



# Whitehall Choir Concert



‘Fairest flower of any field’



Thursday, 4 December 2008, 7.30pm  
St Marylebone Parish Church, NW1

Palestrina, Byrd, Bach, Bruckner  
Mendelssohn, Warlock, Walton, Dalby  
Magnificats by Finzi and Howells

**CONDUCTOR Paul Spicer**

**ORGANIST James Longford**

Tickets £15, £12 concessions (under 18s and full-time students)  
Available on the door, or call 020 8460 9244. Doors open at 7pm  
Visit [www.stmarylebone.org.uk](http://www.stmarylebone.org.uk) or [www.whitehallchoir.org.uk](http://www.whitehallchoir.org.uk)

# 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, performed in central London venues and sometimes abroad, includes music from the 15th to the 21st century.

## 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 Popplewell (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

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. James studied organ and piano at the Royal College of Music, and was Organ Scholar of St Martin-in-the-Fields.

## Other performances by Whitehall Choir this season

**Christmas carols** Tuesday, 16 December, St Stephen's, Rochester Row, London SW1

**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 record much of the music performed in this concert.

For details of this new recording and our first CD, Bruckner's *Mass in E minor* and Paul Spicer's *Deciduous Cross*, which is currently available through the choir website, visit [www.whitehallchoir.org.uk](http://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](http://www.whitehallchoir.org.uk), or call Richard Grafen on 020 7215 5323 (daytime only)

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