

The Private Music



*Renaissance Music
of Utter Beauty and Calm*

with special guest

Dame Emma Kirkby

Sam Brown (lute)

Andrea Brown (conductor)

Programme to include:

William BYRD

Mass for Four Voices

Thomas TALLIS

Lamentations of Jeremiah I

John DOWLAND

Three Lute Songs

Tickets

£15 and £20 (under 16s half price)

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Ticketsource 0333 666 3366 (booking fee)

Taunton TIC & at the door

Somerset Chamber Choir

TAUNTON MINSTER TA1 1SA

Sunday 18th February 2024 at 3.00pm



The year 1535 was one of the bloodiest of Henry VIII's reign and, for anybody close to the king, this was a dangerous time. As Protestant thinking took hold, composers were in the line of fire. The rules were changing: Catholic forms of music, Latin and traditional texts were no longer acceptable. Composers had to adapt quickly or the executioner's axe might await them. Our programme focuses on composers who somehow continued to write the most glorious music despite being forced to bend, often against their will, to each new monarch in quick succession.

Our concert showcases Renaissance music of singular beauty. In this, the choir's 40th anniversary year, we are very excited to be joined by our Patron, the internationally acclaimed Dame Emma Kirkby.

We hope you will join us to enjoy this very special concert. This beautiful Minster, dedicated to St Mary Magdalene, was completed in 1508 in decorated Tudor style - it could not be a more apt and atmospheric location to hear such wonderful music. Tickets are available to Friends Scheme members from 20th November and to the public from 18th December, full details at someretchamberchoir.org. The approximate running time is 90 minutes including interval; the church and its facilities are easily accessible.

A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY - Sat 27th July 2024 • 7pm WELLS CATHEDRAL

40th ANNIVERSARY CONCERT

SOUND THE TRUMPET!

with Somerset Chamber Choir & Florilegium

J S BACH | TALLIS | H PRAETORIUS | PURCELL | HANDEL

Alongside a distinguished cast of musicians, Somerset Chamber Choir invites you to share its joyous celebration of 40 years' music-making, comprising a rather unique performance of Tallis's 40-part motet *Spem in Alium* and other jewels of the Renaissance and Baroque.



Somerset Chamber Choir
Singing is our passion
Patron: Dame Emma Kirkby

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