



WHITEHALL CHOIR



CHRISTMAS CAROLS

CONDUCTOR
Paul Spicer

ORGANIST
**James
Longford**

MUSIC
**From early to
21st century**

CAROLS
**For choir
and audience**

ALSO
**Seasonal
readings**

**St Stephen's, Rochester Row
London SW1**

Tuesday, 16 December 2008

**7.30 pm. Doors open at 7 pm. £10 by programme on the door
(£5, under 18s and full-time students). Entry includes wine & mince pies**

Whitehall Choir

Now in its 66th season, the Whitehall Choir is a regular fixture on the London music scene.

Consisting of enthusiastic singers from diverse backgrounds and professions, the choir is an ambitious, friendly group which strives towards the highest standards of musicianship.

The repertoire is performed in central London venues and sometimes abroad

Paul Spicer, Musical Director and Conductor

Paul Spicer began his musical training as a chorister at New College, Oxford. He studied with Herbert Howells and Richard Poplewell (organ) at the Royal College of Music in London, winning the Walford Davies Organ Prize in his final year. As well as being conductor of the Whitehall Choir, Paul conducts the acclaimed Finzi Singers, with whom he has made 15 CDs for Chandos, the Birmingham Bach Choir, and the Chamber Choir of the Birmingham Conservatoire, where he is professor of choral conducting. He is also in great demand as a recording producer and as a composer.

James Longford, Accompanist

James studied organ and piano at the Royal College of Music, and was Organ Scholar of St Martin-in-the-Fields. As a pianist and orchestral keyboard player, James works with a variety of ensembles and companies including the Royal Opera House, the Southbank Centre, Glyndebourne, Gabrieli Consort & Players, the Opera Group, Polyphony, Really Useful Group and Southbank Sinfonia.

Future performances by Whitehall Choir

Fauré Requiem and *Cantique de Jean Racine* Thursday, 19 March 2009,

St Martin-in-the-Fields, Trafalgar Square, London WC2

Brahms Requiem Monday, 6 April 2009, Banqueting House, Whitehall, London SW1

Purcell and contemporaries Friday, 10 July 2009, St John's, Smith Square, London SW1

Recordings by Whitehall Choir

In February 2009, the choir will be making a recording of Christmas music.

For details of this new recording and of our first CD, Bruckner's *Mass in E minor* and

Paul Spicer's *Deciduous Cross*, which is available through the choir website,

visit www.whitehallchoir.org.uk

Singing with Whitehall Choir

The choir rehearses on Tuesday evenings in the Victoria area during the academic year.

New members in all voice parts are welcome when spaces are available. Admission to the choir is by a short audition, usually held after attending one or two rehearsals. Details at www.whitehallchoir.org.uk, or call Richard Grafen on 020 7215 5323 (daytime only)

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