

Monteverdi

VESPERS *of* 1610



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7.30 pm Saturday 18 November 2017 · All Saints' Church, Weston Green, Esher KT10 8JL

ALEXANDRA STEVENSON, LUCY CRONIN *sopranos* · NICHOLAS HURNDALL-SMITH,
ANDREW KING, PAUL YOUNG *tenors* · EDMUND DANON, THOMAS HUMPHREYS *basses*
MONTEVERDI STRING BAND · ENGLISH CORNETT AND SACKBUT ENSEMBLE
THE RIPIENO CHOIR · *conducted by* DAVID HANSELL

Tickets: £18 if booked by 5 November, £20 thereafter, £5 for under 18s. Group discounts available. Call 020 8399 2714 or email vox@ripienochoir.org.uk, or book online at www.ripienochoir.org.uk

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Monteverdi's 1610 publication of music for a service of Vespers in honour of the Blessed Virgin Mary is one of the most investigated, argued-over and loved in the history of music. There isn't even agreement over the translation and interpretation of the title page, let alone the

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music. A performance might well bring scorn upon the conductor and, whatever (s)he does, someone will disapprove. However, David Hansell has studied the music and the scholarly arguments over many years, and many performances, and is absolutely confident that he has 'got it right' ... at least in terms of these performers and this occasion!

All the music was written for performance during church services and sounds at its best when at least something of that context is re-created with the addition of instrumental music, simple plainchant and choral motets. Not only will The Ripieno Choir's performance include these, but we shall also be using the full range of instruments specified by Monteverdi – balanced six part ensembles of strings and brass, supported by organ and one of the largest lutes in captivity.

In our beautiful and relatively intimate venue you will be able to hear and enjoy them all.

*The concert will start
at 7.30 pm and
is expected to finish
by 9.15 pm.*

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