

January 2017 to July 2017

RECENT SOLOIST AND CHORAL CD RELEASES FROM TRADITIONAL CHOIRS IN CATHEDRALS, COLLEGES, Etc.

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CD RELEASES FEATURING TREBLE SOLOISTS

LONDON: LIBERA

CD: **Hope**

Sung by Boy Choristers (14 tracks, all with named treble soloists)

Music by various composers (e.g. Julie Gold, John Harle, Mark McKenzie, Takatsugu Muramatsu, Philippe Rombi, Franz Schubert, etc.) arranged by Robert Prizeman

Label: Invisible Hands Music IHCD75. Released 06-17. Amazon £13.69

An absolutely magnificent showcase for superb treble voices. Includes the beautiful (but unusual for Libera) track *Three Ravens*, sung by treble soloist Gregor Lumsden.



UK RELEASES FEATURING TRADITIONAL MAN/BOY CHOIRS

This list includes CD releases from traditional man/boy cathedral and college choirs, and some all-boy choirs, that have appeared since the previous list of January 2017

CAMBRIDGE: KING'S COLLEGE CHOIR

2-CD: **Bach: St. John Passion**

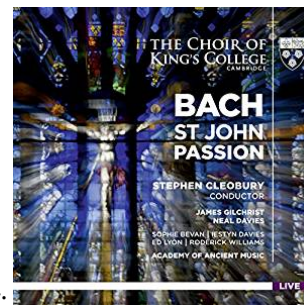
Sung by Boy Choristers and Men (together with both male and female visiting soloists: James Gilchrist, Neal Davies, Ed Lyon, Roderick Williams, Sophie Bevan. etc.).

20 tracks

Music by: Johann Sebastian Bach BWV245 (Sung in German)

Label: King's College Choir. Released 08-17. Amazon £10.78 to £13.57.

Although a contemporary catalogue notes that Bach composed five Passions, the music survives for only the St. John and the St. Matthew. Often described as intense, vivid, dramatic and riveting, the St. John is the shorter of the two, and was first performed in 1724. This 2-CD set was recorded live during the Easter 2016 College celebrations.



CAMBRIDGE: ST. JOHN'S COLLEGE CHOIR

Box Set of 42-CDs: **The Complete Argo Recordings**

Sung by Boy Choristers and Men

Music by: Too many composers to list here, but there are CDs devoted to Beethoven, Bononcini, Britten, de Victoria, Durfle, Faure, Haydn, Liszt, Monteverdi, Mozart, Palestrina, Pergolesi, Purcell, Stainer, Tallis & Sheppard, Vivaldi, and Weelkes. Other CDs feature, for example, Christmas music, Psalms, etc.

Label: Decca. Released 06-17. Amazon £77.82 to £80.93

If you still have a precious mono collection of Argo vinyl discs issued by the St. John's College Choir, this may be the moment to consider replacing them with this Box Set. At approximately £2 per disc, it's a marvelous bargain.



LONDON: WESTMINSTER CATHEDRAL CHOIR

CD: **John Sheppard: Media Vita & Other Sacred Music**

Sung by Boy Choristers and Men. 21 tracks

Music by: John Sheppard

Label: Hyperion CDA68187. Released 07-17. Amazon £10.04 to £13.

Besides Sheppard's *Media Vita* (9 tracks), this release includes his 6-voice Marian motet *Gaude, Gaude, Gaude Maria* (5 tracks), and the *Missa Cantate* (7 tracks), and has been lauded as a masterpiece, with "the treble sound [being] nothing less than ethereal" (Classics Today).



OXFORD: CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL CHOIR

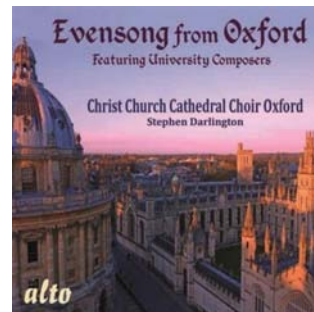
CD: **Evensong from Oxford**

Sung by Boy Choristers and Men 10 tracks

Music by: Rose (Versicles & Responses), Ouseley (Chant, Psalm 12), Parratt (Chant, Psalm 13), Armstrong (Chant, Psalm 14), Parry (Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis, The Great Service), Walton (Coronation Te Deum), etc.

