



ST JOHN'S SMITH SQUARE



# MONTEVERDI: VESPERS OF 1610



Monday 7 March 2016, 7.30pm

St John's Smith Square, London SW1P 3HA

London Concert Choir with Soloists and QuintEssential  
Conductor: Mark Forkgen

Tickets £30, £20, £10. Box Office 020 7222 1061

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London Concert Choir and their Music Director Mark Forkgen are looking forward to returning to St John's to sing Monteverdi's glorious Vespers of 1610. They will be joined by six excellent soloists – **Rachel Elliott** and **Rebecca Outram** (sopranos), **Nicholas Pritchard** and **Bradley Smith** (tenors) and **Giles Underwood** and **Colin Campbell** (basses) – while the QuintEssential ensemble will contribute the splendidly authentic sound of cornetts, sackbuts and other instruments of the period.

For his Vespers of the Blessed Virgin Monteverdi set a series of psalms, motets and Magnificats from the evening service for Marian feast days. Intimate solos are contrasted with the grandest of choral and instrumental writing, as he builds astonishingly varied and innovative musical structures onto the traditional plainchants. The result is a monumental masterpiece, widely regarded as the most significant work of sacred music before Bach.

Originally founded in 1960, London Concert Choir is one of London's leading amateur choirs. With Mark Forkgen the choir regularly appears at all the major London concert venues and is notable for the conviction and expressiveness of its performances in an unusually broad repertoire.

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### Getting to St John's

- Tube:** Nearest stations are Westminster, St James's Park, Victoria and Pimlico  
**Rail:** Victoria, Waterloo, Charing Cross.  
**Bus:** 3, 87 to Millbank (Lambeth Bridge); C10, 507 to Horseferry Road (Lambeth Bridge); 88 to Marsham Street; 11, 211, 148 and 24 to Westminster Abbey.  
**Car:** The church is within the congestion charging zone.  
On-street Pay & Display parking and Residents Parking operates until 6.30pm, Mon-Sat.  
Two parking bays in Smith Square are reserved for disabled badge holders.

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