

Whitehall Choir with the London Baroque Sinfonia



HANDEL Judas Maccabaeus

Conductor Paul Spicer

Soprano Nathalie Chalkley
Countertenor Russell Harcourt
Tenor Peter Davoren
Bass Frederick Long

Friday, 27 November 2009, 7.30pm

St. John's, Smith Square, London SW1

Tickets £17, £15, £13, £10 (concessions, £1.50 discount) from a Whitehall Choir member or from the St. John's, Smith Square Box Office, 020 7222 1061, 020 7233 1618 (fax), www.sjss.org.uk. Further booking and Footstool restaurant details on back.

Whitehall Choir

The Whitehall Choir's high standards are reflected not just in the wonderful sound it creates in several concerts each year but also in the number of new singers wishing to join. Repertoire, often performed alongside professional soloists and orchestras, includes music from the 15th to the 21st century. Members share a strong commitment to the choir and, in addition to attending weekly rehearsals, take part in occasional tours abroad, singing workshops, and Come and Sing events. The choir, now in its 67th season, is a friendly group, and prizes this as highly as singing sensitively and accurately.

The choir rehearses on Tuesday evenings in the Victoria area during the academic year. New members in all voice parts are welcome. Admission to the choir is by a short audition, usually held after attending one or two rehearsals. For further details visit www.whitehallchoir.org.uk, or call Richard Grafen on 020 7215 5323 (daytime only). Whitehall Choir is a registered charity, no. 280478

Whitehall Choir Recordings

FAIREST FLOWER OF ANY FIELD - Music for the Season of Christmas BRUCKNER Mass in E minor and PAUL SPICER Deciduous Cross

Both CDs, recorded in 2009 and 2007 respectively, are available by visiting www.whitehallchoir.org.uk.

Future concerts and events

Tuesday, 15 December, CAROL CONCERT, St Stephen's, Rochester Row SW1, 7.30pm.

Friday, 15 January 2010, **BRAHMS German Requiem** with the Brandenburg Sinfonia, St Martin-in-the-Fields, London WC2, 7.30pm.

Monday, 22 March 2010, **POULENC Chansons Françaises and PUCCINI Messa di Gloria (pianist: James Longford)**, Banqueting House, SW1, 7pm.

Check www.whitehallchoir.org.uk for further details of future Whitehall Choir events.

Paul Spicer

Paul Spicer began his musical training as a chorister at New College, Oxford. He studied with Herbert Howells and Richard Popplewell (organ) at the Royal College of Music in London, winning the Walford Davies Organ Prize in his final year. As well as the Whitehall Choir, Paul conducts the Birmingham Bach Choir and the chamber choirs at the Birmingham Conservatoire where, in addition to Oxford University, he teaches choral conducting. He founded the Finzi Singers in 1984, with whom he made 15 CDs for Chandos records. Paul is in great demand, too, as a recording producer and as a composer.

St. John's, Smith Square

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