Label: Alto ALC1349. Released 04-17 (Original recording 03-02).

Amazon £5.99 to £7.62



OXFORD: NEW COLLEGE CHOIR

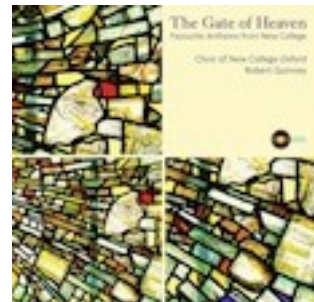
CD: **The Gate of Heaven: Favourite Anthems from New College Oxford**

Sung by Boy Choristers and Men. 10 tracks

Music by: Patrick Hadley, Willam Harris, Matthew Martin, Rhian Samuel, J.V. Stanford

Label: Novum NCR1391. Released 04-17. Amazon £9.85 to £13.48.

The Anglican Choral tradition is famous for its anthems, and New College's selection celebrates the richness of the repertoire that has specific Oxford connections. Certain anthems grew out of the Oxford movement in the 19th century and then, later, European influences can be seen. Nowadays new anthems are still being created, as shown by the latest compositions from Matthew Martin and Rhian Samuel.



CD: **Like as the Hart: Music for the Templars Garden**

Sung by Boy Choristers and Men (with treble soloists in many of the tracks). 10 tracks

Music by: Dietrich Buxtehude, George F. Handel, Herbert Howells, Johannes (Jean de) Ockeghem, Giovanni Palestrina, Antony Pitts, Heinrich Schutz, Thomas Tallis, John Taverner, etc.

Label: Novum NCR1392. Released 06-17. Amazon £10.55 to £13.48.

This CD explores six centuries of the settings of Psalm 42 *Like as the Hart*, and has been designed to accompany Catherine Clover's new novel entitled "The Templar's Garden"



OVERSEAS RELEASES

GERMANY

STUTTGARTER HYMNUS-CHORKNABEN / STUTTGART BOYS CHOIR

CD: **Johann Adam Hiller**

Sung by Boy Choristers and Men. 20 tracks

Music by: Johann A. Hiller: adaptation of Pergolesi's *Stabat Mater*; Psalm 5; Psalm 100

Label: Scene. Originally released 05-15. Amazon £11.95 to £17.20.



TOLZER KNABENCHOR / TOLZER BOYS CHOIR

The famous Tölzer Knabenchor was founded in 1956 in Bad Tölz, Bavaria, as a singing group of boy-scouts, and this town remains an important centre for the group. However, since 1970 the choir has largely operated from Munich, where most of the 200 choir members live. The boys and men specialise in singing medieval, baroque, church, and local Bavarian folk music, and form "one of the best choirs in the world". Neither of the CDs noted below are "new" but are presently available in Britain.

CD: Mozart: Sanctus

Sung by Boy Choristers, with adult soloists (11 tracks)

Music by: Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

Label: Sony Music. Originally released 06-15. Amazon £4.38 to £5.86.

CD: "Grüaß di Gott - Die schönsten deutschen und alpenländischen Heimatlieder"

Sung by Boys, or Men, or Boys+Men (23 tracks)

Music by: Various composers

Label: MCP Sound & Media. Originally released 05-14. Amazon £8.97 to £11.20

Sung by the boys, or the men, or both groups together, one gets the impression that these lilting Bavarian folk tunes are what the choir most enjoys singing. The tuneful accompaniment is by accordion, bass, clarinet, dulcimer, harp, and zither (and enjoy the awesome treble soloist who appears in Tracks 1, 4 and 19).



New UK Release just announced

CAMBRIDGE: ST. JOHN'S COLLEGE CHOIR

CD: Kyrie: Poulenc; Kodaly; Janacek

Sung by Boy Choristers and Men

Music by: Francis Poulenc (Mass in G major, FP89); Zoltan Kodaly (Missa Brevis);

Leos Janacek (Otcenas, JW IV/29). 18 tracks

Label: Signum SIGCD 489. To be released 09-17. Amazon £11.73 to £ 13

Three masterpieces of 20th-century music. And, interestingly, Poulenc's Mass was last recorded by this Choir more than 40 years ago, under the baton of George Guest



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June 2016 to January 2017

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CD RELEASES FEATURING TREBLE SOLOISTS

CD: Aksel! Arias by Bach, Handel & Mozart

Sung by: Aksel Rykkvin, Norwegian-born treble soloist.

