# THE CHURCH OF ST MARY-LE-BOW, CHEAPSIDE EC2V

# Spring Concert

# THE GILTSPUR SINGERS

Accompanist: Matthew Gardner

Conductor & Organ Soloist: Christopher Maxim

Friday, 19<sup>th</sup> April 2013, 7.00pm

#### 8003

Christus factus est Felice Anerio (c.1560-1614)

Crux fidelis John IV, King of Portugal (1604-1656)

Cantique de Jean Racine Gabriel Fauré (1845-1924)

Organ music

Processional Christopher Maxim (composed 2011)

Ave verum corpus W. A. Mozart (1756-1791)

Bring us, O Lord God Christopher Maxim (composed 1995) Verleih uns Frieden Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

#### ∞ INTERVAL ∞

Sweet Suffolk owl Thomas Vautor (fl. 1600-1620)
The silver swan Orlando Gibbons (1583-1625)
O care, thou wilt despatch me Thomas Weelkes (c. 1575-1623)

Organ music

A Fantasi Thomas Tomkins (1572-1656)

(dated November 9<sup>th</sup> 1646)

Too much I once lamented Tomkins Hark, all ye lovely Saints Weelkes

Though Amaryllis dance in green William Byrd (1543-1623)

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#### The Giltspur Singers

...were formed in the autumn of 2003. They take their name from Giltspur Street, which leads up to the entrance of the church where they rehearse: St Bartholomew-the-Less, inside the grounds of St Bartholomew's Hospital in the City of London. The choir performs mainly in and around London. Repertoire ranges from medieval music to contemporary pieces and the choir sings in several languages, among them Latin, French, German, Russian, and early forms of English. The members of the choir are professionals in a wide range of careers, including charities, law, education, journalism, the entertainment industry, medicine, P.R. and I.T. Some are music graduates and some perform professionally on their instruments. For the majority, however, music has always been a hobby: a source of recreation and enjoyment that the Giltspur Singers hope to share in their concerts.

#### Sopranos

Helen Blythe, Julie Gonzalez-Torres, Helen Kirkpatrick, Antonia Mott, Katy Turner, Nicole Wyatt

#### **Altos**

Nicky Johns, Kirsty Payne, Ellie Searley, Elizabeth Shanahan

#### **Tenors**

Christopher Goodwin, Nick Grounds, Alan Jolly

#### **Basses**

Dan de Belder, Matt Gardner, Alex Milne, Timothy Murray

### Matt Gardner (Accompanist)

...has degrees in music (specialising in piano and composition) and theology. He has a variety of musical experiences including choral and orchestral conducting, chamber music (on viola and piano) and as an orchestral violist and percussionist. While at university he was a choral scholar and then Sub Organist at Nottingham RC Cathedral. He is currently Organist and Director of Music at St Michael's, London Fields and also plays the organ at All Saints, Haggerston. He works as the finance officer for a small charity. This is Matt's first concert with the Giltspur Singers and we are particularly grateful to him for stepping in to accompany at short notice.

# Dr Christopher Maxim (Conductor & Organ Soloist)

...is founder-conductor of the Giltspur Singers. Former conducting posts include the Cardiff University Chamber Choir, the Cardiff Bay Singers and the Elizabethan Singers of London. His compositions are performed as far afield as Australia, Holland, Germany, South Africa and the USA; and are published by Allegro Music, Banks Music Publications, Recital Music, the Royal School of Church Music, St James Music Press, and Stainer & Bell. Chris's music is also available online at <a href="www.scoreexchange.com">www.scoreexchange.com</a>. He has given organ recitals and concert performances in such notable venues as Bristol Cathedral, St Marylebone Parish Church and the National Museum of Wales. He is Organist of St Matthew's Bethnal Green.

To find out more about Giltspur Singers please visit <a href="www.christophermaxim.co.uk">www.christophermaxim.co.uk</a>. You can find us on Facebook and follow us on Twitter @GiltspurSingers.

#### **Giltspur Singers Summer Concert**

Friday, 19th July 2013, 7.00pm

St George's, Bloomsbury WC1A 2SR (Nearest Tube: Holborn)

Admission £12

#### **Christmas with the Giltspur Singers**

Tuesday, 17<sup>th</sup> December 2013, 7.00pm

St Clement Danes, Strand WC2R 1DH (Nearest Tube: Temple)

Admission £12