlatti Sonata in B minor K87 & 'Toccata' from Sonata in D minor, K141

Stephen Dodgson Promenade I Castelnuovo-Tedeso 'Prelude and Fugue' in F# minor from Les Guitares bien temperes

vickersbovey.co.uk

Thu 31 October 1.05pm £10, YF

NOVEMBER



LONDON MOZART PLAYERS

Piano Explored

Howard Shelley PIANO/DIRECTOR

Mendelssohn Piano Concerto No. 2 in D minor Op. 40

londonmozartplayers.com

Wed 6 November 1.05pm £16 (Students £5)

CHRISTIAN BLACKSHAW PIANO RECITAL

Christian Blackshaw PIANO

Schumann Kinderszenen, Op. 15 'Scenes from Childhood' Schubert Drei Klavierstucke D946 Liszt Sonata in B minor

christianblackshaw.com

Wed 6 November 7.30pm

£35, £30, £20, £15

THURSDAY LUNCHTIME CONCERTS

ANNA LAPWOOD

Patrick Gowers Occasional

Organ Series

Trumpet Voluntary
Debussy arr. Guilmant
Andantino, doucement espressif
from String Quartet Op. 10
Bach Prelude and Fugue in
A major BWV536
Boulanger Improvisation
Ravel Prelude, Forlane &
Rigaudon (from Le Tombeau
de Couperin)
Messiaen arr. Lapwood Vocalise

annalapwood.co.uk

'The Great'

Thu 7 November 1.05pm £10. YF

Bruhns Toccata in E minor

SABA PLAYS SCHUBERT

Geoffrey Saba PIANO

Schubert/compl. Levin Piano Piece in C D916B Schubert/Dullo Sonata in F minor D625/505 (unfinished, completion by W A Dullo) Schubert Piano Sonata in Bb D960

geoffreysaba.co.uk

Fri 8 November 7.30pm £30, £20, £15

MOZART REQUIEM

National Symphony Orchestra Locrian Singers Tasmin Little VIOLIN Philip Dukes VIOLA Rimma Sushanskaya CONDUCTOR

Handel Zadok the Priest Mozart Sinfonia Concertante for violin and viola K364 Mozart Requiem K626

nso.co.uk locrianchamberchoir.co.uk

Sun 10 November 7.30pm £20, £15, £10 (Under 25s, students and unemployed 50%

off, under 16s free)

NOVEMBER



La Nuova Musica © Nick Rutter

CLASSICAL WOMEN MOZART & HANDEL'S CELEBRATED SOPRANO ARIAS

La Nuova Musica Lucy Crowe SOPRANO David Bates DIRECTOR

Handel Overture from Giulio Cesare • 'Da Tempeste' from Giulio Cesare • 'V'adoro Pupille' from Giulio Cesare • Passacaille from Rodrigo • 'Ah Ruggiero Crudel tu non m'amasti'/'Ombre pallide' from Alcina • 'Ah Mio Cor' from Alcina

Mozart 'Al destin che la minaccia' from Mitridate • 'Ah Se'il Crudel' from Lucio Silla • Minuetto from Serenade No 4 • 'Dove sono' from Le Nozze di Figaro • Allegro from Serenade No. 13 'Eine kleine Nachtmusik' • 'Come Scoglio' from Cosi fan Tutte • 'S'altro che lacrime' from La Clemenza di Tito

lanuovamusica.co.uk

Tue 12 November 7.30pm £45, £35, £25, £15

THURSDAY LUNCHTIME CONCERTS

LOTTE BETTS-DEAN & JOSEPH HAVLAT

Lotte Betts-Dean SOPRANO Joseph Havlat PIANO

Messiaen Harawi

Thu 14 November 1.05pm £10. YF

FREDDIE MERCURY & QUEEN GREATEST HITS

London Film Music Orchestra Rossi Dusheva & Ivelina Dusheva-Martial CONDUCTOR

The Show Must Go On We Are the Champions We Will Rock You Bohemian Rhapsody Somebody to Love Fat Bottomed Girls Killer Queen Crazy Little Thing Called Love and more!

