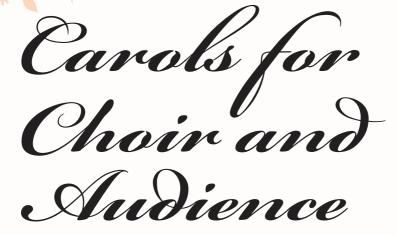
London Concert Choir and West London Action for Children present





Wednesday 15 December 2010, 7.45pm St Columba's Church, Pont Street, SW1

Conductor: Mark Forkgen,

Organist: Peter Barley with Brass Ensemble



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# Carols for Choir and Audience

London Concert Choir Conductor: Mark Forkgen

Organist: Peter Barley

Trumpets: Niall Keatly & Martin Rockel

Horn: Richard Ashton Trombone: Richard Ward Tuba: Richard Halliday



West London Action for Children is a small and highly focussed independent charity helping vulnerable children and families in need, in the Borough of Hammersmith & Fulham and the Royal Borough of Kensington & Chelsea. Now in its 93<sup>rd</sup> year, we continue to support families under stress to develop their confidence and skills to cope with the ordinary and extraordinary challenges of family life.

Our purpose is to promote the wellbeing of children in need, working with them, their families and carers to help them achieve positive change. We do this through the services of a professional team which has provided free counselling and therapeutic help to over 450 vulnerable children and young people and their families in this year alone.

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- We offer a menu of relevant and innovative individual and family counselling and therapy services to children, young people and parents. These accessible and confidential services are continually developed in response to client feedback and outcome research.
   We focus on clients' strengths and resilience. Our team are trained in social work, psychology, counselling and family therapy using a solution-focussed approach.

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A Child is born in Bethlehem (Samuel Scheidt)

#### ONCE IN ROYAL DAVID'S CITY

1. Choir only:

Once in Royal David's city Stood a lowly cattle shed, Where a mother laid her baby In a manger for his bed: Mary was that mother mild, Jesus Christ her little child.

- All: He came down to earth from heaven Who is God and Lord of all, And his shelter was a stable, And his cradle was a stall; With the poor and mean and lowly Lived on earth our Saviour holy.
- And our eyes at last shall see him, Through his own redeeming love, For that child so dear and gentle Is our Lord in heaven above; And he leads his children on To the place where he is gone.
- 4. Not in that poor lowly stable, With the oxen standing by, We shall see him; but in heaven, Set at God's right hand on high; Where like stars his children crowned All in white shall wait around.

Blessed be that Maid Mary (Traditional, arr. by David Willcocks)

## UNTO US IS BORN A SON

- Unto us is born a Son, King of quires supernal: See on earth His life begun, Of lords the Lord eternal, Of lords the Lord eternal.
- Christ, from heav'n descending low Comes on earth a stranger; Ox and ass their owner know, Becradled in the manger, Becradled in the manger.

## 3. **Men:**

This did Herod sore affray, And grievously bewilder So he gave the word to slay, And slew the little childer, And slew the little childer.

## 4. Women:

Of His love and mercy mild This the Christmas story; And O that Mary's gentle child Might lead us up to glory! Might lead us up to glory!

# 5. **All:**

O and A, and A and O, Cum cantibus in choro, Let our merry organ go, Benedicamus Domino, Benedicamus Domino.

# Magnificat (Kenneth Leighton)

#### OF THE FATHER'S HEART BEGOTTEN

- Of the Father's heart begotten
  Ere the world from chaos rose,
  He is Alpha: from that Fountain
  All that is and hath been flows;
  He is Omega, of all things
  Yet to come the mystic Close,
  Evermore and evermore.
- 2. By his word was all created;
  He commanded and 'twas done;
  Earth and sky and boundless ocean,
  Universe of three in one,
  All that sees the moon's soft radiance,
  All that breathes beneath the sun,
  Evermore and evermore.
- 3. O how blest that wondrous birthday, When the Maid the curse retrieved, Brought to birth mankind's salvation, By the Holy Ghost conceived; And the Babe, the world's Redeemer, In her loving arms received, Evermore and evermore.
- 4. Sing, ye heights of heav'n, his praises; Angels and Archangels, sing!
  Wheresoe'er ye be, ye faithful,
  Let your joyous anthems ring,
  Ev'ry tongue his name confessing,
  Countless voices answering,
  Evermore and evermore.

