



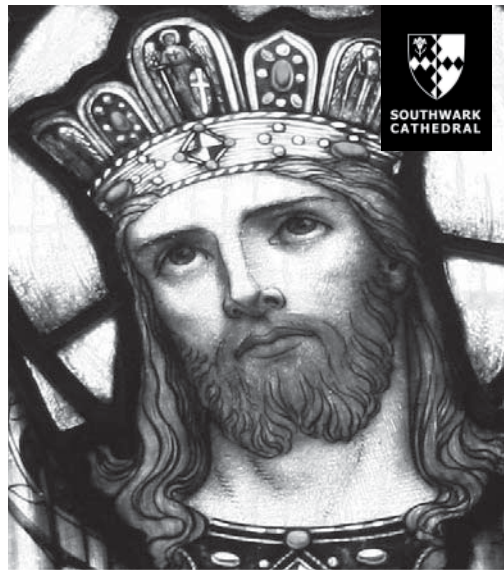
# A Venetian Christmas

with His Majestys Sagbutts and Cornetts

**MERBECKE** Choir

Saturday 5 December  
*at Southwark Cathedral*

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# Durufié: Requiem

**MERBECKE** Choir

Saturday 20 March  
*at Southwark Cathedral*

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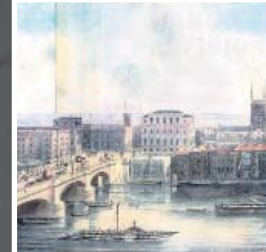
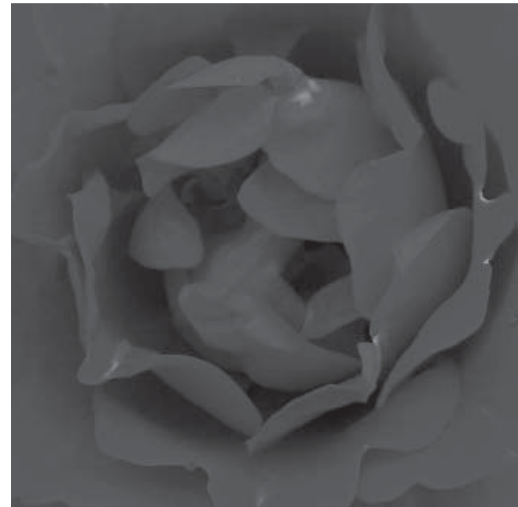


# I Sing of a Rose

In the presence of Archbishop Emeritus Desmond Tutu and Mrs Tutu  
*and on the occasion of the celebrations for the 800<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the first stone built London Bridge.*

**MERBECKE** Choir

Saturday 11 July • 7.30pm  
AT SOUTHWARK CATHEDRAL, SEI 9DA



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# Merbecke Choir

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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

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Tomás Luis de Victoria	<i>Missa Vidi Speciosam – Gloria</i>
Benjamin Britten	<i>Hymn to the Virgin</i>
Jacob Arcadelt	<i>Ave Maria</i>
Francesco Soriano	<i>Regina Caeli</i>
Jacob Handl	<i>Vidi Speciosam</i>
Benjamin Britten	<i>From: Five Flower Songs</i>
	<i>To Daffodils</i>
	<i>The Succession of the Four Sweet Months</i>
	<i>The Evening Primrose</i>
Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky	<i>Legend</i>
Huw Morgan	<i>There is no Rose</i>
Michael Praetorius	<i>Es ist ein Ros entsprungen</i>
Jan Sandstrom	<i>Es ist ein Ros entsprungen</i>
Per Nørgård	<i>Flos ut Rosa floruit</i>
James MacMillan	<i>So Deep</i>
Gerald Finzi	<i>I Praise the Tender Flower</i>
John Wilbye	<i>Lady, when I behold</i>
George Gershwin	<i>Summertime</i>
Bostwick/Morgan	<i>We were gathering up the roses</i>

*Directed by: Huw Morgan*