



The Music of Roses:

A concert for
Archbishop Desmond Tutu

MERBECKE Choir

Saturday 11 July

at Southwark Cathedral

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A Venetian Christmas

with His Majestys Sagbutts
and Cornetts

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Passiontide Concert

Saturday 20 March 2010 at 7.30pm

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The Southwark Cathedral Merbecke Choir was set up to provide former Cathedral choristers with continuation in their choral singing after leaving the boys' and girls' choirs. It also includes other young singers from the surrounding areas. They rehearse once a week and, at present, sing for the Cathedral's monthly service of Compline and Eucharistic Devotions (fourth Sunday of each month at 6.30pm), and occasional extra services throughout the year. The choir also gives a number of concerts each year, specifically at Christmas and Easter. They were broadcast internationally when they sang for the Queen's Christmas Message in 2006.

The Merbecke Choir explores a wide range of musical styles; specifically the choir sings old and new sacred works, coupled with light-hearted pieces.

The Merbecke Choir is directed by Huw Morgan. The group is called the Merbecke Choir in recognition of John Merbecke, the great Tudor composer, who, during the Reformation, was accused of heresy, tried, and condemned to death in Southwark Cathedral. However, 'as he was a mere musician', he was spared.

Programme

Kenneth Leighton (1929-1988)

CRUCIFIXUS PRO NOBIS (OP 38, 1961)

Christ in the Cradle

Christ in the Garden

Christ in his Passion

Hymn

Solo Tenor – Jake White

Words by Patrick Carey and Phineas Fletcher

Michael Bonaventure (B. 1962)

DOXOLOGY

(2008, First Performance)

Solo Countertenor – Tom Little

Maurice Duruflé (1902-1986)

REQUIEM (1947/8)

Introit

Kyrie

Domine Jesu Christe

Sanctus

Pie Jesu

Agnus Dei

Lux Aeterna

Libera Me

In Paradisum

Solo Mezzo-Soprano – Marie Southgate

Solo Baritone – Michael Nicholson

Cello – Vanessa Babington

Peter Wright – **ORGAN**

Huw Morgan – **DIRECTOR**