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Christ's Nativity: Christmas Suite
together with a programme of seasonal music by Samuel Barber,
Edward Elgar, Ola Gjeilo, Julian Merson, Jan Pieterszoon Sweelinck,
Richard Rodney Bennett and Thomas Hewitt-Jones

Wednesday 14 December 2022 7.30pm

Church of St Botolph without Bishopsgate, Bishopsgate, London, EC2M 3TL Samuel Barber - *Reincarnations*

Edward Elgar - Part Songs, Opus 53 (Deep in my soul, O wild west wind, Owls, There is sweet music)

Ola Gjeilo - Northern Lights Julian Merson - There is no rose Sweelinck - Hodie Christus Natus Est

Richard Rodney Bennett - Five Carols (There is no rose, Out of your sleep, That younge childe, Sweet was the song, Susanni)

Benjamin Britten - *Christ's Nativity* Thomas Hewitt-Jones - *Lullaby My Liking*

London Concord Singers' Christmas programme centre's on Britten's Christmas suite for chorus, *Christ's Nativity*, a remarkable work written in 1931 when he was still a student and testament both to the young composer's fertile imagination in his writing for unaccompanied chorus and to the way the Christmas story fired his imagination. Also in the concert are carols by Richard Rodney Bennett, Julian Merson and Thomas Hewitt-Jones, plus Sweelinck's infectious.

The programme is completed with a group of secular pieces that reflect the Winter season, with Ola Gjeilo's evocative *Northern Lights*, Samuel Barber's *Reincarnations* and Elgar's stunning *Part Songs*, *Opus 53*

London Concord Singers, Conductor Jessica Norton

Tickets price £15 (under 25s £5) from EventBrite

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