



# Goldsmiths Choral Union

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Dear Fellow Singer

## **CADOGAN HALL CONCERT - 25<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2022**

The new year also marks a new beginning **for** Goldsmiths Choral Union and we hope that you will want to join us for an exciting new venture. Our long-standing Music Director, Brian Wright, stood down in December this year and in January we welcome a guest conductor - Jack Apperley ([jackapperley.com](http://jackapperley.com)) - who will rehearse and conduct our next concert on 25<sup>th</sup> March 2022 in Cadogan Hall.

The programme will be *The Da Vinci Requiem* by Cecilia McDowall and the *Mass in Time of War (Paukenmesse)* by Haydn and also a short orchestral piece, *Capriol Suite* by Warlock. *The Da Vinci Requiem* was composed in 2019 and we believe this will be only its third performance. It skilfully interweaves the Mass for the Dead with various writings of or about the great Renaissance Man. The choral writing is vibrant and colourful use is made of the orchestra, particularly in the way singing lines are enhanced by harp, glockenspiel and vibraphone. Copies of this music will be available for sale at the first rehearsal next term, for £10.00 (cheques payable to Goldsmiths Choral Union or notes, no coins please).

Haydn's *Mass in time of War* is also known as the *Paukenmesse* due to the dramatic use of timpani, and is one of the most popular of his fourteen mass settings. We're using the New Novello edition. Please buy your own copy which can also be obtained online via [www.musicroom.com](http://www.musicroom.com) for £10.00.

Rehearsals begin on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2022 at Queen's Gate House (formerly Baden Powell House), 65-67 Queen's Gate, London SW7 from 6.30pm to 9.00pm and then on every subsequent Wednesday. There will also be a rehearsal on the day of the concert - time to be confirmed. We are requesting all guest singers to make a payment of £50 to take part in this concert and I hope that you will want to do so.



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There are 12 rehearsals before the concert but as these start so early in the New Year, we recognise that some singers might not be able to come on 5<sup>th</sup> January so if you are only able to attend 10 of the 12 rehearsals, that would be acceptable.

I hope that you will want to join us for this new period in the history of Goldsmiths Choral Union and I would be grateful if you could complete and return the attached form to me as soon as possible and look forward to meeting you in January.

With best wishes for Christmas and the New Year.

Victoria Ware, MBE  
Guest Singers Secretary



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Cheques (payable to Goldsmiths Choral Union) should be sent to the above address. BACS payments can be made to: HSBC Bank; Sort Code 40-03-04; Account 50388912 Beneficiary - Goldsmiths Choral Union; Ref: Your Name/25 March

Please tick boxes as appropriate:

**CADOGAN HALL - McDOWALL/HAYDN CONCERT : 25TH MARCH 2022**

- I would like to sing in this concert Yes ( ) No ( )
- I can attend at least 10 rehearsals Yes ( ) No ( )
- I enclose a cheque for £50 as a donation Yes ( ) No ( )
- I will make a BACS payment of £50 Yes ( ) No ( )
- I attach a Gift Aid Form Yes ( ) No ( )

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