

Mr Handel's Charitable Works

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G. F. Handel

'From Heavenly Harmony'

(excerpts from *Ode to St Cecilia*)

Anthem on the Peace

Foundling Hospital Anthem

'Eternal Source of Light Divine'

(excerpts from *Ode on the birthday of Queen Anne*)

Solomon

(excerpts from the oratorio)

benefiting The Foundling Museum*

Tuesday 22nd November 2011, 7.30pm

St. John's, Smith Square

City of London Choir

Music for Awhile

Hilary Davan Wetton *conductor*

Michael Chance *counter-tenor*

Matthew Long *tenor*

* Registered charity no. 1071167

View of the Foundling Hospital, engraved after a picture by F. Boitard, 1750



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In 1749, Handel generously offered to give a fund-raising concert to help complete the Foundling Hospital in Coram Fields. This historic occasion, for which Handel specially wrote the *Foundling Hospital Anthem* and presented highlights from his new oratorio *Solomon and Anthem on the Peace*, was a great success. Inspired by it, this concert – on St Cecilia's Day – also includes excerpts from Handel's ode to the patron saint of music (*From Heavenly Harmony*) and from his *Ode for the Birthday of Queen Anne*, including the ravishing *Eternal Source of Light Divine*. Queen Anne herself inspired the design of St. John's, Smith Square, the glorious setting for this concert which brings some of Handel's best-loved pieces (including the *Hallelujah* chorus and the *Arrival of the Queen of Sheba*) together with lesser-known gems. Hilary Davan Wetton conducts the City of London Choir, acclaimed period ensemble Music for Awhile and internationally renowned counter-tenor Michael Chance.

**“the youthful City of London Choir under its director
Hilary Davan Wetton proved that magic could be kindled”**

BBC Music Magazine

MICHAEL CHANCE:

**“a seasoned exponent of what is still the best
counter-tenor since Handel's time”**

The Guardian

The Foundling Museum in Bloomsbury tells the story of the Foundling Hospital, London's first home for abandoned children. Established in 1739 by philanthropist Captain Thomas Coram, its Governors included Handel and artist William Hogarth. Their gifts to the Hospital of performances and artworks led to it becoming London's first public art gallery and setting the template for the way the arts could support philanthropy.

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