



# BRAHMS

## EIN DEUTSCHES REQUIEM

# PARRY

Music from the  
Royal Wedding

The Brandenburg Sinfonia  
Conductor: Jeremy Backhouse

**Vivace**  
Chorus

**Saturday**  
**19th Nov 2011**

**Tickets** £11, £16 and £22  
Tourist Information 01483 444334  
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or purchase on our website

[vivacechorus.org](http://vivacechorus.org)

**7.30 pm Guildford Cathedral**  
**6.30 pm Pre-concert talk**

## The Vivace Chorus

In this concert we present all sides of Parry's varied musical personality: the 'official', public composer (*I was glad*, written for the coronation of King Edward VII and sung at every coronation since and at the wedding of Prince William); the passionate master of the choral idiom (*Blest Pair of Sirens*, also sung at the wedding); the curator of the great British tradition of oratorio writing and the finest of tunesmiths (the 'Dear Lord and Father' melody from *Judith*); and the intense, private man (*Elegy for Brahms*, written in memory of his greatest musical influence).

Brahms wrote his 'Requiem in the German language' after the death of both his mother and his dear friend, Robert Schumann. Brahms focuses on the human element of loss, grief and salvation in preference to any specific Christian approach. He toyed with the idea of calling the work 'A Human Requiem'. It contains some of the most beautiful, uplifting and profound musical utterances from the hand of any composer.

**'If there is one piece to hear before you die, it is the Brahms Requiem'**  
- ANDRE PREVIN

### Free pre-concert talk

For all ticket holders, at 6.30pm in the Chapter House

We welcome back one of our favourite speakers,  
Martin Hall - lecturer, conductor and keyboardist

**'Brahms and Parry: two atheists' approaches to religious texts'**

*If you do not have a reserved concert seat,  
you will be able to save a seat in the unreserved area prior to the talk.*

### About the Vivace Chorus

The 150-strong Vivace Chorus has established a reputation for performing first-class concerts across a diverse range of musical repertoire and thrives under the exceptional leadership of our Musical Director, Jeremy Backhouse, who is supported by Francis Pott – not just a very fine rehearsal accompanist but a composer of international reputation and a concert pianist in his own right.

At home with the great choral works of Mahler, Brahms, Verdi, Bach and Elgar, the chorus also enjoys 21st century music having performed Karl Jenkins' *The Armed Man* and Will Todd's *Jazz in Blue* as part of our Contemporary Choral Classics series. In 2009 the chorus commissioned a *Te Deum* by Will Todd, and in 2010 we made the first ever recording of this work.

Our most recent success has been a sell-out performance at the Royal Albert Hall, where we sang Mahler's Symphony No. 8: the Symphony of a Thousand.

We also arrange and go on choir tours to Europe and, closer to home, we are looking forward to singing in the new G Live venue this season.

We welcome new members across all voice parts, and rehearse at Holy Trinity Church, Guildford on Monday evenings from 7.30 – 9.30. To find out more visit [vivacechorus.org](http://vivacechorus.org) or follow us on Twitter and Facebook, or email our membership secretary at [membership@vivacechorus.org](mailto:membership@vivacechorus.org)



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.

## Dates for your diary

**Sun 11 Dec 2011**  
7.00 pm

**The Mayor's  
Christmas  
Concert**

Holy Trinity Church  
Guildford

**Sat 28 Jan 2012**  
10.00 am

**Come and Sing**  
*Monteverdi's Vespers*  
Normandy Village Hall

full details - see [vivacechorus.org](http://vivacechorus.org)

**Sat 17 March 2012**  
7.30 pm

**A Night  
at the Opera**  
Favourites by Mozart,  
Verdi, Puccini and  
others  
G Live  
(Guildford's new venue)

**Sat 19 May 2012**  
7.30 pm

Rachmaninov  
**Piano Concerto  
No 2**  
*Vespers*  
*The Bells*  
Guildford Cathedral

**Pre-concert suppers  
and interval drinks  
are available**

For supper at  
The Cathedral Refectory  
pre-booking is advisable:  
01483 560471

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[vivacechorus.org](http://vivacechorus.org)  
in case of any last-minute changes.