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HANDEL MESSIAH

London Concert Choir
Counterpoint

Mark Forkgen **Conductor**

Erica Eloff **Soprano** | Christopher Lowrey **Counter tenor**
James Geer **Tenor** | Giles Underwood **Baritone**

Wednesday 14 December, 2011 at 7.30pm



Cadogan Hall, 5 Sloane Terrace, London SW1X 9DQ

Tickets: £28/£24/£20/£16/£12

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Recent seasons have seen London Concert Choir build up its experience and enthusiasm for dramatic performances in a diverse range of works, including Gluck's **Orfeo**, Hollywood musical **My Fair Lady**, Verdi's **Requiem**, Britten's **War Requiem** and most recently Vaughan Williams' **Dona Nobis Pacem**. The choir now looks forward to presenting a fresh interpretation of Handel's **Messiah** which will reveal the drama of this well-loved oratorio as well as its contemplative dimension.

Firm favourites of the classical choral repertoire such as *For unto us a child is born, How beautiful are the feet, I know that my Redeemer liveth* and the *Hallelujah* chorus are embedded in a rich score telling of the ancient prophesy of the coming of a Messiah and the belief in its fulfilment in the life of Christ.

This will be the first time that London Concert Choir has sung **Messiah** under its Music Director Mark Forkgen. Aided by a superb cast of soloists and the authentic sound of Counterpoint period instrumental ensemble, Mark and the choir will offer a performance of the work that will both entertain and inspire – exactly as Handel himself expressly wished.

In the spirit of the composer's own early performances of **Messiah** which were given in aid of the Foundling Hospital, at this concert there will be a collection for the **Chance for Children Trust** which provides therapeutic arts programmes for children who have experienced trauma, including the loss of a close relative.

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