Music: An hour of 18 of the most famous arias from three of the world's foremost composers sung by an awesome treble voice, whose astonishing vocal versatility, coloratura and control have held audiences spellbound. Recorded in Britain, on a UK label, this is a disc that should be in the collection of anybody who loves truly glorious vocal music. Accompaniment is by The Orchestra of the Age of Enlightenment.
Label: Signum. Released 11-16. Amazon £9.45 to £13.57



CD: Aled Jones: One Voice at Christmas

Sung by: Aled Jones as an adult, in duets with himself singing as a boy-treble soloist.

Music: This is the second volume of Aled the Man, and Aled the Boy, singing duets together. The programme comprises 13 traditional Christmas favourites, including a completely new arrangement of "Walking in the air", and a new Howard Goodall setting of "It came upon a midnight clear."

Label: Classic FM / Decca. Released 11-16. Amazon £5 to £10.99



UK RELEASES FEATURING TRADITIONAL MAN/BOY CHOIRS

This list includes CD releases from traditional man/boy cathedral and college choirs, and some all-boy choirs that have appeared since the previous list of July 2016.

CAMBRIDGE: KING'S COLLEGE CHOIR

CD: Hymns from King's

Sung by: Boy Choristers and Men

Music by: William Croft, J.B.Dykes, George Elvey, John Goss, G.F.Handel, John Ireland, W.H.Monk, R.H.Pritchard, William Rowlands, Vincent Taylor, Ralph Vaughan Williams, John Wainwright, etc.

Label: Kings KGS-0014 Released 06-16. Amazon £6.32 to £9.66

Covering the entire church year including Christmas and Easter, the CD contains arrangements, accompaniments and descants created by choirmaster Stephen Cleobury for some of the world's most popular hymns as they are sung at King's College.



CD: Evensong Live 2016

Sung by: Boy Choristers and Men

Music by: George Jenjamin, Orlando Gibbons, Francis Grier, Herbert Howells, Kenneth Leighton, Oliver Messiaen, C.Hubert Parry, Henry Purcell, C.V.Stanford, Michael Tippett, Christopher Tye, William Walton, Judith Weir, R.Vaughan Williams.

Label: Kings KGS-0015 Released 07-16. Amazon £6.27 to £9.75

A selection of live recordings of the best weekly webcasts from King's College recorded during the preceding (2014-2015) academic year.



CD: Favourite Carols from King's

Sung by: Boy Choristers and Men

Music: A superb selection of Christmas carols, many in new arrangements by e.g. Ivor Atkins; Stephen Cleobury; Henry Walford Davies; Reginald Jacques; Hugh Keyte; Philip Ledger; Edgar Pettman; Simon Preston; David Willcocks; Ralph V.Williams; and Charles Wood.

Label: Kings KGS-0007. Released 11-14. Amazon £6.92 to £9.75

This release features 25 popular carols which have been heard in recent years in the choir's "Festival of Nine Lessons & Carols". Adam Banwell is the treble soloist in *Once in Royal David's City*.



CAMBRIDGE: ST. JOHN'S COLLEGE CHOIR

CD: Christmas with St. John's

Sung by: Boy Choristers and Men

Music by: Andrew Carter; Robert Chilcott; Peter Cornelius; Henry Walford Davies; Michael Finnis; (his *John the Baptist* at Track 16 was commissioned by the choir); John Gardner; Philip Ledger; William Mathias; Cecilia McDowall; Anthony Milner; Boris Ord; John Rutter; Carl Rutt; Peter Warlock; William Whitehead, etc.

Label: Signum Classics SIGCD458. Released 10-16. Amazon £8.99 to £13.57. Reviewers particularly praised the choir's trebles.



LONDON: LIBERA

2xCD Set: Ave Maria

Sung by: Boy Choristers

Label: EMI Japan TOCP 90006 Released 11-16. Amazon £18.49

Japanese import: Note that when titles imported from Japan (and elsewhere) are sold out in the UK, it is often possible to find the same title on the (American) amazon.com website, where prices are shown in US\$.