londonfilmmusicorchestra.com

Fri 15 November 7.30pm £33, £30, £24, £17

VERDI REQUIEM

Royal Orchestral Society
London Chorus
Nicola Ihnatowicz SOPRANO
Zoe South MEZZO SOPRANO
John Upperton TENOR
Oliver Gibbs BASS
Adrian Brown CONDUCTOR

Verdi Requiem

royalorchestralsociety.org.uk

Sat 16 November 7.00pm £20. £16. £10

LONDON PHOENIX ORCHESTRA

Lev Parikian CONDUCTOR

Louise Farrenc Overture No. 1 Brahms Double Concerto Tchaikovsky Symphony No. 4

phoenixorchestra.org

Tue 19 November 7.30pm £17, £15, £13



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YOUNG MUSICIANS SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

Savitri Grier VIOLIN
James Blair CONDUCTOR

Strauss Don Juan Op. 20 Mendelssohn Violin Concerto in E minor Op. 64 Elgar Falstaff Op. 68 Ravel Daphnis and Chloé Suite No. 2

ymso.org.uk

Wed 20 November 7.30pm £20, £15, £10 (20% off)

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THURSDAY LUNCHTIME CONCERTS

YUME FUJISE & STEN HEINOJA

Yume Fujise VIOLIN Sten Heinoja PIANO

Beethoven Violin Sonata No. 2 in A Op. 12 No. 2 Prokofiev 5 Melodies Arvo Pärt Fratres Ravel Tzigane

Thu 21 November 1.05pm £10. YF

& PAOLO ALDERIGHI -CLASSIC JAZZ IN FOUR HANDS

Stephanie Trick & Paolo Alderighi PIANO

The concert will embrace not only music by piano masters including Scott Joplin, Jelly Roll Morton, Fats Waller, James P. Johnson and Art Tatum among others, but also music from the great American Song Book of Cole Porter and George Gershwin and more recent works by Lennon & McCartney

stephanietrick.com paoloalderighi.com

Fri 22 November 7.30pm £30, £20, £15, £10

VOICES OF JAZZ

VoCollective Etcetera with Alexander Bone & The Chris Ingham Trio The Swingles

Five Swinging Jazz Songs Bob Chilcott A Little Jazz Mass Will Todd Songs of Love Arr. Will Todd Amazing Grace

Sat 23 November 7.30pm £35, £25, £20, £15

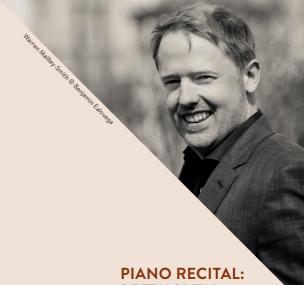
THE MUSIC OF GIL EVANS

Chris Ingham's REBOP
Royal Academy All Stars
Chris Ingham & Nick Smart
DIRECTOR

Music from the Gil Evans Album Miles Ahead, including Blues for Pablo, Miles Ahead, New Rhumba, The Duke & more.

The Gil Evans, Miles Davis complete arrangement of the Porgy & Bess Suite by George Gershwin, including: 'Bess You Is My Woman', 'It Ain't Necessarily So', 'Summertime', 'I Loves You Porgy' among all 14 titles.

Sun 24 November 7.30pm £40, £30, £20, £15



KENSINGTON SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

Russell Keable CONDUCTOR

Weber Overture Der Freichütz Hindemith Mathis der Maler Beethoven Symphony No. 6

kso.org.uk

Tue 26 November 7.30pm £18.50 (£14), £14

THURSDAY LUNCHTIME CONCERTS

KARL LUTCHMAYER

Busoni - The Romantic

Piano

Busoni Elegies BV249 Schoenberg/Busoni Klavierstuck Op. 11 No. 2 (Konsertmäßige Interpretation) BVB97 • Sonatina Seconda BV259 (1st version)

karllutchmayer.com

Thu 28 November 1.05pm £10. YF

WHITEHALL CHOIR

London Baroque Sinfonia
Soraya Mafi SOPRANO
Anna Harvey MEZZO SOPRANO
Nick Pritchard TENOR
Edward Grint BASS
Joanna Tomlinson CONDUCTOR

