



Whitehall Choir
with the London Baroque Sinfonia



Conductor Paul Spicer

HANDEL Israel in Egypt

Friday 23 March 2012, 7.30pm
St. John's, Smith Square, London SW1P 3HA



Sopranos Nathalie Chalkley, Ruth Jenkins
Alto Angharad Lyddon **Tenor** Iain Milne
Basses Johnny Herford, Gareth John

Tickets £20, £17, £14, £10 (concessions £18.50, £15.50, £12.50, £8.50) from a Whitehall Choir member or from the St. John's, Smith Square Box Office, 020 7222 1061, www.sjss.org.uk. Further booking and Smith Square Bar and Restaurant details overleaf.

The Whitehall Choir is in its 69th season and its high standards are reflected not just in the wonderful sound it creates in several concerts a year but also in the number of new singers wishing to join. Members share a strong commitment to the Choir and, in addition to attending weekly rehearsals (Tuesday evenings in the Victoria area during the academic year), take part in occasional tours abroad, singing workshops, and Come & Sing events. The choir is a friendly group and new members in all voice parts are welcome. Admission is by a short audition, usually after attending one or two rehearsals. For further details about the Choir and Choir events, visit www.whitehallchoir.org.uk, see the Choir's page on Facebook, or email joinus@whitehallchoir.org.uk. Whitehall Choir is a registered charity, no. 280478.

Other Concerts and Events in 2012

Friday 9 March, MOZART Requiem (with the Brandenburg Sinfonia)

St Martin-in-the-Fields, London WC2N 4JJ

Saturday 12 May, BRAHMS Requiem

Open workshop with the Whitehall Orchestra

Tuesday 26 June, ROSSINI Petite Messe Solennelle

St Peter's Eaton Square, London SW1W 9AL

Paul Spicer began his musical training as a chorister at New College, Oxford. 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. This is Paul's 12th season with the Whitehall Choir; he also conducts the Birmingham Bach Choir and the chamber choirs of Birmingham Conservatoire, where he teaches choral conducting as he does also at Oxford University. He founded the Finzi Singers in 1984 with whom he made 15 CDs for Chandos. Paul is in great demand, too, as a recording producer and as a composer. He recently finished a major biography and study of the works of Sir George Dyson and has just begun a commission for a choral symphony commemorating the centenary of the outbreak of the First World War. Visit www.paulspicer.com for more information.

St. John's, Smith Square, London SW1P 3HA. Please enclose SAE. Phone: 020 7222 1061. Mastercard, Visa and Maestro accepted. Booking fees: By telephone £2 per transaction (£1.50 to Friends of St. John's). Online £1.50 per transaction. The Box Office is open for advance bookings 10am-5pm (until 6pm on concert days) Monday to Friday. **Booking opens 1 February**. Tickets may also be booked online at www.sjss.org.uk. The Smith Square Bar and Restaurant in the Crypt is open from 5.30pm (telephone: 020-7222 2779). St. John's, Smith Square, London SW1. St. John's, Smith Square Charitable Trust registered charity no. 1045390. Registered in England. Company no. 3028678.

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