



# WHITEHALL CHOIR



Puccini **Messa di Gloria**  
Poulenc **Chansons françaises**  
Ravel **Sonatine** (piano solo)



CONDUCTOR  
Paul Spicer

PIANO James Longford    TENOR Oliver Johnston

*Photograph of Whitehall Choir at The Banqueting House by Ken Means*

**THE BANQUETING HOUSE** Whitehall, London SW1A 2ER  
Monday **22 March 2010, 7pm** (doors open at 6.15pm)

Tickets £21 (including supper), available from The Banqueting House box office, 020 3166 6153, [www.hrp.org.uk/banquetinghouse](http://www.hrp.org.uk/banquetinghouse), or email: [info@whitehallchoir.org.uk](mailto:info@whitehallchoir.org.uk). Also available on the door.

## 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. 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 is a friendly group, and prizes this as highly as singing sensitively and accurately. We rehearse on Tuesday evenings in the Victoria area. Enquiries from potential new members in all voice parts are welcome. Entry to the choir is by a short audition, usually after attending one or two rehearsals. For details visit [whitehallchoir.org.uk](http://whitehallchoir.org.uk), or call Richard Grafen on 020 7215 5323 (daytime only).

Whitehall Choir is a registered charity, no. 280478.

## Whitehall Choir Recordings

BRUCKNER Mass in E minor and PAUL SPICER Deciduous Cross  
FAIREST FLOWER OF ANY FIELD - Music for the Season of Christmas  
Both CDs have been highly acclaimed and are available at [whitehallchoir.org.uk](http://whitehallchoir.org.uk).

## Future Concerts and Events

Saturday, 22 May 2010, COME & SING, Church of the Holy Spirit, Narbonne Avenue, SW4.  
Registration around 10am, concert around 5pm. Watch website for further details.

Saturday, 3 July 2010, 7.30pm  
HAYDN Paukenmesse and WEBER Mass in E Flat  
St John's, Smith Square, SW1.

Friday, 26 November 2010, 7.30pm  
BACH Missa Brevis in A and LEIGHTON Columba Mea  
St John's, Smith Square, SW1.

For more details of these and other Whitehall Choir events, visit [whitehallchoir.org.uk](http://whitehallchoir.org.uk).

## 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. Classical Music magazine proclaimed his latest work, Advent Oratorio, as "musically exciting" and "spiritually intense".  
Visit [paulspicer.com](http://paulspicer.com) for more details.

## James Longford

James studied piano and organ at the Royal College of Music, winning the Tagore Gold Medal, the Walford Davies Organ Prize and all the accompaniment prizes. He was organ scholar at St Martin-in-the-Fields and a RCM Junior Fellow before embarking on a freelance career as a pianist. James has played at many major venues, including the Barbican Hall, Wigmore Hall, Royal Opera, Royal Festival Hall, Purcell Room, and is one half of the longfordbrown piano duo, recently giving two acclaimed performances of Poulenc's Concerto for two pianos at Wiltshire Music Centre.  
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