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London Concert Choir presents the London premiere of

# THE CHALK LEGEND

Stephen McNeff, Composer | Richard Williams, Director and Librettist

**SATURDAY 14 JULY, 2012, 7.30PM**  
**THE FORUM, KENTISH TOWN, NW5**

Mark Forkgen, Conductor  
Erica Eloff, Soprano | Toby Stafford-Allen, Baritone

Kokoro, Dorset Youth Orchestra, Ealing Youth Orchestra  
Actors from Drama Centre London  
Twyford C of E High School Chamber Choir  
and choirs from Wetherby Preparatory School  
and Heath Mount School (BBC *Songs of Praise* Junior Choir of the Year 2012)  
Costumes by Arts University College at Bournemouth

Also in the programme, conducted by Leon Gee  
John Williams: **Olympic Fanfare**  
Berlioz: **Royal Hunt and Storm from The Trojans**

Tickets £5 (standing) to £20  
Box Office 0844 847 2405 or [www.ticketmaster.co.uk](http://www.ticketmaster.co.uk)



# *'A promise kept and a prophecy fulfilled'*

London Concert Choir presents the first London performance of an exciting theatrical event by award-winning composer Stephen McNeff and librettist Richard Williams. This spectacular work was commissioned by the Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra as their trailblazing event for the London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games.

The county of Dorset is famed for its rich seams of history and folklore. But no-one expected the construction of the Weymouth relief road in preparation for the Olympic 2012 sailing events to be delayed by the unearthing of a mass grave of fifty-one decapitated Viking skeletons. This was the unlikely but inspired starting point for *The Chalk Legend*.

In collaboration with the Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra's contemporary music ensemble Kokoro and amateur musicians across some sixty Dorset villages, McNeff and Williams have developed a magical tale of ancient and contemporary discovery, greed, romance, comedy and mysticism, springing from the moment when a band of Viking warriors lands on the Dorset coast and encounters an encampment of Anglo-Saxons, with fateful results.

London Concert Choir, which celebrated its first 50 years in 2010, is notable for its unusually broad musical repertoire and regularly appears at all the major London concert venues. Mark Forkgen, the choir's Music Director, is also Principal Conductor of Kokoro and Conductor of Dorset Youth Orchestra; Leon Gee is Music Director of Ealing Youth Orchestra.

The choir will be joined not only by participants from the original Dorset projects but also by performers from Ealing Youth Orchestra and choirs from three local schools.

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## **HOW TO GET THERE**

The Forum is at 9-17 Highgate Rd, Kentish Town, London, NW5 1JY, less than 5 minutes' walk from Kentish Town tube station (Northern Line, High Barnet branch). Turn right out of the station and at the junction take the left fork onto Highgate Rd. The Forum is on the left.

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