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that
JAZZ

Bob Chilcott: A Little Jazz Mass

John Rutter: Gloria

Will Todd: Mass in Blue,
Three Anthems, A Jazz Set

Conductor: Jeremy Backhouse

Soprano: Bethany Halliday

The Will Todd Jazz Band

Vivace
Chorus

Saturday
19th May 2007

7.30pm Guildford Cathedral

Pre-concert Talk

6.30pm Chapter House

Tickets - £20, £15, £10, Students £5
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Vivace Chorus was formerly Guildford Philharmonic Choir

Vivace Chorus presents its third concert of Contemporary Choral Classics.

Listen to the influence of jazz music on leading contemporary composers. Rutter and Chilcott grew up in the classical choral tradition but also write superb jazz music. In contrast, Will Todd is a jazz composer who writes wonderful choral music. A fantastic evening of vibrant music-making is in store – something completely different and not to be missed. Will Todd now lives in Guildford and will be taking part in this first major performance of his work in Guildford, and also giving a pre-concert talk*. Over the past decade, Will has collaborated with various librettists and his work has been performed to great critical and audience acclaim in both England and the United States.

Bob Chilcott sang and composed music for the *King's Singers* for 12 years. He is passionately committed to the belief that music can unite people worldwide. His *Little Jazz Mass* for chorus, piano, string bass and drums is a setting of the Latin *Missa Brevis*. It was first performed in New Orleans in 2004.

John Rutter's orchestration is brilliant, and in his *Gloria* he gives us all the bright colours we have come to expect from him.

Will Todd's *Mass in Blue* clearly comes from the jazz idiom and mixes Blues with Gospel. The soprano solo reveals a very strong Gospel influence. The whole is a mixture of driving jazz rhythms and brilliant choral writing. Will Todd will be at the piano in his band and Bethany Halliday will be our soloist. She has a major solo career and sings extensively with ENO.



Will Todd
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*All ticket holders are invited to the free pre-concert talk at 6.30pm in the Chapter House. (Those attending will be able to reserve their concert seat prior to the talk.) Interval drinks are available to order before the concert begins.

COMING UP NEXT: OUR 60TH BIRTHDAY SEASON

Our 60th birthday season starts on Saturday, 29 September 2007 at Fairfield, Croydon, with a *Last Night of the Proms* celebration – a traditional *Last Night* programme, with other favourites including *The Blue Danube*, excerpts from *Messiah* and Verdi's *Requiem*. As for what's to follow – watch this space!!

All information is correct on going to press, but please check our website (www.vivacechorus.org) in case of any last-minute changes.



There is ramped access into the Cathedral via the west door, and to the Refectory Restaurant and toilet facilities from a clearly marked passage to the University beside the Cathedral Offices. A few wheelchairs are available within the Cathedral.