THE CHURCH OF ST MARY-LE-BOW Cheapside, EC2V 6AU

A Concert of Psalm Settings by British Composers

from the Tudor period to the present day

THE GILTSPUR SINGERS

Conductor: Christopher Maxim

with Cherry-Willow Pauls (organ)

Wednesday, 8th July 2015, 7.30pm

Sing joyfully unto God our strength (Ps. 81)

William Byrd (1539/40-1623)

Hide not thou thy face from us, O Lord (Ps. 27)

Richard Farrant (c. 1525-1580)

O clap your hands together all ye people (Ps. 47)

Orlando Gibbons (1583-1625)

My God, my God, look upon me (Ps. 22)

John Blow (1649-1708)

O God, thou art my God (Ps. 63)

Henry Purcell (1659-1695)

Lord, let me know mine end (Ps. 39)

Maurice Greene (1696-1755)

In exitu Israel de Ægypto (Ps. 114) Samuel Wesley (1766-1837)

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Teach me, O Lord, the way of thy statutes (Ps. 119) Thomas Attwood (1765-1838)

Ascribe unto the Lord (Pss. 96 & 115) Samuel Sebastian Wesley (1810-1876)

Like as the hart desireth the waterbrooks (Ps. 42) Herbert Howells (1892-1983)

God is our refuge and strength (Ps. 46) Richard Elfyn Jones (*comp.* 1996)

O how amiable are thy dwellings (Ps. 84) Christopher Maxim (*comp.* 2011)

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 members of the choir are professionals in a wide range of careers, including charities, dentistry, law, education, journalism, the entertainment industry, P.R. and I.T. Some are music graduates, for the majority, music has always been a hobby: a source of recreation and enjoyment that the Giltspur Singers hope to share in their concerts.

Sopranos

Millicent Freeman, Julie Gonzalez-Torres, Helen Kirkpatrick, Antonia Mott, Katy Turner

Altos

Elizabeth Bower, Nicky Johns, Kirsty Payne, Alison St-Denis

Tenors

Christopher Goodwin, Nick Grounds, Alan Jolly

Basses

Matt Gardner, Alex Milne, Timothy Murray, Nick Whitehead

Cherry-Willow Pauls (Organ)

... graduated from the Royal College of Music and subsequently studied with Anton Heiller, Luigi Taliavini, Peter Hurford, Gillian Weir and Ralph Downes. She was invited to be head of organ at the St Paul's Schools, and also tutored at the Royal School of Church Music and the RCM. An advocate of new music, Cherry made her debut recording at the Royal Albert Hall. Since 1977 she has held the post of organist at Ealing Abbey. She has performed in Germany, France, the Netherlands, Spain, Italy and Austria. She has taken part in recordings and live broadcasts from Westminster Abbey and Westminster Cathedral, and accompanies the College Choirs at St Mary's University. Cherry has tutored for the St Thomas More Centre for Liturgy and has worked with the Panel of Monastic Musicians at Douai Abbey. She studied Gregorian semiology with Dr Mary Berry at Cambridge and is currently setting up a school for chant at Ealing Abbey. She has given an illustrated lecture in New York on cultural influences on British Choral Music in the 20th century, and is currently researching for a PhD. In 2002 she was awarded the Papal Benemerenti medal.

Dr Christopher Maxim (Conductor)

... is the founder-conductor of the Giltspur Singers. His compositions are published by Allegro Music, Banks Music Publications, Recital Music, the Royal School of Church Music, Stainer & Bell, and St James Music Press; and online at www.scoreexchange.com. In addition, a number of Chris's organ and choral pieces have recently been accepted for publication by Paraclete Press of Massachusetts, USA. His music has been recorded on the Herald, Stentor and Delphian labels, and broadcast on BBC radio. Chris has been Organist & Director of Music at St Matthew's, Bethnal Green since January 2003. Having taught in Tower Hamlets for over fourteen years, in September he will take up the post of Headteacher of Beths Grammar School in Bexley, Kent.

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

Christmas with the Giltspur Singers Wednesday, 16th December 2015, 7.00pm St Clement Danes, Strand, WC2R 1DH £15 (including wine and mince pies)