

St MARY ABBOTTS CHURCH  
(corner of Church Street and Kensington High Street)

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## North Holland Chamber Choir

Conductor: Klaas Venneker

Saturday 24 September 1983

at 7.30pm

*Programme £2*

Concert presented by the London Concord Singers

In October 1982 the London Concord Singers visited Holland as guests of the North Holland Chamber Choir. We are therefore delighted that we, in our turn, are able to welcome them to London.

The North Holland Chamber Choir was founded in 1970.

It is a mixed ensemble of 36 voices. Although the choir includes a few professional musicians and some members have received vocal training, it is mainly composed of enthusiastic music lovers who simply enjoy singing good music. The members, varying in age and occupation, come from all over the province of North Holland to rehearse each week in the village of Schoorl, close to the historic town of Alkmaar. One of them is an expatriate Englishman, now working for the EEC in Holland, who indeed used to sing with the London Concord Singers.

In addition to regular concerts in North Holland and other parts of the Netherlands, the choir performs on radio and television. It has participated in international festivals in The Hague and Llangollen and has visited Bulgaria, Denmark and West Germany.

The repertory, as tonight's programme illustrates, spans more than four centuries and is primarily 'a cappella'. In 1982 the choir made a well-received record of music in two sharply contrasting styles, including the rarely-recorded *Liebesliederwalzer* of Brahms.

The conductor, Klaas Venneker, received his degrees in piano and school music from the Conservatory of Amsterdam. For ten years he taught at the Conservatory of Utrecht but terminated his professorship there in 1978 in order to devote more time to conducting. In addition to school music teaching and directing the North Holland Chamber Choir, Mr Venneker also directs several other choirs and opera companies in North Holland.

## PROGRAMME OF MUSIC

Super flumina Babylonis	Palestrina
Ave verum	di Lasso
100th Psalm	Schutz
Warum ist das Licht gegeben	Brahms
Quatre prieres	Poulenc
Laudi alla vergine	Verdi
O sacrum convivium	Messiaen
Ave Maria	Bruckner

## INTERVAL

O joli jeu	Jannequin
Aloette	arr. Geraerds
Three folk songs	arr. Felix de Nobel
Komt vrienden	P van Houwen
Het kwezelken	Henk Badings
Five childhood lyrics	John Rutter

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