

PAUL SPICER
Conductor, Whitehall Choir

Paul Spicer is a renowned choral director and composer. He began his musical training as a chorister at New College. Later, 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.

Until July 2001 Paul Spicer was Artistic Director of the Lichfield International Arts Festival and the Abbotsholme Arts Society, posts he relinquished in order to pursue a completely freelance musical career. Paul has worked as a Senior Producer for BBC Radio 3 in the Midlands, and today is in great demand as a recording producer and as a composer.

In addition to being the conductor of the Whitehall Choir, Paul also conducts the acclaimed Finzi Singers, with whom he has now made 15 CDs for Chandos records, the Birmingham Bach Choir, and the Chamber Choirs of the Royal College of Music and the Birmingham Conservatoire; he is Professor of Choral Conducting at both institutions.

Paul Spicer's written works include the critically acclaimed biography of his composition teacher, Herbert Howells, published in August 1998, and he has recently been commissioned to write the first major biography of the composer Sir George Dyson.

Further details can be found at www.paulspicer.com.