

## The Tallis Scholars: In Dulci Jubilo

Friday, December 13, 2024 7:00 PM

## **PROGRAMME**

In dulci jubilo v.1 Anonymous (14th cent.)

In dulci jubilo vv. 2 and 4 Hieronymus Praetorius (1560–1629)

In principio omnes Hildegard von Bingen (1098–1179)

Salve Regina Jacob Obrecht (1457–1505)

O virtus sapientiae H. von Bingen

Ut queant laxis Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina (1525–1594)

Magnificat Arvo Pärt (b. 1935)

Intermission

O ignis spiritus H. von Bingen

Da pacem A. Pärt

Salve Regina Plainchant

Salve Regina Hernando Franco (1532–1585)

Salve Regina G. P. da Palestrina

Magnificat Tomás Luis de Victoria (1548–1611)

In dulci jubilo Robert Lucas Pearsall (1795–1856)



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Amy Haworth soprano
Victoria Meteyard soprano
Daisy Walford soprano
Rachel Haworth soprano
Caroline Trevor alto
Elisabeth Paul alto
Steven Harrold tenor
Simon Wall tenor
Timothy Scott Whiteley bass
Robert MacDonald bass
Peter Phillips director

The Tallis Scholars return to Chamberfest in a spectacular festive concert in the glorious acoustic of Christ Church Cathedral. In addition to seasonal favourites, they'll share selections by Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina, just ahead of the monumental composer's 500th anniversary in 2025.

"The most traditional way to celebrate Christmas is to turn to Gregorian chant. We do this tonight in three different styles: the interpretation of it by the 12th century abbess Hildegard of Bingen (these are her own compositions); the living Gregorian tradition as shown in settings of the Salve Regina, Ut queant laxis, Magnificat and Nunc dimittis; and as adapted in the medieval popular song In dulci jubilo; and Arvo Pärt's reimagining of this tradition, partly in the Orthodox view. In particular there is his Da pacem, where the alto voice quotes a whole chant melody, running from start to finish of the piece. For a thousand years, chant represented all there was of 'classical' music. And it remains second to none in evoking the atmosphere of the great feast days."

Peter Phillips