Noël Nouvelet (French traditional carol arranged by John Rutter)

# GOD REST YOU MERRY, GENTLEMEN

- God rest you merry, gentlemen, Let nothing you dismay, For Jesus Christ our Saviour Was born on Christmas Day, To save us all from Satan's power When we were gone astray:

   O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy,
   O tidings of comfort and joy.
- From God our heav'nly Father
   A blessèd angel came,
   And unto certain shepherds
   Brought tidings of the same,
   How that in Bethlehem was born
   The Son of God by name:
   O tidings of comfort and joy, ...
- 3. The shepherds at those tidings
  Rejoicèd much in mind,
  And left their flocks a-feeding,
  In tempest, storm, and wind,
  And went to Bethlehem straightway
  This blessèd Babe to find:
  O tidings of comfort and joy, ...
- 4. But when to Bethlehem they came, Whereat this infant lay, They found him in a manger, Where oxen feed on hay; His mother Mary kneeling, Unto the Lord did pray:

  O tidings of comfort and joy, ...
- 5. Now to the Lord sing praises
  All you within this place,
  And with true love and brotherhood
  Each other now embrace;
  This holy tide of Christmas
  All others doth deface:

  O tidings of comfort and joy, ...

King Jesus hath a Garden (Dutch tune arr. Charles Wood)

The Lord at first had Adam made (Julian Thomas)

## **INTERVAL - 20 Minutes**

Personent Hodie (German, 1360, arranged by Gustav Holst)

# O COME, ALL YE FAITHFUL

- O come, all ye faithful,
   Joyful and triumphant,
   O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;
   Come and behold him,
   Born the King of Angels:

   O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,
   O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!
- God of God,
   Light of Light,
   Lo! he abhors not the Virgin's womb;
   Very God,
   Begotten, not created:
   O come, let us adore him,...
- Sing, choirs of angels,
   Sing in exultation,
   Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above;
   Glory to God,
   In the highest:
   O come, let us adore him,...
- Yea, Lord we greet thee, Born on Christmas morning, Jesu, to thee be glory giv'n; Word of the Father, Now in flesh appearing: O come, let us adore him,...

The Shepherds' Farewell (Hector Berlioz)

# Infant holy, Infant lowly (Polish carol, arr. David Willcocks)

## O LITTLE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM

- O little town of Bethlehem,
   How still we see thee lie!
   Above thy deep and dreamless sleep
   The silent stars go by.
   Yet in thy dark streets shineth
   The everlasting light;
   The hopes and fears of all the years
   Are met in thee tonight.
- O morning stars together
  Proclaim the holy birth,
  And praises sing to God the King,
  And peace to men on earth;
  For Christ is born of Mary;
  And, gathered all above,
  While mortals sleep, the angels keep
  Their watch of wondering love.
- 3. How silently, how silently,
  The wondrous gift is given!
  So God imparts to human hearts
  The blessings of his heav'n.
  No ear may hear his coming;
  But in this world of sin,
  Where meek souls will receive him
  Still the dear Christ enters in.
- O holy child of Bethlehem,
   Descend to us we pray;
   Cast out our sin, and enter in,
   Be born in us today.
   We hear the Christmas angels
   The great glad tidings tell:
   O come to us, abide with us,
   Our Lord Emmanuel.

Lute-book Lullaby (W. Ballet, arranged by Geoffrey Shaw)

O magnum mysterium (Giovanni Gabrieli)

#### GOOD KING WENCESLAS

- Good King Wenceslas looked out, On the Feast of Stephen, When the snow lay round about, Deep, and crisp, and even: Brightly shone the moon that night, Though the frost was cruel, When a poor man came in sight, Gathering winter fuel.
- 'Hither, page, and stand by me,
   If thou know'st it, telling,
   Yonder peasant, who is he?
   Where and what his dwelling?
   'Sire, he lives a good league hence,
   Underneath the mountain,
   Right against the forest fence,
   By St Agnes' fountain.
- 3. 'Bring me flesh, and bring me wine, Bring me pine-logs hither:
  Thou and I will see him dine,
  When we bear them thither.'
  Page and monarch, forth they went,
  Forth they went together;
  Through the rude wind's wild lament
  And the bitter weather.