Handel Messiah

whitehallchoir.org

Thu 28 November 7.30pm £35, £25, £20, £10

CHAMBER RECITAL

Busoni - The Romantic Modernist

Vasara String Quartet Emma Lisney VIOLIN Karl Lutchmayer PIANO

Busoni Concerto for Piano & String Quartet in D minor Op. 17 BV80 Busoni Violin Sonata Op. 36a

No. 2 BV244

Fri 29 November 1.05pm £10. YF

BEETHOVEN & CHOPIN

Warren Mailley-Smith PIANO

Beethoven Piano Sonata No. 17 in D minor Op. 31 No. 2 'Tempest' Chopin Bolero Op. 19 • Concert Allegro in A Op. 46 Ravel Alborada del gracioso Debussy Jardins sous la pluie Liszt Mephisto Waltz No. 1

warrenmailley-smith.com

Fri 29 November 7.30pm £32, £24, £18, £12

THE BUSONI PIANO CONCERTO

Busoni - The Romantic Modernist

Seraphin Chamber Orchestra Karl Lutchmayer PIANO Joy Lisney CONDUCTOR

Rachmaninoff Symphonic Dances Op. 45 Busoni Piano Concerto in C Op. 39

seraphinchamberorchestra.com

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Sat 30 November 7.30pm £20 (£18, Students £15), £15 (£13.50, Students £10), £10 (£8)

DECEMBER



The Bach Players

A EUROPEAN CHRISTMAS

The Bach Players
Rachel Elliott SOPRANO
Matthew Brook BASS
Nicolette Moonen
VIOLIN/DIRECTOR
Anna Curzon VIOLIN
Rachel Stott VIOLA
Olaf Reimers CELLO
Silas Wollston ORGAN

Biber The Annunciation (from the Rosary Sonatas) Merula Canzonetta Spirituale sopra alla nanna Gabrieli Pass'e mezzo antico Carissimi Salve salve puellule Corelli Concerto Grosso in G minor Op. 6 No. 8 'Christmas concerto'

Bach Cantata for the first Sunday in Advent, second part: 'Schwingt freudig euch empor' BWV36 * Cantata for the second day of Christmas 'Selig ist der Mann' BWV57

thebachplayers.org.uk

Sun 1 December 5.00pm £24, £12 (Students £5)



The Choir of Christ's College, Cambridge

THE 14th GLORY OF CHRISTMAS CONCERT IN AID OF ORACLE CANCER TRUST

The Choir of Christ's College, Cambridge The Thames Chamber Orchestra Theo Golden COUNTERTENOR Rob Burton SAXOPHONE David Rowland & Keith Marshall CONDUCTOR

Bach Brandenburg Concerto No. 3 Handel Messiah (excerpts) Traditional Christmas Carols

christs.cam.ac.uk thameschamberorchestra.co.uk

Mon 2 December 7.30pm £45, £25, £15, £10

LONDON MOZART PLAYERS

Piano Explored

Howard Shelley PIANO/DIRECTOR

Cramer Piano Concert No. 4 in C Op. 38

londonmozartplayers.com

Wed 4 December 1.05pm £16 (Students £5)

DECEMBER





MATTHEW MARTIN

Buxtehude Magnificat primi toni BuxWV203 Bach Canonic Variations on 'Vom Himmel hoch da komm ich her' BWV769 Litaize Reges tharsis Racquet Fantasie Francis Jackson Scherzetto pastorale Matthew Martin St Albans Tryptich (2019)

matthewmartincomposer.co.uk

Thu 5 December 1.05pm £10. YF

FANFARF ON THE SQUARE

Featuring: Elin Manahan Thomas SOPRANO

A Golden Jubilee evening of celebration, filled with classical music from renowned performers and celebrity guests including soprano Elin Manahan Thomas.

