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The Ripieno Choir
Sean Farrell *organ*
Monteverdi String Band
conducted by David Hansell

15 NOVEMBER

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7.30 pm Saturday
15 November 2014
All Saints' Church
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IN RECENT YEARS, The Ripieno Choir has successfully brought little-known or under-performed pieces to light, to the delight of our audiences. As one of David Hansell's many enthusiasms and specialities, this concert of French Baroque music is another opportunity to hear sensational music rarely performed live.

Jean-Philippe Rameau, whose 250th anniversary we're celebrating, is one of the most important French composers and music theorists of the Baroque period. The principal genre of sacred choral music in France at the time was the *grand motet*, usually a setting of one of the more colourful psalm texts, which were performed during Mass in the Royal Chapels (principally at Versailles) and, from 1725-90, at the *Concerts Spirituels*, one of the first series of public concerts.

The music is particularly notable for its rich and inventive textures, contrasting dramatic choral declamation with fluent and lively counterpoint. This concert will sample a number of works by Rameau and his predecessors and contemporaries, including the magnificent *Litanies* by Marc-Antoine Charpentier, with the brilliant and unusual choral disposition of SSSATB. The outstanding *Mass* (also in six parts) by the almost unknown, though aptly named, Louis le Prince will be an exciting revelation.

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The concert starts at 7.30 and ends at approximately 9.30. Buy your tickets in advance to save money and to be certain of getting your seats – call the box office on 020 3137 0376 or 020 8399 2714, or email vox@ripienochoir.org.uk, or book online at www.ripienochoir.org.uk.

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