



Chapelle du Roi

director: *Alistair Dixon*

New Lamps for Old

Paired 16th century and contemporary settings of Liturgical texts

Texts from the liturgy of the church year have inspired composers for more than five hundred years. The legacy of English and continental composers from the Renaissance is rich and varied.

In recent years a 'Second English Renaissance' has seen contemporary composers taking inspiration from plainchant and polyphonic masterworks of the sixteenth century. A new tradition of Renaissance-inspired music flourishes in the hands of contemporary composers such as those featured in this programme.

In **New Lamps for Old** *Chapelle du Roi* explores the links between works by sixteenth century masters such as Thomas Tallis, William Byrd, Giovanni Pierluigi de la Palestrina, Josquin des Prez and contemporary composers from England and America.

Chapelle du Roi's starting point for this programme was a Christmas concert in 2009 when we approached composers who have had some association with the ensemble in the past and to seek their reactions to a collection of texts set by 16th century composers.

The programme met with such acclaim that we have extended the idea to include music that is not specific to Christmas and the result is a programme for all seasons.

Three of the composers have already written commissions for *Chapelle du Roi*. **Gabriel Jackson** wrote *Honor Virtus* for our millennium celebrations where it concluded a programme of music spanning 1000 years. Robert Hugill and Nicholas O'Neill also wrote commissioned works in 2009 and here we include Hugill's setting of *Salve Regina*.

Programme

O Lord Grant the Queen

William Byrd
Francis Pott

Honor Virtus Thomas Tallis
Gabriel Jackson

O Magnum Mysterium Giovanni Palestrina
Morten Lauridsen

Interval

Super Flumina Babylonis Giovanni Palestrina
Humphrey Lucas

Ave Verum Corpus William Byrd
Nicholas O'Neill

Salve Regina Josquin des Prez
Robert Hugill



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