- 4. 'Sire, the night is darker now, And the wind blows stronger; Fails my hear, I know not how; I can go no longer.' 'Mark my footsteps, good my page; Tread thou in them boldly: Thou shalt find the winter's rage Freeze thy blood less coldly.'
- 5. In his master's steps he trod, Where the snow lay dinted; Heat was in the very sod Which the Saint had printed. Therefore, Christian men, be sure, Wealth or rank possessing, Ye who now will bless the poor, Shall yourselves find blessing.

A New Year Carol (Benjamin Britten)

The Sussex Carol (Traditional, arr. David Willcocks)

#### HARK! THE HERALD ANGELS SING

1. Hark! the herald angels sing Glory to the newborn King;
Peace on earth and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled:
Joyful all ye nations rise,
Join the triumph of the skies,
With the angelic host proclaim,
Christ is born in Bethlehem.
Hark! the herald angels sing
Glory to the newborn King.

- 2. Christ, by highest heaven adored, Christ, the everlasting Lord, Late in time behold him come Offspring of a virgin's womb: Veiled in flesh the God-head see, Hail the incarnate Deity! Pleased as man with man to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel.

  Hark! the herald angels sing Glory to the newborn King.
- 3. Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace!
  Hail the Sun of Righteousness!
  Light and life to all he brings,
  Ris'n with healing in his wings;
  Mild he lays his glory by,
  Born that man no more may die,
  Born to raise the sons of earth,
  Born to give them second birth.
  Hark! the herald angels sing
  Glory to the newborn King.

Christmas Song: Brass Ensemble

Sir Christèmas (William Matthias)

# **London Concert Choir**

London Concert Choir has just celebrated its 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, having begun life in 1960 as Brompton Choral Society. Relaunched under its new name in 1986, the choir has continued to grow in size and ambition and now has around 150 members, of a wide range of ages.

Notable for its unusually broad repertoire, the choir regularly appears at all the major London concert venues, including the Barbican, the Southbank Centre, Cadogan Hall and St Martin-in-the-Fields, and has sung in cathedrals and other churches in and around the capital. The choir also undertakes foreign tours and looks forward to visiting Germany in July 2011.

Last season, the choir gave two memorable performances of Britten's War Requiem: at the Barbican with Southbank Sinfonia and in Salisbury Cathedral with Dorset Youth Orchestra. Major choral works in earlier seasons have included Dvorak's Stabat Mater, Elgar's The Dream of Gerontius and Vaughan Williams' Sea Symphony – all with the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra at the Southbank Centre. At the Barbican the Choir has sung the Brahms German Requiem and Mendelssohn's Lobgesang (Hymn of Praise), also with the RPO; and Beethoven's Missa Solemnis with the English Chamber Orchestra.

With the Counterpoint period instrumental ensemble the choir gave the London premiere of a reconstruction of Mozart's great C minor Mass, and has performed Haydn's oratorio The Creation, Handel's Coronation Anthems and Foundling Hospital Anthem, and Beethoven's Mass in C and the Finale from his opera Fidelio.

Concert performances of operas have included Gluck's Orfeo ed Euridice with Counterpoint and Gershwin's Porgy and Bess with the RPO. The choir has also presented Duke Ellington's Sacred Concert and Orff's Carmina Burana, and appeared in the Star Wars concerts at the O2 Arena. The choir often gives concerts for charity and has commissioned a number of new works over the years.



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# Mark Forkgen - Conductor

Mark Forkgen has been Music Director of London Concert Choir since 1996. He is also Music Director of Canticum and Principal Conductor and Artistic Advisor of Kokoro, the Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra's New Music Group. He has worked with a number of leading orchestras, including the Orchestra of the Age of Enlightenment, Royal Philharmonic Orchestra, Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra, City of London Sinfonia, English Chamber Orchestra, English Northern Philharmonia and the Composers' Ensemble, appearing at all the major venues, including the Royal Festival Hall, the Barbican and the Royal Albert Hall.