elinmanahanthomas.org

Thu 5 December 7.30pm £85*, £40, £15

*Includes VIP reception after the concert

HANDEL MESSIAH WITH ORCHESTRA **OF ST JOHN'S**

Orchestra of St John's OSJ Voices Louise Wavman SOPRANO Eleanor Edmonds ALTO Xavier Hetherington TENOR Jake Muffett BARITONE John Lubbock CONDUCTOR

Handel Messiah

osj.org.uk

Fri 6 December 7.30pm £26, £20, £15, £10





Artistic Director Stephen Layton

Welcome to the 34^{th} Christmas Festival at St John's Smith Square. From the 8^{th} to the 23^{rd} December we feature the finest choirs, orchestras and musicians in this greatly loved and critically acclaimed festival.

We have the familiar and the new; tradition and innovation; grand statements alongside intimate reflections; and we welcome groups and ensembles making their Christmas Festival debuts whilst celebrating the return of old friends.

Do join us as we take a journey exploring the many rich and diverse musical celebrations of Christmas.

Sun 8 - Mon 23 December



The Cardinall's Musik @ Benjamin Ealovega

"VIGILIA DI NATALE"AN ITALIAN CELEBRATION OF CHRISTMAS

34th Christmas Festival

The Cardinall's Musick
Andrew Carwood DIRECTOR

Lassus Alma redemptoris mater

Victoria Kyrie – Gloria (Missa O magnum mysterium) • Credo (Missa O magnum mysterium) • Sanctus & Benedictus – Agnus Dei (Missa O magnum mysterium) • Alma redemptoris mater [a 8] • O regem caeli

Monteverdi Angelus ad pastores ait • Hodie Christus natus est Gabrieli Hodie Christus natus est [a 8]

Anerio Alma redemptoris mater Josquin Praeter rerum seriem Palestrina Rex Melchior • Hodie Christus natus est [a 8] Viadana Hodie nobis caelorum rex [a 8]

cardinallsmusick.com

Sun 8 December 7.30pm

£25, £20, £15, £10 (10% off) (10% off for Friends of The Cardinall's Musick)

DECEMBER





CHARPENTIER: A CHRISTMAS ORATORIO

34th Christmas Festival

Solomon's Knot

Charpentier In nativitatem Domini Canticum H416 • Pastorale sur la naissance de Notre Seigneur Jésus-Christ H483

solomonsknotcollective.com

Mon 9 December 7.30pm £45, £36, £24, £18

CHRIST CHURCH

34th Christmas Festival

Choir of Christ Church Cathedral Oxford Steven Grahl CONDUCTOR

A programme of some of the best-loved and most beautiful Christmas music ever written. performed by one of the greatest cathedral choirs in the world.

What better way to get into the festive spirit than with this programme of some of the best-loved and most beautiful Christmas music ever written, performed by one of the greatest cathedral choirs in the world.

chchchoir.org

Tue 10 December 7.30pm £25, £20, £15, £10

CHRISTMAS WITH THE LCS

34th Christmas Festival

The London Choral Sinfonia Michael Waldron CONDUCTOR

Britten Saint Nicolas and other works including: Holst arr. Owain Park Christmas

Adam arr. Max Pappenheim O Holy Night

Pre-concert recital: 6.30pm

thelcs.org

Wed 11 December 7.30pm £35, £25, £15, £10







Ex Cathedra © Janet Skidmore

CHRISTMAS MUSIC BY CANDLELIGHT

34th Christmas Festival

Ex Cathedra
Jeffrey Skidmore DIRECTOR

A mixed programme of seasonal favourites

excathedra.co.uk

Thu 12 December 7.30pm £40, £32, £25, £15

KING'S COLLEGE LONDON

34th Christmas Festival

Choir of King's College London The Strand Consort Joseph Fort CONDUCTOR

Chant 'O Antiphons'
Palestrina Canite tuba
Phllip Moore Sancte et sapienter
Lasso Ad te Domine levavi
Joel Rust O radix Jesse
Byrd Tollite portas • Laetentur
coeli
Cecilia McDowall Advent Moon

Sir George Benjamin "Twas in the year

Pawel Łukaszewski O Antiphons Poulenc Quatre Motets pour le temps de Noël FP152

kcl.ac.uk

Fri 13 December 7.30pm £25, £20, £15, £10

CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT

34th Christmas Festival

City of London Choir Richard Gowers ORGAN Hilary Davan Wetton CONDUCTOR

The City of London Choir returns for its annual "carol concert with bells on" (*The Guardian*) with Hilary Davan Wetton.