CD 1 has 15 tracks and CD 2 has 17 tracks. As is usual, much of the music has been arranged by the Choir's Director, Robert Prizeman.



CD: Libera at Christmas

Sung by: Boy Choristers

CD-Single containing five tracks: Carol of the bells; Silent Night; Santa will find you; Wexford Carol and Hymn to Mary

Label: Invisible Hands Music IHCD73. Released 11-16. Amazon £4.36

Besides being a useful stocking-filler, this item is also ideal for those unfamiliar with this choir's unique music, and who are seeking a taster of what the boys offer.



LONDON: WESTMINSTER ABBEY CHOIR

CD: Finzi; Bax; Ireland: Choral Music

Sung by: Boy Choristers and Men

Music by: Gerald Finzi (1901-1956), Sir Arnold Bax (1883-1953), and John Ireland (1879-1962), three English composers who developed and extended the Anglican choral tradition in the last century

Label: Hyperion CDA 68167. Released 01-17. Amazon £9.37 to £13.00

Finzi's *Lo the Full, Final Sacrifice, Op.26* features treble Sebastian Braw-Smith, and the *Magnificat, Op.36* features treble Jeremy Suppey, while two of Ireland's works (including *Greater Love Hath No Man*) feature treble Daniel Livermore.



OXFORD: CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL CHOIR

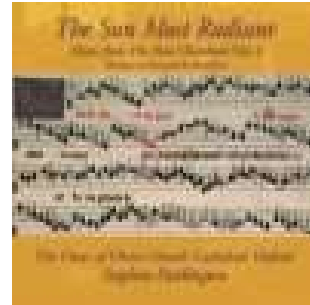
CD: The Sun Most Radiant - Music from the Eton Choir Book, Vol. 4

Sung by: Boy Choristers and Men

Music by: John Browne*, William Horwood*, and William, Monk of Stratford (*denotes a first recording).

Label: Avie AV 2359 Released 09-16. Amazon £9.76 to £13.97

The fourth volume of early Tudor polyphony, much of it intricate and with a strong focus on the Choir's boy trebles. Highly praised by all reviewers.



OXFORD: MAGDALEN COLLEGE CHOIR

CD: On Christmas Night

Sung by: Boy Choristers and Men

Music by: J.S.Bach, Johannes Brahms, Benjamin Britten, Harold Darke, John Joubert, Richard H.Lloyd, William Mathias, John Rutter, Peter Warlock, Ralph V. Williams (with baritone Roderick Williams), etc.

Label: Opus Arte OACD9022D. Released 09-16. Amazon £10.65 to £13.48

A programme of 20th Century carols, encompassing many traditional Christmas favourites as well as a selection of innovative arrangements.



CD: Thomas Tomkins: Anthems & Canticles

Sung by: Boy Choristers and Men

Music by: Thomas Tomkins (1572-1656)

Label: Opus Arte OACD9040D. Released 07-16. Amazon £9.54 to £13.48

The 17-track programme includes five verse anthems for choir and viols, with accompaniment from the early music ensemble Phantasm – thereby very possibly recreating the sound originally heard in the Elizabethan Chapel Royal. Plus other striking choral works by Tomkins, scored for from three to six viols.



PORTSMOUTH CATHEDRAL CHOIR

CD: Ascension

Sung by: Boy Choristers and Men

Music by: James Dunlop. For a detailed review of the music please see <http://www.voix-des-arts.com/2015/12/best-choral-recording-of-2015-james.html>

Label: Riverwood Air RAWCD01. Released 11-15. Amazon £10.99 to £13.72

Twelve tracks of a *cappella* choral music (some set to religious texts).



TRURO CATHEDRAL CHOIR

CD: **Vox Clara**

Sung by: Truro Cathedral Choir men and boys (with Luke Bond at the organ)

Music by: Gabriel Jackson, including first recordings for 14 items, seven of them written for the Truro Choir, with the acclaimed “The Wind Blowing and That Tide” created for treble voices in a collaborative workshop by Jackson and the Cathedral’s Choristers – and incorporating their suggestions.

Label: Regent Records REGCD 479. Released 07-16.

