

## **Christmas Music through the Ages**

The Choir of Somerville College, Oxford

St Michael at the North Gate

1 December 2010, 7:45pm

David Willcocks (b. 1919)

**Angelus ad virginem**

Francisco Guerrero (1528-1599)

**Canite tuba**

Johannes Eccard (1553-1611)

**When to the temple Mary went** (Maria wallt zum Heiligtum)

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

**Wie soll ich dich empfangen** (from *Christmas Oratorio*)

Dietrich Buxtehude (1637-1707)

**Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland**

*Tristan Mitchard, organ*

Felix Mendelssohn Bartholdy (1809-1847)

**When Jesus, our Lord** (from *Christus*)

Anton Bruckner (1824-1896)

**Virga Jesse floruit**

John Ireland (1879-1962)

**The Holy Boy**

*Douglas Knight, organ*

Sergei Rachmaninov (1873-1943)

**Bogoroditsye Dyevo**

Otto Goldschmidt (1829-1907)

**A tender shoot**

Paul Manz (b. 1919)

**E'en so, Lord Jesus, Quickly Come**

William Mathias (1934-1992)

**Sir Christèmas**

Miloš Sokola (1913-1976)

**Passacaglia quasi toccata on B-A-C-H**

*Tristan Mitchard, organ*

Alun Hoddinott (1929-2008)

**Puer natus**

John Tavener (b. 1944)

**God is with us** (Christmas Proclamation)

Bob Chilcott (b. 1955)

**Nova! nova!**

**David Crown, conductor**

**Douglas Knight, organ**

**Tristan Mitchard, organ**

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### **The Choir of Somerville College, Oxford**

The Choir of Somerville College is one of the upcoming choirs in the university. One of their concerts on their Germany tour at the Gedächtniskirche in Berlin in 2009 was described by the concert promoters as 'the best we have had this year'. The eminent conductor Nicholas Cleobury described the choir's singing as 'wonderful' while renowned composer and conductor Andrew Carter said the choir possessed a 'thrilling sound' on the occasion of the British premiere of his *Californian Canticles*. The choir have sung at Worcester and Southwark cathedrals and in concerts around the UK. One of their concerts in Italy was also broadcast. In the 2010/11 season they will be giving concerts in Oxford and Brighton singing Bach's *St John Passion*, taking part in a major outdoor Christmas music festival in Oxford and singing evensong at Winchester Cathedral. They will also be recording their first professional CD, which will include the Duruflé Requiem with international soloists Christine Rice, Mark Stone and cellist Guy Johnston (BBC Young Musician of the Year). Their conductor, David Crown, has received some excellent reviews for his work and is also music director of the Reading Phoenix Choir (Sainsbury's Choir of the Year Finalists, 2010), The Oxford Singers and the community choir The Wychwood Chorale as well as teaching singing at Oxford and Bristol universities.

**Website:** [www.somervillemusicsociety.com](http://www.somervillemusicsociety.com)

**YouTube Channel:** [www.youtube.com/user/somervillechoir](http://www.youtube.com/user/somervillechoir)

Julia Au, Alexandra Baxter, Hannah Blyth, Katie Borg, David Bowe, Jenni Butler, Lucy Coward, Rosa Schiller Crawhurst, Simon Grange, David Hughes, Gwilym Hughes, Joshua Jordan, Tal Katsir, Ellen Kempston, Douglas Knight, Andreas Kyrris, Amy McCourt, John McElroy, Samantha Miller, Tristan Mitchard, Rebecca Nohl, Stephanie Peate, Clare Phipps, Kate Piddington, Daniel Reeve, Tiago Rito, Christoph Schnedermann, Stefan Schwarz, Elisa Shearer, Samuel Talalay, Aimee Taylor, Kate Travers, Amelia Walsh, Paul Zaba