A specialist in the field of choral and contemporary music, Mark has given the first performances of around 100 works. These include stage works with the Trestle Theatre Company and Britten Sinfonia, and contemporary opera with the Unicorn Theatre Company and an ensemble from the Philharmonia, at the Linbury Studio Theatre, Royal Opera House, Covent Garden. His wide range of conducting also includes performances with Deep Purple and Mark Owen. In June 2008 he took part with Canticum in the two opening concerts of the Chelsea Festival, recreating Pink Floyd's Atom Heart Mother.

Mark has been Conductor and Artistic Advisor for highly acclaimed festivals including: Sir Peter Maxwell Davies' 70th Birthday; Stravinsky, 'A Festival of Britten', 'Music of the Americas', 'Britain since Britten' and most recently 'East meets West'. His recordings with Canticum and Kokoro have been highly recommended by BBC Radio 3 as well as both musical and national press. In Europe he has conducted in Spain, France, Belgium, Germany, Holland and the Czech Republic. He has also given performances of Stravinsky's *The Rite of Spring* in Denmark, as well as Handel's Messiah and Israel in Egypt in Siena and at the Viterbo Early Music Festival in Italy.

Recent highlights include a series of Messiaen and Bartok concerts, Vaughan Williams' London Symphony, 'Experimentalism to Mimimalism', St Martin-in-the-Fields' American Music Festival and Mozart's Requiem in St Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin.

A champion of Youth Music, Mark was the Conductor of the Scottish Schools' Orchestra for ten years and Music Director of Ealing Youth Orchestra for eight years. He is currently Conductor of Dorset Youth Orchestra and Director of Music at Tonbridge School.

# Peter Barley - Organ

Peter Barley has enjoyed a varied career as organist, conductor and teacher, with a particular emphasis on sacred music. He was until recently Organist and Master of the Choristers at St Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin where for eight years he was responsible for a busy music programme and for directing the cathedral choir on a daily basis. Prior to his arrival in Dublin he worked for more than a decade as a freelance musician in London, where he was based at St Marylebone Church as Director of Music. It was during this period that Peter was fortunate to work as London Concert Choir's regular accompanist (1992-2001).



The foundations for his interest in organ and church music were laid through studies at King's College, Cambridge (where he was an organ scholar) and as a postgraduate student at the Royal Academy of Music, London. His organ teachers have included Nicolas Kynaston, Peter Hurford and the late Nicholas Danby. He studied church music and choral direction at the Academy under Patrick Russill.

Peter's recent activities have included leading a workshop in Belfast for the Ulster Society of Organists and organ and keyboard teaching at the Dublin Institute of Technology Conservatory of Music and Drama. He was privileged to play for three consecutive live RTE TV (and concurrently live RTE radio) broadcasts of services during Holy Week and Easter earlier this year from St Peter's Cathedral, Belfast. The Easter Day liturgy was broadcast on Eurovision, and BBC Northern Ireland has recently featured these events as part of an in-depth documentary on the choral tradition at St Peter's.

Peter has appeared as a recitalist in many leading venues in England and Ireland. His most recent recitals were in Westminster Cathedral and in Dublin's St Mary's Pro Cathedral.

A former Director of the Edington Festival, Peter is currently Chair of the RSCM in the Republic of Ireland. He has recently been honoured with the title of Organist Emeritus at St Patrick's Cathedral, and is currently interim Organist and Choir Director at St Mary's Cathedral, Limerick.

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Wednesday 9 March 2011, 7.30pm Royal Festival Hall, Southbank Centre, SE1

# Verdi - Requiem

Clare Seaton soprano, Jean Rigby mezzo soprano
Peter Auty tenor, Alan Ewing bass
with Augsburg Basilica Choir and Southbank Sinfonia
London Concert Choir joins forces with the Basilica Choir of St Ulrich and Afra
from Augsburg, Bavaria, in this performance of Verdi's choral masterpiece.

**Thursday 14 July 2011, 7.30pm** Cadogan Hall, Sloane Terrace, SW1

**Lerner and Loewe - My Fair Lady** 

Saturday 30 July 2011

# **Augsburg Peace Festival Concert**

Basilika St Ulrich und Afra, Augsburg, Germany with Basilikachor St Ulrich und Afra and Bayerische Kammerphilharmonie

Haydn - Mass in Time of War (conductor Peter Bader)
Vaughan Williams - Dona Nobis Pacem