

We are very grateful to Father Fergus Capie for permission to use the church, and to Joseph Voelker for his assistance with booking accommodation.

Seasonal refreshments will be served after the concert in the Rotunda.



Queens Park
Singers
& Junior Singers

Noël

*A celebration in music of
Christmas and the winter
solstice*

Marc-Antoine Charpentier (1643-1704),

Messe de Minuit sur des airs de Noël (Midnight Mass)

Charpentier spent much of his career writing sacred and secular works for performance at the court of Louis XIV, the 'Sun King'. Composed around 1690, The Mass draws on the melodies of French Christmas carols, or *noëls*, dating from the Middle Ages. 'In England carols were more often sung than played, but in France *noëls* figured prominently in the substantial French organ repertoire. Altogether [in the Mass] there are eleven *noëls*, most of which are dance-like in character, reflecting the carol's secular origins.' [John Bawden www.choirs.org.uk]

In tonight's concert the movements of the Mass are interspersed with performances of works by Vaughan Williams, Rachmaninov and Purcell.

Messe de Minuit: Kyrie, Gloria

Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

Fantasia on Christmas Carols (1912)

Messe de Minuit: Credo

Sergei Rachmaninov (1873-1943)

Sonata in G minor for cello and piano (1901)

second movement: allegro scherzando

Henry Purcell (1659-1695)

The Frost Scene: King Arthur Act 3 scene 2

Messe de Minuit: Sanctus and Benedictus, Agnus Dei

Loretta Hopkins soprano

Roger Bloomfield bass-baritone

Agnieszka Teodorowska cello

Antony Gray piano

Members of Queen's Park Junior Singers

Mary Phillips Director

Athena Ham, Cecilia Jones, Ivo Lawson, Natalie Lawson, Sebastian Sacchi,
Tara Shutes, Stella Thal Larsen, Aria Watts

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Antony Gray Accompanist

Peter Burtt-Jones Music Director

Soprano

Daphne Aza-Selinger, Jana Burtt-Jones, Susan Clements, Carol Cooper,
Gabrielle Crockatt, Tricia Dibb, Catherine Fried, Jenny Garrett,
Jane Greenwood, Gillian Hallifax, Livi Hughes, Sarah Thal Larsen,
Margot Lunnon, Anna Mumford, Hermione Nixon, Virginie Pappantoniou,
Katy Payne, Stella Ruszczyński, Rebecca Sheridan, Patricia Towey, Kate Worth

Alto

Louise Coopman, Rachel Donnison, Helen Dymond, Frances Freeman,
Annette Gaykema, Hinda Golding, Monica Healy, Katherine Lawson,
Christine MacLeod, Denise O'Reilly, Emma Parsons, Marion Paul, Rachel Robbins,
Linsay Samii Pour, Evelyn Velleman, Pauline Wong

Tenor

John Asher, Jay Bannmuller, Colm Doherty, Cathie Hammond, Glyn Jones,
Julie Krausz, Amanda Robinson, Hugh Rosenbaum, Giuliano Sacchi

Bass

Roger Bloomfield, Jonathan Fisher, Mark Hine, Simon Judge, Adam Ritchie, David
Till, Peter Walter, Julian Watts