Wednesday 18 March, 2020 7.45pm Holy Trinity Sloane Square, SW1



## Rachmaninov: Vespers

(All-Night Vigil)



Tickets £25 and £15 from Cadogan Hall Box Office www.cadoganhall.com (020 7730 4500) and at the door



London Concert Choir's 60th Anniversary Season continues with one of Rachmaninov's own favourite compositions.

In words from the Russian Orthodox All-Night Vigil, the Vespers explores the ideas of Christ in divine and human form, climaxing in the dramatic recounting of the Resurrection and a magnificent hymn to the Mother of God.

Rachmaninov's transcendent music incorporates ancient Russian religious chants, using the unaccompanied choir to create exquisite harmonies with colour and precision.

The Vespers is enchanting and uplifting, with extremely low bass parts and rich vocal lines inviting meditative contemplation. It is now regarded as the culminating achievement of Russian Orthodox choral music, and indeed one of the composer's greatest masterpieces.

London Concert Choir has been a significant part of the London music scene since 1960. With Mark Forkgen the choir regularly appears at London's premier concert venues, as well as touring abroad, and is noted for its conviction and expressiveness in an unusually varied repertoire.

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