

WIMBLEDON
CHORAL SOCIETY

Saturday 7th June 2008, 7.30pm
St Paul's Church, Southfields

RACHMANINOV
VESPERS

VIVALDI
GLORIA

Conductor
Michael Ashcroft

Soprano
Felicity Brown

Mezzo-Soprano
Sarah-Jane Lewis

with
Charivari Agréable Simfonie
Director - Dr Kah-Ming Ng

Tickets: £12.50

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Rachmaninov - Vespers

Vivaldi - Gloria

Although the venue for this concert is not Russian Orthodox, Rachmaninov's *Vespers* (otherwise known by the names *Songs of the Church* and *All-Night Vigil*) are highly accessible to non-orthodox audiences, composed as they were in 1916 on the brink of the catastrophic Russian revolution. Their mystery and the soul-searching melodies will reverberate hauntingly with the excellent acoustics of the Victorian St. Paul's Church. The music was written for a *cappella* voices and the anticipation of 140 singers performing this poignant music is thrilling.

Vivaldi's *Gloria*, composed two hundred years earlier in 1715, will provide a wonderful contrast to the meditative harmonies of the *Vespers*. It is one of the all time classical choral greats and the choir is delighted to welcome back the baroque ensemble Charivari Agréable Simfonie, recognised as "*one of the classiest baroque bands*" [*Observer*]. As well as accompanying the choir in the *Gloria* the ensemble will also be playing the *Concerti Musicali* by Giuseppe Torelli.

Whether you love the intensity of the *Vespers* or the wonderful sunny nature of the *Gloria*, there will be something for you at this concert.

St. Paul's Church is on the junction between Augustus Road and Inner Park Road, and free parking is possible along both roads. It is about a 10 minute walk from Southfields tube station, turning right out of the station and up Augustus Road. Bus routes 39 & 493 also pass nearby. Interval refreshments will be available in the adjoining Church Hall and you are encouraged to pre-purchase drinks tickets on arrival at the Church.

Forthcoming Events

Monday 9th June 2008

Quiz Evening with William G Stewart
Drake House, St George's Road, SW19