Amazon £6.70 to £11.33; Regent Records £10.



WINCHESTER CATHEDRAL CHORISTERS

EP-CD: **Winchester Cathedral 50th Anniversary**

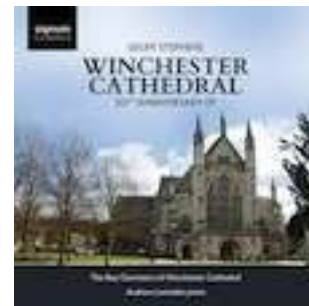
Sung by: The Boy Choristers of Winchester Cathedral

Music by: Geoff Stephens, Harold Arlen, and Rodgers & Hammerstein

Label: Signum Classics SIGCD449. Released 3-16.

Amazon £2.14 to £6.17

Fifty years ago, in 1966, Geoff Stephens released his CD “Winchester Cathedral” for the New Vaudeville Band, and saw it shoot up the music charts in Canada and the USA, selling 3 million copies. It then won a Grammy Award. To celebrate the Anniversary of that release, the original words have been adapted by Choirmaster Andrew Lumsden for the boys to sing on one of the 3 tracks of this EP.



OVERSEAS RELEASES

Some recent choral man-boy CDs recorded overseas are now available via Amazon within the UK. Please note that all prices are subject to change without notice, and that postage charges are extra.

AUSTRIA

WIENER SÄNGERKNABEN / VIENNA BOYS CHOIR

CD: **Gute Hirten**

Sung by : Boys of the world-famous Vienna Boys Choir

Music by: Katherine Davis; Franz Gruber; Georg F.Handel; Noel Regney; Heinrich Schutz; Jacovus Vaet, etc., together with traditional festive-season music (including from Ireland and Spain).

Label: Resound 2014-001 GH S. Released 11-16.

Amazon £15.40 to £15.43

This Christmas disc offers 22 favourites tunes, ten of them with English titles.



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JULY 2016:

RECENT SOLOIST AND CHORAL CD & DVD RELEASES FROM BOY & MAN/BOY CHOIRS IN CATHEDRALS, COLLEGES, Etc.

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UK RELEASES FEATURING TREBLE SOLOISTS

For other releases featuring the solo treble voice, see below under Overseas CD Releases.

CD: Aled Jones: One Voice

Sung by Aled Jones as an adult, in duets with himself singing as a boy-treble soloist.

Music by Edward Purcell, R. Vaughan Williams, and traditional tunes

Label: Classicfm CFMD42. Released 04-16

Amazon £5 to £10.99

Superb duets by Aled the boy and Aled the man, in a programme comprising:

1. Eriskay Love Lilt **2.** The Lark In The Clear Air **3.** Danny Boy **4.** Come To Me Soothing Sleep **5.** The Rowan Tree **6.** Ar Hyd Y Nos **7.** Linden Lea **8.** The Ash Grove **9.** Dafydd Y Garreg Wen **10.** The Plough Boy **11.** Passing By **12.** O Waly, Waly **13.** Ye Banks And Braes O'Bonnie Doon



UK RELEASES FEATURING CHOIRS

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BOX SETS

VARIOUS CHOIRS

5-CD Box Set *The Treasury of English Church Music*

Sung by: Ambrosian Singers; Boys of All Saints' Margaret Street; Chichester Cathedral Choir; Guildford Cathedral Choir; Hampstead Parish Church Choir; St. Paul's Cathedral Choir; Temple Church Choir;

Wells Cathedral Choir; Westminster Abbey Choir; and Worcester Cathedral Choir.

Music by: William Byrd, William Cornysh, John Dunstable, Orlando Gibbons, Henry Purcell; Thomas Tallis, John Travers, etc.

