

Rachmaninov *All-Night Vigil*  
Britten *Cello Suites 1 & 3*

**WIMBLEDON**  
CHORAL SOCIETY

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**Saturday 21 March**

**Conductor: Neil Ferris**

Cello: Joely Koos

Mezzo Soprano: Carris Jones

Tenor: James Preston

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Southwark Cathedral,  
London SE1 9DA  
7pm

Tickets:  
£25, £20, £5

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Profoundly moving, Rachmaninov's *All-Night Vigil* has been described as "the greatest musical achievement of the Russian Orthodox Church". Written during the darkest hours of the First World War, at a time of great uncertainty in Europe, this masterpiece, with its deep religiosity, is underpinned by constantly inventive choral virtuosity.

Britten dedicated his *Cello Suites* to his great friend, the cellist Rostropovich. In the 3rd Suite, which takes centre stage in this programme, he pays tribute to Rostropovich's Russian homeland, with themes redolent of doleful folk songs and culminating in the Russian Hymn for the Departed, the Kontakion.

Widely considered one of the finest choruses in London, Wimbledon Choral Society is delighted to be returning to Southwark Cathedral for this specially devised programme by Richard Wilberforce. Interspersing selected movements from the *All-Night Vigil* and *Cello Suites Nos 1 & 3*, this concert promises to be a most powerful and unforgettable experience.

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a vigorous and sophisticated choral ensemble..."*

Roderic Dunnett, *Church Times*

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### **Mozart *Mass in C Minor* Panufnik *Song of Names***

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**Saturday 6 June**

7.30pm

Fairfield Halls,

Park Lane, Croydon CR9 1DG

### **Handel *Messiah***

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**Saturday 14 November**

7pm

Southwark Cathedral,

London Bridge, London SE1 9DA

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