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Music Director:
David Young



100th Anniversary of the
**RUSSIAN
REVOLUTION**

Ten Poems on Texts by Revolutionary Poets by Shostakovich
and works by Rachmaninov, Tchaikovsky and others

Saturday 11 November 2017 at 7.30 pm
St Luke's Church • Erleigh Road, Reading RG1 5LY

Ticket prices

Full: £12 • Concessions: £10

Under 18s: £5

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Reading Bach Choir is delighted to announce a performance of Dmitri Shostakovich's neglected Ten Poems on Texts by Revolutionary Poets. In our first performance with newly-appointed Musical Director David Young, we will be giving a rare performance in Britain of the complete work. Written in the early 1950s, before the death of Stalin, Shostakovich cherry-picked a series of propaganda texts from the early 20th century, setting them to music which is rich with folk tunes, populist verve and a dramatists' eye for setting text.

This concert, on Remembrance Day, marks 100 years almost to the day since the end of the 1917 Russian Revolution. This sparked the Russian Civil War and eventually led to the creation of the USSR with the dominance of socialism within it.

Alongside this remarkable piece are works by many of the greatest composers of the Russian sacred tradition. Tchaikovsky, Chesnokov, Gretchaninov, and excerpts from Rachmaninov's two great choral masterpieces: Liturgy of St John Chrysostom and the ever-popular Vespers.

Come and join us for a truly unique concert, commemorating the centenary of one of the most important events in 20th-century history.

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