Label: EMI Classics 084640-2-6. Originally Released on Vinyl in 1965

Amazon £10.40 to £25

The original 5 HMV LPs used five choirs to illustrate the church music of five eras:

Volume 1: 1100 to 1545 The Ambrosian Singers (conducted by Denis Stevens)

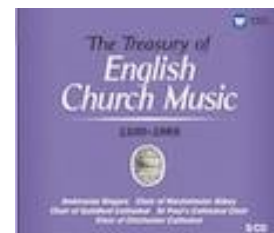
Volume 2: 1545 to 1650 Westminster Abbey Choir (conducted by Douglas Guest)

Volume 3: 1650 to 1760 Guildford Cathedral Choir (conducted by Barry Rose)

Volume 4: 1760 to 1900 St Pauls Cathedral Choir (conducted by John Dykes Bower)

Volume 5: 1900 to 1965 Chichester Cathedral Choir (conducted by John Birch)

However, this 5-CD re-issue includes a large number of bonus tracks, so there are now 88 separate tracks to enjoy, all of them featuring traditional man/boy (or all-boy) choirs. Not a new recording, but certainly worth considering as a purchase that will give you hours of listening pleasure.



ST. PHILIPS BOYS' CHOIR

3-CD Box Set: Angel Voices at Christmas

Sung by Boy Choristers and (in some tracks) adult male voices. Includes treble-solo tracks e.g. "Once in Royal David's City", etc.

Music by: Various composers, and Traditional (arr Robert Prizeman). Some tracks have accentuated percussion.

Label: Crimson CRIMCD585. Released: 11-15

Amazon £4.25 to £5.99

A compilation of 57 of the most popular Christmas hymns, songs and carols, on three discs, by Britain's foremost choir of boy-trebles – and at an extraordinarily attractive price. Includes many solo-treble tracks.



UK CD RELEASES

CAMBRIDGE: ST. JOHN'S COLLEGE CHOIR

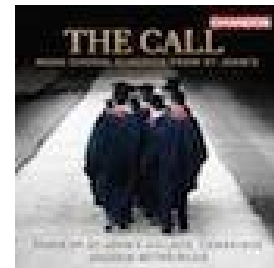
CD: The Call: More Choral Classics from St. John's

Sung by Boy Choristers & Men

Music by Ernest Bullock, Jonathan Dove, Herbert Howells, John Ireland, Felix Mendelssohn (full 11.21 minute version of *Hear My Prayer* with harp accompaniment), Roxanna Panufnik, Hubert Parry, John Tavener, etc

Label: Chandos CHAN 10872. Released 08-15

Amazon £9.65 to £14.31



CD: Deo - Jonathan Harvey

Sung by: Boy Choristers & Men

Music by: Jonathan Harvey (1939-2012), with Edward Picton-Turbervill (Organ)

Label: Signum SIGCD456. Released 05-16

Amazon £9.21 to £11.27



LIBERA

CD: Tenshi No Kureta Kiseki (Japanese import CD+DVD)

Sung by Boy Choristers

Music by Tokatsugo Muramatsu, Chely Wright, M.Leontovych (mostly arr. Robert Prizeman). The CD has 5 tracks containing four songs (two of them new); the DVD is Region 2 (for Japan and Continental Europe).

Label: Libera Records LIBE-1-2. Released: 11-15

Amazon £14.49 to £31.93



OXFORD: NEW COLLEGE CHOIR

CD: John Blow: Symphony Anthems

Sung by Boy Choristers and Men

Music by John Blow.

Label: Novum NCR 1389. Released: 05-16

Amazon £10.79 to £12.29

John Blow was a contemporary and friend of Henry Purcell, and this release includes three previously unrecorded symphony anthems, together with ceremonial works written for the coronation of James II and the consecration of the rebuilt St Paul's Cathedral.



TEWKESBURY ABBEY CHOIR

CD: A Year at Tewkesbury

Sung by Men and boys of the Tewkesbury Abbey Schola Cantorum Choir.

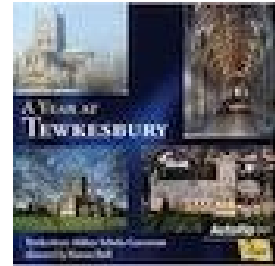
Music by Edward Bairstow, David Bednall*, Anton Bruckner, Robert Chilcott*, Sebastian Forbes*, Grayston Ives*, Matthew Martin*, C.V.Stanford, Christopher Steel, Thomas Tallis, John Tavener, William Walton,

Thomas Weelkes and Charles Wood. (* First recording).

Label: Regent REGCD 474. Released: 03-16

Amazon £7.99 to £11.81; or £10 from Regent Records

A selection of music appropriate to the various parts of the liturgical year, sung by the Schola Cantorum to their usual high standards.



