

# Unsung Heroes Neglected Masterpieces of Choral Music

**Somerset  
Chamber Choir.**  
3pm, Sunday  
11 February 2018  
King's College Chapel,  
Taunton TA1 3LA



**Richard Pearce.**  
Organ  
**Richard Laing.**  
Conductor

**Rheinberger.** Mass in  
E flat for double choir,  
Abendlied  
**Kodaly.** Missa Brevis

**Tickets £18, £15 and £11.**  
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# Unsung Heroes Rheinberger. Mass in E flat for double choir With organ interpolations by Bach, Reger, Bruckner, Mendelssohn and Rheinberger. Abendlied Kodaly. Missa Brevis

Discover your new favourite composers! Be enchanted by the ravishing **Mass in E flat for double choir 'Cantus Missae'** by **Josef Rheinberger**, Liechtenstein's greatest son, and be moved by the haunting **Missa Brevis** by **Zoltan Kodály**.

Join Somerset Chamber Choir in the delightful venue of King's College Chapel for our annual winter concert, and the first given under the baton of our new Musical Director, **Richard Laing**.

## **Rheinberger.**

The son of the Crown Prince's treasurer in the tiny European Principality, **Rheinberger** is not quite a household name in England, but he is well known to organists, for he wrote dozens of sonatas,

trios, fugues and solo pieces for the king of instruments. His operas, symphonies and chamber music are all but forgotten, though his choral music is enjoying a renaissance.

**Mass in E flat** is an extraordinarily satisfying and moving work to perform and to hear, whilst **Abendlied** is one of **Rheinberger's** most beautiful and appealing works.

## **Kodaly.**

**Missa Brevis** is a challenging work, but expressive and haunting. It can be performed by organ alone, but for this concert will be presented the full forces of organ and choir. We will be joined by virtuoso organist, **Richard Pearce**.



**Dame Emma Kirkby.**

Patron

**Graham Caldbeck.**

Conductor Emeritus

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