



TENEBRAE CHOIR PRESENT PROGRAMME DEDICATED TO IVOR GURNEY

Tenebrae: Artistic Director, Nigel Short

- GRAMMY-NOMINATED CHOIR, TENEBRAE, PERFORM WW1 COMMEMORATIVE PROGRAMME: WE WILL REMEMBER THEM
- CONCERTS AT EXETER AND TRURO CATHEDRALS – THURSDAY 20TH & FRIDAY 21ST SEPTEMBER 2018

“Choral music doesn’t get more magnificent than this.” Classic FM

Tenebrae, one of the world’s most virtuosic professional choirs, presents a powerful pairing of poetry and music in a range of works by Elgar, Gurney, Howells, Parry and Tavener to mark the World War One centenary. Directed by former King’s Singer, Nigel Short, Tenebrae returns to Exeter and Truro Cathedrals for a second successive year. Candlelight and an imaginative use of the concert space draws out the choir’s trademark passion and precision, guaranteeing Tenebrae at its dramatic best.

Ivor Gurney’s elegiac compositions, which are often shadowed by his better-known poetic output, emphasise the importance of remembrance. Music by Gurney and his contemporaries together with a new commission by Judith Bingham for mezzo soprano solo and choir, precede Schoenberg’s unaccompanied choral plea for peace on earth. The British have a culture of commemoration in music and the choral tradition possesses an unmistakable role in giving voice and words to this sentiment.

“Of this programme’s type, I can’t envisage hearing anything better.” BBC Music Magazine

These concerts also mark the release of Tenebrae’s new album, *A Walk with Ivor Gurney*, featuring Aurora Orchestra, Dame Sarah Connolly and Simon Callow. Tenebrae supports the ‘One Day One Choir’ choral initiative to unite people globally to sing for peace on and around Peace Day, September 21st, and these performances are dedicated towards this cause.

PROGRAMME

Edward Elgar: They are at rest

John Tavener: Song for Athene

Ivor Gurney: Since I Believe in God the Father Almighty

Judith Bingham: A Walk with Ivor Gurney (new commission; soloist Martha McLorinan)

Herbert Howells: Take Him, Earth, for Cherishing

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Hubert Parry: Songs of Farewell

Arnold Schoenberg: Friede auf Erden

ABOUT TENEBRAE

Described as *“phenomenal”* (The Times) and *“devastatingly beautiful”* (Gramophone Magazine), award-winning choir Tenebrae, under the direction of Nigel Short, is one of the world’s finest vocal ensembles renowned for its passion and precision. www.tenebrae-choir.com @tenebrae choir

LISTINGS INFORMATION

Date: Thursday 20th and Friday 21st September 2018*

Time: 19:30 (2 halves of 45 minutes)

Venues: Exeter and Truro Cathedrals respectively

Tickets: £5-£28 | Box Office: www.tenebrae-choir.com/events

EPK: www.tenebrae-choir.com/news-media/press-kit

ALBUM INFORMATION

A Walk with Ivor Gurney

Tenebrae, Aurora Orchestra, Dame Sarah Connolly (mezzo soprano), Simon Callow (narrator), Nigel Short (conductor)

Featuring music by Bingham, Gurney, Howells and Vaughan Williams

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