The Giltspur Singers

Concert at the Church of Our Lady, Help of Christians, Cresswell Park, Blackheath Friday, 26th March 2004, 7.30pm

Sacred Music of the Tudor Period

O nata lux Thomas Tallis (c. 1505-1585) Hide not thou thy face Richard Farrant (d. 1581) Call to remembrance Richard Farrant

Mudd (16th century) Let thy merciful ears

Organ Music

Ave Maris stella Hugh Facy (fl. c. 1620) Verse

Thomas Tomkins (1572-1656) A Fancie William Byrd (1542/3-1623)

Miserere mei William Byrd William Byrd Justorum animae

Thomas Tomkins (1572-1656) I heard a voice from heaven Almighty and everlasting God Orlando Gibbons (1583-1625)

Short Interval

Secular Music of the Romantic Period

Music, all powerful Thomas F. Walmisley (1783-1866) Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847) An old romance Robert Lucas Pearsall (1795-1856) Who shall have my lady fair? Lay a Garland Robert Lucas Pearsall

Organ Music

Air & Gavotte Samuel Wesley (1766-1837) Allegro Moderato e Vivace Felix Mendelssohn

(from Sonata 4 in B flat)

My Love dwelt in a Northern land

Sir Edward Elgar (1857-1934) Sir Arthur Sullivan (1842-1900) **Echoes** When daises pied Sir George Macfarren (1813-1887) Charles Wood (1866-1926) Full fathom five

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Were formed in the autumn of 2003. They take their name from Gilstspur Street, which leads up to the entrance to the church where they rehearse: St Bartholomewthe-Less, inside the grounds of St Bartholomew's Hospital.

The members of the choir are professionals in a wide range of careers, including the law, finance, teaching, medicine, publishing, and I.T. Some are music graduates but, for the majority, music has always been a hobby. It is the sense of music as a source of relaxation and enjoyment that the Singers hope to communicate in their performances.

Sopranos

Amy Gooden, Antonia Mott, Louisa Perfect, Elisabeth Somerville

Altos

Bridget Dray, Ian Goddard

Tenors

Chris Attfield, Chris Goodwin, Robin McCoubrey

Basses

Duncan Atkinson, Tim Murray, Richard Salmon, Nick Whitehead

Christopher Maxim: Conductor & Organ Soloist

Christopher Maxim is Organist of St Matthew's Parish Church, Bethnal Green and also directs the St Teilo Singers. He is a published composer of church and organ music and has a number of academic articles and many reviews of recordings and new music to his name. He has broadcast on Radio 4, the World Service and Radio Wales as organist, conductor, musicologist and critic. After completing his Ph.D. in Tudor keyboard music, he began his career lecturing for Cardiff University, the Royal Welsh College of Music & Drama and the Open University. He moved to London in 2000 and is presently an Assistant Director of Bishop Challoner Catholic Collegiate School.



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