

Orlando Gibbons and the music of Westminster Abbey



Patrick Craig conductor

Jack Gonzalez-Harding organ

Saturday 7 June 2025 at 7.30pm Shoreham Church TN14 7SB

Tickets £15 (£7 students) www.ticketsource.co.uk or visit Sevenoaks Bookshop (cash or cheques only) 01959 523765 (also available on the door) www.temenos-chamberchoir.org.uk

Shoreham organ (formerly from Westminster Abbey)

0 Clap your Hands

Temenos is celebrating the wonderful music of the great Jacobean composer **Orlando Gibbons**, organist of Westminster Abbey, who died 400 years ago.

Along with choral anthems, including the exultant *O Clap your Hands*, the programme also features his tender, and melancholy madrigal *The Silver Swan*, and works by some of his predecessors and successors including John Blow and Henry Purcell.

There are two solo items: Patrick Craig will sing Pelham Humfrey's moving *Hymne to God the Father*, and we are delighted to welcome back Jack Gonzalez-Harding, brilliant organist and conductor who will play *Fantasia on Four Partz* by Gibbons.

It's very appropriate that Shoreham Church's beautiful organ case and pulpit came originally from Westminster Abbey.

Music Director **Patrick Craig** is a countertenor, conductor and lecturer. He is a Vicar Choral in St Paul's Cathedral where he founded *Aurora Nova*, the first all-female professional choir to lead services in the Cathedral.

He is a member of *The Cardinall's Musick*, and sang a thousand concerts with *The Tallis Scholars*. He has taught and directed choral workshops and courses across Europe, and now regularly lectures for the Arts Society, exploring the historical and cultural contexts of sacred music.

Temenos chamber choir was founded in 1988, developing from a specialist early music group into a choir which enjoys tackling chamber music of all periods.

New members are always welcome: To find out about joining and for further information, please see our website www.temenos-chamberchoir.org.uk

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