This much-loved Christmas celebration features classic carols, favourites new and old, and plenty of audience participation. An annual highlight for all the family.

cityoflondonchoir.org

Sat 14 December 6.30pm £32, £27, £22, £15 (20% off) (Children under 16 50% off)

DECEMBER



Choir of New College Oxford © Nick Rutter

VENI EMMANUEL: ADVENT & CHRISTMAS AT NEW COLLEGE

34th Christmas Festival

Choir of New College Oxford Timothy Wakerell, Charles Maxtone-Smith & Hamish Fraser ORGAN

Robert Quinney CONDUCTOR

A sequence of old and new choral and organ music for Advent and Christmas, featuring composers including Praetorius, Bach, Schütz, Matthew Martin and David Bednall.

The Choir of New College Oxford is firmly established as one of the most acclaimed British choral ensembles, known for its stylish performances of a diverse repertoire. Join the choristers, clerks and organists for an inspiring journey though Advent to Christmas: from traditional seasonal melodies to more recent favourites, via glorious Renaissance polyphony and the exuberant splendour of the Baroque.

newcollegechoir.com

Mon 16 December 7.30pm £35, £25, £15, £10

PRAETORIUS: MASS FOR CHRISTMAS MORNING

34th Christmas Festival

Gabrieli
Paul McCreesh CONDUCTOR

Praetorius Mass for Christmas Morning

A Lutheran Christmas Morning as might have been heard in 17th century Germany, featuring the music of Michael Praetorius, Samuel Scheidt and Johann Hermann Schein. inis.com

Tue 17 December 7.30pm £35, £28, £22, £15

DIXIT DOMINUS

34th Christmas Festival

Vox Luminis
Lionel Meunier DIRECTOR

Attrib. Buxtehude Magnificat BuxWV Anhang 1 Bach Nun komm der heiden Heiland BWV61 Handel Dixit Dominus HWV232

"Their sound is warm and resonant, and they sing this 300-year-old music with the freshness and ardour of true believers..." (Michael Church, The Independent)

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The magnificent church of St John the Evangelist was designed by architect Thomas Archer as part of the 'Commission for Building Fifty New Churches' of 1710. St John's was the most elaborate of all, with construction lasting 14 years, from 1714 to 1728, and costing the princely sum of £40,875 (approximately £5.2m today).

For over 200 years, St John's served as a parish church, though not without incident. In 1742 a major fire led to extensive restoration and modification to Archer's design. In 1815 the church was struck by lightning, causing subsidence to the towers, and in the early twentieth century it was the target of a Suffragette bomb plot. Ironically, in 1928, the church hosted Emmeline Pankhurst's funeral

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Perhaps the most dramatic night in St John's history was 10 May 1941, the final night of the Blitz, when a direct hit from an incendiary bomb gutted the church. After the war it lay as a ruin and there was talk of turning the site into a car park. This galvanised the local people, under the leadership of Lady Parker of Waddington, to raise the funds to buy the site and commission Marshall Sisson to lead the restoration to Archer's original designs.

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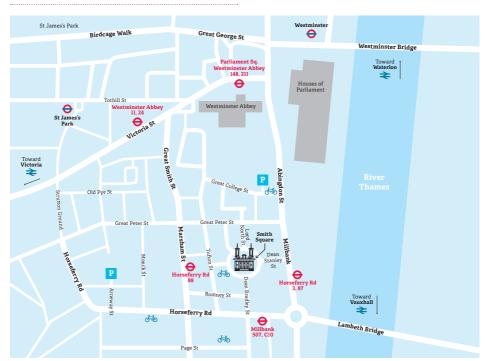
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