

Masterclass and concerts: Choral Christmas Music

by and with Bob Chilcott - Delft - 1 & 2 December 2018

This project offers 36 experienced and well-prepared amateur singers the opportunity to sing three of Bob Chilcott's choral pieces for the Christmas season under the guidance of the composer himself: *Gloria* (2016), *My Perfect Stranger* (2017) and *Gifts for the child of winter* (2014). The following day, Bob Chilcott will conduct the singers and accompanying musicians as they perform these pieces at two concerts.

From the applications received we will select 10 sopranos, 10 altos, 8 tenors and 8 basses.

Schedule

October - November

Singers will prepare both pieces at home. You will be expected to be independently note-perfect on the first rehearsal!

Saturday 1 December

10:00 - 12:00 am: Rehearsal with pianist, led by a 'repetiteur'

12:00 - 2:15 pm: Lunchbreak. (Bring a packed lunch or have lunch in the city centre: there are plenty of cafés and restaurants just a 5 minute walk away.)

2:30 - 5:30 pm: Master workshop: rehearsal led by Bob Chilcott, with instrumentalists and tenor soloist present.

Sunday 2 December

1:00 pm: brief rehearsal led by Bob Chilcott

2:00 pm: concert 1;

16.15 pm: concert 2

Drinks and chat afterwards.

Venue

The rehearsal, master workshop and concert all take place in a beautiful historic 'hidden' church, the Old Catholic Church of St Mary & St Ursula, Bagijnhof 21, Delft.

Costs

Taking part as a singer costs € 105. This includes: sheet music; rehearsal led by *repetiteur*; master workshop and final rehearsal led by Bob Chilcott; accompaniment by instrumentalists; soloist; coffee and tea; closing drinks.

Musicians

Bas van Houte, *repetiteur*
Jeroen de Ridder, pianist & organist
Yolanda Davids, harpist
André Betsema, tenor

Applicant profile

- You're an advanced and experienced amateur choir singer;
- you can learn your voice part by yourself from the sheet music;
- by 1 December you'll know your part through and through;
- you're confident that your voice has no trouble whatsoever in dealing with each of the pieces (as a result of voice production classes, singing lessons, or experience);
- your brief 'Singing CV' shows that this master workshop is right for you; you are super enthusiastic!

Applications

Applications are due 1 October and will be judged in order of receipt. There is a link to the application form on the website, but as yet there's no English version. If you don't speak Dutch, simply send an e-mail to: info@koorschooldelft.nl and we'll deal with your application separately.

About Payment

Your registration is definite and your place reserved once we have received your payment.

If you cancel before 31 October, you will receive a full refund (€ 105).

If you cancel from 31 October through 15 November, your refund will be 50 % (€ 52.50).

If you cancel after 15 November, you will only receive this 50% refund if there is someone on the waiting list who is able to take your place.

If you cancel later than 24 November, we regret no refund can be made.

