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30th December 2025

Dear Fellow Singer

CADOGAN HALL -- BRAHMS AND MENDELSSOHN - 19TH MARCH 2026

I hope that you had an enjoyable Christmas and that you might be able to sing again with GCU in the new year., We will be giving a concert on Thursday 19th March 2026 in Cadogan Hall and some experienced singers would be welcome to support our existing tenors and basses.

Rehearsals from 6.30pm to 9.00pm will begin on Wednesday 7th January 2026 at Queen's Gate House. 65-67 Queen's Gate, London SW7 and will be on every Wednesday evening up to the concert. The programme will include *Ein Deutes Raequiem* by Brahms (in German - Edition Peters) and two pieces by Mendelssohan – *Hear My Prayer* (in English) and *Verleih uns Frieden* (in German). If you have any of these works, please bring them with you, otherwise the Brahms score (Carus edition) can be hired for £2 at rehearsal and the 2 Mendelssohn pieces can be downloaded as follow:

Hear My Prayer -

https://www.cpdl.org/wiki/images/b/b9/Mendelssohn_MWVB49.pdf

Verleih uns Frieden

https://www.cpdl.org/wiki/images/0/0e/Grant_us_thy_peace_Mendelssohn.pdf

There are 11 rehearsals before the concert and singers are requested to attend at least 8 of them though all would be preferable. We are requesting all guest singers to make a payment of £50 to take part in this concert and I hope that you will want to do so and, if possible, to Gift Aid your donation.

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Goldsmiths Choral Union

I hope that you will want to join us for this concert – and perhaps even consider becoming a permanent member of the choir as we have vacancies in both the bass and tenor sections and would welcome new members. The audition to join the choir is not too onerous! It lasts about 15 minutes and consists of some vocal exercises to assess your vocal range, a short song of your own choice which you enjoy singing and a sight reading piece. Please do think about joining us as you would be most welcome.

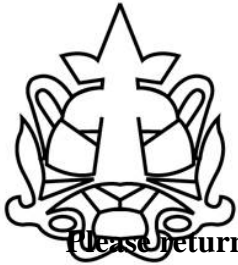
I would be most grateful if you could complete and return the attached forms to me by 5th January 2026 at the latest..

With best wishes for the New Year

Victoria Ware
Guest Singers Secretary

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BACS payments can be made to: HSBC Bank; Sort Code 40-03-04; Account 50388912; Beneficiary - Goldsmiths Choral Union; Ref: 19-3-26/Your Name.

Cheques payable to Goldsmiths Choral Union can be given to the Guest Singers Secretary at rehearsals.

Please tick boxes as appropriate:

CADOGAN HALL – 19TH MARCH 2026

I would like to sing in this concert Yes () No ()

I can attend at least 8 rehearsals Yes () No ()

I will make a BACS payment of £50 Yes () No ()

I will give a cheque for £50 at rehearsals Yes () No ()

I attach a Gift Aid Form (if applicable) Yes () No ()

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Charity Gift Aid Declaration – single donation

Boost your donation by 25p of Gift Aid for every £1 you donate

Gift Aid is reclaimed by the charity from the tax you pay for the current tax year. Your address is needed to identify you as a current UK taxpayer.

In order to Gift Aid your donation you must tick the box below:

I want to Gift Aid my donation of £_____ to:

Name of Charity _____

I am a UK taxpayer and understand that if I pay less Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax in the current tax year than the amount of Gift Aid claimed on all my donations it is my responsibility to pay any difference.

My Details

Title _____ First name or initial(s) _____

Surname _____

Full Home address _____

Postcode _____ Date _____

Please notify the charity if you:

- want to cancel this declaration
- change your name or home address
- no longer pay sufficient tax on your income and/or capital gains

If you pay Income Tax at the higher or additional rate and want to receive the additional tax relief due to you, you must include all your Gift Aid donations on your Self-Assessment tax return or ask HM Revenue and Customs to adjust your tax code.

Charity Gift Aid Declaration – multiple donation

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I want to Gift Aid my donation of £_____ and any donations I make in the future or have made in the past 4 years to:

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I am a UK taxpayer and understand that if I pay less Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax than the amount of Gift Aid claimed on all my donations in that tax year it is my responsibility to pay any difference.

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