

# BERNSTEIN: CHICHESTER PSALMS

and music by Copland, Lauridsen, Ives and Gjeilo

**Conductor:**  
**Joanna Tomlinson**

**Countertenor:**  
**Roderick Morris**

**Organ:**  
**Ian Tindale**



Whitehall Choir

**THURSDAY 28 JUNE 2018, 7:30PM**

St Peter's Eaton Square, SW1W 9AL

Tickets: £20 from [www.whitehallchoir.org.uk](http://www.whitehallchoir.org.uk)

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Join us after the concert for a glass of wine to celebrate the end of our season.

In 1965 the Southern Cathedrals Festival commissioned **Leonard Bernstein** to write ***Chichester Psalms*** to be sung at Chichester Cathedral by the choirs of Chichester, Winchester and Salisbury. Each movement, written in Hebrew, sets a psalm as well as excerpts from another paired psalm. Its exuberant feel seems fitting for the focal point of our summer concert. We will be performing the version for choir, countertenor solo, harp, percussion and organ. The other large-scale work is **Morten Lauridsen's *Lux Aeterna***. Alongside several other contemporary American composers (Lauridsen was born in Washington state in 1943), his music is accessible and full of lush harmonies. *Lux Aeterna* was written in 1997 for the Los Angeles Master Chorale. The cycle draws on sacred texts, all of which feature 'light' (*lux*). Shorter choral works by Charles Ives, Ola Gjeilo and Jake Runestad, and Aaron Copland's *Preamble for a Solemn Occasion* for organ complete the programme.

The Whitehall Choir, under its dynamic Music Director Joanna Tomlinson, is one of London's leading amateur choirs. The choir is always looking for talented singers. Details at [whitehallchoir.org.uk](http://whitehallchoir.org.uk). Joanna Tomlinson is also the Music Director of the internationally renowned Farnham Youth Choirs, and of Constanza Chorus in London. She is a tutor for the Association of British Choral Directors and has worked with BBC Symphony Chorus, London Symphony Chorus, National Youth Choir of Great Britain and Royal College of Music Chorus.

### **Future concerts**

- 24 November, **Joint concert with Viennese choir Cantus Novus Wien** celebrating 100 years of Women's Suffrage with music by **Hildegard von Bingen, Barbara Strozzi, Fanny Mendelssohn, Alma Mahler, Elizabeth Poston and Roxanna Panufnik**, St Peter's Eaton Square.
- 18 December, **Carol concert**, St Peter's Eaton Square.
- 28 March 2019, **Haydn *The Creation***, St John's Smith Square.

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