

Bach

Christmas Oratorio



BRISTOL
CHORAL SOCIETY

with **Mark Padmore** Tenor (Evangelist)

Helen-Jane Howells Soprano

Sebastian Field Countertenor

Ashley Riches Bass

Corelli Orchestra

Bristol Choral Society

Adrian Partington Conductor

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Saturday 17 December 2011

7pm, Colston Hall Bristol

TICKETS FROM COLSTON HALL **0117 922 3686**

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PARTS 1, 2, 3 & 6

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There may be no BCS performance of *Messiah* this Christmas, but we have an even greater Christmas present in store: Bach's six-part Nativity-to-Epiphany *Weihnachts-Oratorium* must rank as one of the most exuberant Christmas presents ever unwrapped – a sacred seasonal stocking stuffed with spine-tingling choruses, heartfelt arias and bewitching story-telling – topped and tailed by some of the most jubilant music Bach was to pen.

A superb quartet of soloists will join the choir for this performance (sung in German): soprano Helen-Jane Howells ('Magnificent'), bass Ashley Riches ('Commanding'), countertenor Sebastian Field ('Ravishing'), and the role of the Evangelist is sung by one of the greatest Evangelists of our time, the incomparable Mark Padmore. 'Padmore's great gift ... is to sing from the soul' says *The Evening Standard*; 'Mark Padmore is just about the finest Bach tenor in the business' (*Sunday Telegraph*).

£23, £19, £15, £12, £10.

Under 25s £5.

Concessions available

★ Please note the earlier start time of **7pm** ★

Tickets are available from the **Colston Hall box office** in person, by telephone **0117 922 3686** or online at **www.colstonhall.org** and from **choir members**. Booking fees apply to payments made by card.

Concessions (where available): Under 25s all tickets £5, senior citizens 10% discount, registered disabled £10 plus one free seat for carer.

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Colston Hall

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MINI MESSIAH
Family concert

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Colston Hall

Adults £5, accompanied children under 18 FREE

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