



# Whitehall Choir

**DURUFLÉ**  
*Requiem*

**POULENC**  
*Christmas  
Motets*

**LANGLAIS**  
*Messe  
Solennelle*

**PAUL SPICER** Conductor  
**JAMES LONGFORD** Organ

**St Margaret's Church, Westminster Abbey,  
Saint Margaret Street, London SW1P 3JX**

**Friday 23 November 2012, 7.30pm**

**TICKETS £15 (nave), £10 (side aisles) from [www.whitehallchoir.org.uk](http://www.whitehallchoir.org.uk),  
email: [sales@whitehallchoir.org.uk](mailto:sales@whitehallchoir.org.uk) or from a Whitehall Choir member**

**The Whitehall Choir** celebrates its 70th anniversary this season, which will be marked by special events and concerts of which this programme of French music is the first. Under its Musical Director, the distinguished conductor Paul Spicer, the Choir aspires to the highest standards of performance in all its concerts. Members share a strong commitment to the Choir and, besides attending weekly rehearsals on Tuesday evenings at St Stephen's, Rochester Row, in the academic year, take part in occasional tours abroad, vocal workshops and Come & Sing events. The Choir is a friendly group and new members in all voice parts are welcome. Admission is by a short audition, usually after one or two rehearsals. For more details about the Choir, visit [www.whitehallchoir.org.uk](http://www.whitehallchoir.org.uk), follow Whitehall Choir on Facebook, or email [joinus@whitehallchoir.org.uk](mailto:joinus@whitehallchoir.org.uk). Whitehall Choir is a registered charity, no. 280478.

## **Future Whitehall Choir Concerts**

**Tuesday 11 December 2012, 7.30pm**  
**CHRISTMAS MUSIC & READINGS**  
St Stephen's, Rochester Row, London SW1P 1LE

**Maundy Thursday, 28 March 2013, 7.30pm**  
**BACH Mass in B minor**  
St John's Smith Square, London SW1P 3HA

**Monday 1 July 2013, 7pm**  
**70th Anniversary Concert**  
The Banqueting House, Whitehall, London SW1A 2ER

**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. This is Paul's 13th season with the Whitehall Choir; he also conducts the Birmingham Bach Choir and the chamber choirs of Birmingham Conservatoire, where he teaches choral conducting as he does also at Oxford University. He founded the Finzi Singers in 1984 with whom he made 15 CDs for Chandos. Paul is in great demand, too, as a recording producer and as a composer. He recently finished a major biography and study of the works of Sir George Dyson and has just begun a commission for a choral symphony commemorating the centenary of the First World War. Visit [www.paulspicer.com](http://www.paulspicer.com) for more information.

**James Longford** studied piano and organ at the Royal College of Music, and was awarded the Tagore Gold Medal in 2000. In addition to the Whitehall Choir, he currently works for the Royal Opera House, the Royal Ballet, English National Opera, Southbank Sinfonia, the Opera Group, London Concert Choir, Aldeburgh Music, Bregenzer Festspiele and Schauspiel Köln amongst others. Song accompaniment, chamber music and continuo playing also feature, as well as arranging, work as a copyist and in theatre. James also performs as one half of the longfordbrown piano duo, formed over 10 years ago with British/New Zealand pianist Lindy Tennent-Brown.

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