

**WIMBLEDON**  
CHORAL SOCIETY

# The Year in Song

**Jonathan Dove**

*The Passing of the Year*

plus beautiful music from

Jussi Chydenius

Ola Gjeilo

Morten Lauridsen

Eric Whitacre

conductor

Neil Ferris

piano

Michael Higgins

St John's Church, Waterloo, SE1  
Saturday 15 June 2013, 6pm

tickets: £15, £12, £10 (students)

box office: 020 8605 2266

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Jonathan Dove (British)	<i>The Passing of the Year</i>
Jussi Chydenius (Finnish)	<i>Autumn</i>
Eric Whitacre (US)	<i>Lux Aurumque</i>
Ola Gjeilo (Norwegian)	<i>Northern Lights</i>
George Gershwin (US)	<i>Preludes (piano)</i>
Christian Sinding (Norwegian)	<i>Rustle of Spring (piano)</i>
Morten Lauridsen (US)	<i>Sure on this Shining Night</i>

This concert is a musical exploration expressing the variety and wonder of the seasons of the year. There is no beginning or end to nature's perpetually spinning calendar, and so there need be no strangeness that, in our summer concert, we present poetry concerning 'the flying cloud, the frosty light: the year is dying in the night', or bees in July, or the 'narrow bud that opens her beauties to the sun'.

The summary of nature's cycle in Jonathan Dove's *The Passing of the Year* is complemented by the atmospheric *Northern Lights* by the Norwegian composer, Ola Gjeilo, the languid warmth and richness of Whitacre's *Lux Aurumque (Light and Gold)* representing winter and the 'angels singing softly to the new-born baby', *Autumn* by Finnish composer Chydenius - the jazzy rhythms evoking seasonal mistiness, and the familiar piano piece *Rustle of Spring* by Sinding. Morten Lauridsen's *Sure on this Shining Night* gently conveys the awesome magic of the night in any season.

We hope we can take you on a journey of wonderful poetry by William Blake, Emily Dickinson, Alfred Lord Tennyson, Walter de la Mare and Edward Esch set to extraordinarily expressive music from some of the most talented and accessible contemporary composers. We feel sure that the warmth and beauty of the pieces will envelope you with tranquillity and optimism.

The concert will end at approximately 7.15pm giving ample time for supper or a drink at one of the many places on the South Bank to round off what we hope will be a perfect June evening: see <http://southbanklondon.com/eat-and-drink> for choices and booking, or take a picnic and wander along the river.

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St John's Church is immediately outside Waterloo station at the southern end of Waterloo Bridge. It is very well served by national rail, underground and bus routes and only a few minutes from the Southbank Centre on foot.

## Ticket Information

All tickets are for unreserved seating (apart from members of the Friends of Wimbledon Choral Society). Online ticket sales: <http://www.wimbledon-choral.org.uk/tickets>. For bookings of 10 or more please contact 020 8605 2266 for special terms.

## Future dates

Saturday 16th November 2013, 7.30pm, St John's Church, Waterloo SE1  
Saturday 21st December 2013, 7pm, St Paul's Church, Southfields SW19

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