

WIMBLEDON CHORAL

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Dear Friend of Wimbledon Choral

I hope you had an enjoyable summer and are looking forward to sharing musical interludes in 2025/2026. After our excellent first year with Daniel, we are rehearsing a challenging and beautiful work to start our second Season. Dvorak's Requiem, on November 15, promises to be an amazing evening with the magnificent music resonating around Southwark Cathedral. We hope you will come, enjoy, & support us. Tickets are available via: www.wimbledon-choral.org.uk/tickets.

At our first rehearsal we were delighted to welcome Ben Giddens as our new accompanist. We look forward to getting to know him and hope that he enjoys being with WCS.

Some of us sing Carmina Burana at the RAH on November 23. If you would like to hear us rehearse please come to St Mark's Wimbledon on Saturday October 11 from 0945–1245.

This year's Carol Concerts are at St Paul's Church at 1530 and 1800 on Saturday December 13 – please save the date.

We perform the world premiere of "The Critical Mass", commissioned by WCS from Tarik O'Regan, on April 18 2026, at the Cadogan Hall – another date to save please.

Our Committee hopes you will be pleased to hear that you have been joined by 3 musicians who have truly earned - and graciously accepted - the title of Honorary Friends - Michael Ashcroft (Music Director, 30 years), Neil Ferris (his successor, 15 years) and Michael Higgins (accompanist for 17 years).

The Committee hopes to extend Friends' involvement with WCS. Ideas include joining rehearsals when a guest composer is present; accessing online lectures; & meeting our music team & soloists before concerts. Have also suggested Membership Cards so you are recognised and welcomed at events. This is in addition to programme listings and reserved seating when possible. If YOU have ideas please let me know?

I think that is all for now other than a gentle reminder that this is the time of year when we invite you to renew your subscriptions as Friends and support us for a further year. If you would like/need to cease being a Friend, please let me know that and thank you for your valued support to date.

Kindest Regards



Friends of Wimbledon Choral

WIMBLEDON CHORAL DVOŘÁK REQUIEM

City of London Sinfonia

Saturday, 15 November 2025,
7.30pm

Southwark Cathedral

London Bridge SE1 9DA

Daniel Mahoney Conductor

Louise Wayman Soprano

Clare McCaldin Mezzo-soprano

Tom Raskin Tenor

Thomas Humphreys Baritone

