

WHITEHALL CHOIR London Baroque Sinfonia

Magnificat

JS Bach

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CONDUCTOR Paul Spicer

SOPRANO Alice Privett MEZZO Olivia Warburton

TENOR Bradley Smith BASS Sam Queen

24 November 2014, 7.30pm

St John's Smith Square, London SW1P 3HA

TICKETS £22.50, £18, £12, from the St John's Smith Square Box Office,
020 7222 1061, www.sjss.org.uk. Also available through the Choir.
Further booking and Smith Square Café and Restaurant details overleaf.

The Whitehall Choir is in its 71st season. Under its Musical Director, Paul Spicer, the choir aspires to the highest standards of performance in all its concerts. Members share a strong commitment and, besides attending weekly rehearsals on Tuesday evenings in the academic year at St Stephen's, Rochester Row, take part in recordings, tours abroad (the next is to Vienna in May 2016) and Come & Sing events (the Bach Magnificats formed the centrepiece of the most recent). The choir is a friendly group and new members in all voice parts are welcome. Admission is by a short audition, usually after two or three rehearsals. For more details, visit www.whitehallchoir.org.uk, follow Whitehall Choir on Facebook and Twitter, and if you are interested in joining, email joinus@whitehallchoir.org.uk. Whitehall Choir is a registered charity, no: 280478.

Other Whitehall Choir Concerts This Season

Tuesday, 16 December 2014, 7.30pm, Christmas Music and Readings

St Stephen's, Rochester Row, London SW1P 1LE

Maundy Thursday, 2 April 2015, 7.30pm, Spring Concert

St John's Smith Square, London SW1P 3HA

Thursday, 9 July 2015, 7.30pm, Summer Concert

St Peter's Eaton Square, London SW1W 9AL

Whitehall Choir Recordings

ASCENDIT Music from Passiontide to Ascension (October 2014 release)
FAIREST FLOWER OF ANY FIELD Music for the Season of Christmas
ANTON BRUCKNER Mass in E Minor/PAUL SPICER The Deciduous Cross
All are available to buy at www.whitehallchoir.org.uk

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 15th 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. In 1984 he founded the Finzi Singers with whom he made 15 CDs for Chandos. Paul is in great demand, too, as a recording producer and as a composer. His latest book, *Sir George Dyson – His Life and Music*, was published by Boydell & Brewer in May 2014; and in September the première of his latest opus, *Unfinished Remembering*, a choral symphony commemorating the centenary of the First World War, was performed under his baton at Birmingham Symphony Hall.

St John's Smith Square, London SW1P 3HA. Tickets – online: www.sjss.org.uk; telephone: 020 7222 1061; by post: please enclose SAE. Mastercard and Visa accepted. Booking fees: by phone, £2 per transaction (£1.50 to Friends of St John's); online, £1.50 per transaction. Advance booking: the Box Office is open for advance bookings from 10am to 5pm Monday to Saturday. The Smith Square Café and Restaurant in the Crypt is open from 5.30pm (telephone: 020 7222 2779). St John's Smith Square, London SW1. St John's Smith Square Charitable Trust, registered charity no: 1045390. Registered in England. Company no: 3028678.

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