

the
RIPIENO
choir

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Ripieno Choir
Siglo de Oro
Spinacino Consort
Conducted by Patrick Allies

Saturday 3 January at 7pm
All Saints, Weston, Esher, KT10 8JL

Tickets
£18 for adults
(£12 with voucher – see overleaf)
£5 for ages 18 to 30
Free for accompanied under 18s

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Byrd O Magnum Mysterium; In Winter Cold • **Dowland** The Earl of Essex Galliard
Traditional English This is the Truth Sent From Above • **Ravencroft** Remember, O Thou Man
16th century As I Outrode This Enderes Night • **Traditional Irish** The Darkest Night in December
Peerson Upon My Lap My Sovereigne Sits • **17th century Broadside Ballad** Hey for Christmas!
Playford Granny's Delight; Drive the Cold Winter Away; The Beggar Boy; Paul's Wharf; A Wassail Tune
Hamond Sweet Was the Song the Virgin Sang • **Smert** Sir Christemas

Ripieno is delighted to invite you to our exciting collaboration with Patrick Allies' professional vocal ensemble, Siglo de Oro, and early music instrumentalists Spinacino Consort in this joyful celebration of Christmastide.

We imagine the warmth of a mid-17th century London townhouse parlour, where family and friends gather for the twelve days of Christmas – a season of music, feasting and revelry. By candlelight and fire glow, voices rise in carols both sacred and secular, mingling with the lively strains of theorbo, lute, recorder, bass viol and percussion.

Our programme recreates the sounds of Christmas past, from Byrd's serene

O magnum mysterium and Peerson's tender lullaby *Upon my Lap my Sovereigne Sits*, to the rustic energy of Playford's *Dancing Master* tunes. We meet familiar melodies in a fresh guise – *The Darkest Night in December* and *This is the Truth Sent from Above* – alongside catches, rounds and Irish carols that trace the season's joy from church to tavern.

The evening culminates in the riotous ballad *Hey for Christmas*, a boisterous toast to food, drink, dancing and good cheer.

Join us for a programme The Arts Desk described as "a whole lot of fun" (Wigmore Hall, 2023) as we raise our voices – and perhaps our glasses – to welcome in the New Year, 17th-century style!

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