

Music at St James' presents

A Marriage of England and Spain Saturday 27 July at 5:00pm, St James' Church



A feast of music to celebrate the marriage of Queen Mary to Philip II of Spain

Queen Mary I and King Philip II of Spain were married in what would have been one of the most magnificent ceremonies of the sixteenth century, held in Winchester Cathedral on St James' Day, 25 July. Philip's band of musicians travelled from Spain to England to combine with the English Royal Chapel and Winchester Cathedral musicians, performing sumptuous music by the finest English and Spanish composers of the time, such as Morales and Tallis. In celebration of the Patronal Festival of St James and inspired by the grand wedding of 1554, The Choir of St James' presents *A Marriage of England and Spain*, featuring works by the great Tudor composers, Taverner, Tallis and Byrd, interspersed with pieces by Cabazón, Guerrero and Morales.

The Choir of St James', directed by Warren Trevelyan-Jones, enjoys a reputation of being one of the finest choirs in Australia. It is one of the oldest musical establishments in Australia and is linked to the earliest days of the colony of New South Wales; some of its early members were convicts. The Choir maintains a schedule of regular weekly choral services, Sunday Cantata Services, Orchestral Masses, and its own Subscription Concert Series. It has a large and varied repertoire encompassing music from the Middle Ages to the contemporary, and it is committed to supporting new Australian works, including compositions written by past and present members of the Choir. Past collaborations include working with Paul McCreesh and the Gabrieli Consort & Players, The Tallis Scholars, The King's Singers, Opera Australia, Sydney Symphony Orchestra, Australian Baroque Brass, The Australian Haydn Ensemble, and soloists Yvonne Kenny, Greta Bradman and Teddy Tahu Rhodes.

The Choir also undertakes a comprehensive programme of recording, broadcasting and touring, interstate and overseas. In 2018, it returned to Gallipoli and sang at the ANZAC Day Dawn Service, as well as performing to critical acclaim at the Coriole Music Festival in Adelaide, and in Hobart at Festival of Voices.

Music at St James' presents The Choir of St James' directed by Warren Trevelyan-Jones in *A Marriage of England and Spain*, Saturday 27 May, 2019, 5:00pm at St James' Church, 173 King Street, Sydney.

Tickets \$50/\$45 | To book call (02) 8256 2222 or visit www.cityrecitalhall.com

The Friends of Music at St James' event, *Champagne and Sushi* follows the concert at 6:30pm in the Crypt of St James' Church. Tickets \$10 for Friends of Music Members; \$20 Non-Members. Bookings essential. Book via friendsofmusicsydney@gmail.com

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