Serenissima

Venetian music in the polychoral style by Gabrieli, Schütz and Cozzolani





Whitehall Choir Ian Tindale: Organ Joanna Tomlinson: Conductor

Friday 21st November 2025, 7.30 pm St Peter's, Eaton Square London SW1W 9AL Tickets: £23, £16, £10; £8 for under 25s from whitehallchoir.org, or scan QR code



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Inspired by the huge space of St Mark's Venice, Venetian polychoral music of the late Renaissance/early Baroque period made use of the huge acoustic to have different groups of singers spatially separated to give new, exciting colours and drama. The German composer Heinrich Schütz studied with St Mark's organist, Giovanni Gabrieli, and may have later met Monteverdi on his second trip to Venice.

Whitehall Choir is excited to present a programme of thrilling, passionate and vibrant music by Gabrieli and Schütz as well as Isabella Leonarda, Chiara Margarita Cozzolani and Claudio Monteverdi.

Whitehall Choir, under its dynamic Music Director Joanna Tomlinson, is one of London's leading amateur choirs.

Joanna Tomlinson is also Artistic Director of Constanza Chorus. Recent engagements include conducting the National Youth Choir at the Royal Albert Hall, Bach's Mass in B minor at Cadogan Hall with Constanza Chorus and the Orchestra of the Age of Enlightenment and adjudicating for the Vox Lucensis International Choral Competition in Lucca.

Ian Tindale, accompanist of Whitehall Choir, was awarded the Pianist's Prize at the Wigmore Hall/Kohn Foundation Song Competition in 2017. Recent engagements include song recitals on BBC Radio 3, at the Edinburgh International Festival and the Ludlow English Song Festival. He also regularly appears with the BBC Symphony and London Symphony Orchestras.

Future Whitehall Choir Concerts

Thursday 18th December 7.30pm - Christmas Carols and Readings, St Peter's Eaton Square, SW1W 9AL.

Saturday 17th January 2026 10.00am – Come and Sing the Verdi Requiem, St Cyprians Church, Glentworth St (parallel to Baker St) NW1 6AX.

Thursday 26th March, 7.30pm – Verdi: Requiem. Holy Trinity Sloane Square, London SW1X 9BZ (Arranged for two pianos, organ and percussion by Richard Blackford).

Thursday 25th June, 7.30pm - Vaughan Williams: Mass in G - and British music from Byrd to McDowall, St Peter's Eaton Square, SW1W 9AL.

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