TRURO CATHEDRAL CHOIR

DVD+CD: The Story of Nine Lessons and Carols

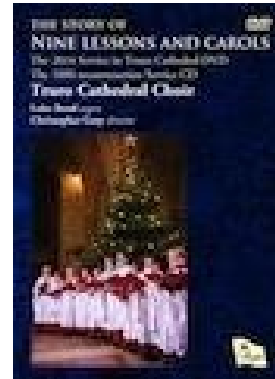
Sung by Boy Choristers & Men

Music by J. S. Bach; Harold Darke; H.J.Gauntlett; George F.Handel; John Joubert; Felix Mendelssohn; Russell Pascoe (1st Performance); John Rutter; Philip Stopford; John F.Wade; C.F.Witt; and Traditional.

Label: Regent REGDVD 004. Released 12-15

Amazon £17.95 to £25.21. Cathedral Shop £20

Bishop Bensons *Nine Lessons...* service was born in Truro, and the CD (Running Time 59.23) includes a recording of the reconstructed first service of 1880, plus a documentary about the history of this service in Truro. The DVD (Running Time 112.13) is a recording of the *Nine Lessons* service of 23 Dec. 2014, sung by the men and boys of Truro Cathedral Choir.



WESTMINSTER ABBEY CHOIR

CD: Parry: I was glad & other choral works

Sung by Boy Choristers & Men

Music by Sir Hubert Parry (including: Magnificat & Nunc Dimittis in D major "The Great Service"; Hear my words, ye people; Jerusalem; and Coronation Te Deum)

Label: Hyperion CDA 68089. Released 09-15

Amazon £9.78 to £12.38



CD: Taverner: Western Wynde Mass and Missa Mater Christi sanctisima

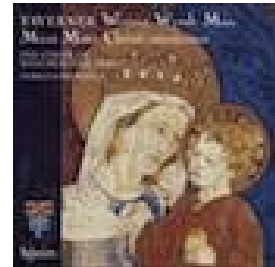
Sung by Boy Choristers & Men

Music by John Taverner (two 16th-century English choral masterpieces)

Label: Hyperion CDA 68147. Released 07-16

Amazon £9.68 to £12.99

Highly recommended recording by both *Gramophone Magazine* and *BBC Music Magazine*.



WESTMINSTER CATHEDRAL CHOIR

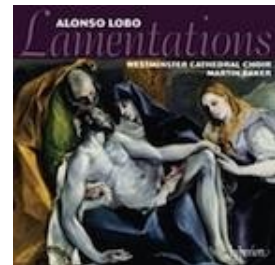
CD: Lobo: Lamentations

Sung by Boy Choristers & Men

Music by Alonso Lobo – his Renaissance polyphony setting of the biblical Lamentations

Label: Hyperion CDA 68106. Released 05-16

Amazon £9.61 to £12.78; or £10.50 from Hyperion



OVERSEAS CD RELEASES

The list below offers a selection of the best recent choral man-boy and boy-treble CDs recorded overseas, but now available within the UK via **amazon.co.uk**. Note that following Britain's Brexit vote, prices for discs from overseas are liable to fluctuate, may change without notice, and some discs may be temporarily unavailable.

AUSTRIA

CD: Alois und Christoph, Florian & Karsten

Sung by Treble soloists Alois Mühlbacher, Christoph Schlögl, Florian Eschelmüller and Karsten Köhne, all from the St. Florian Boys' Choir (which dates back to 1701).

Music by The four boys sing, in German, a varied programme of *lieder* by Johannes Brahms, Felix Mendelssohn and Robert Schumann.

Label: Preiser PR91207. Amazon £10.11 to £16 70

Born in the Austrian ski-resort of Hinterstoder, east of Salzburg, Alois joined the internationally-famed St. Florian Boys' Choir at age 10, and for this release he has chosen three other trebles whose voices complement his own. Thus each solo and duet is a superb work of treble artistry by some of the world's most gifted boy singers. Gentle piano accompaniment throughout; detailed insert in English and German.



CZECH REPUBLIC

CD: David Cizner: The Celebration of Trebles

Sung by Prague-born boy treble David Cizner

Music by J.S.Bach, Howard Blake, Benjamin Britten, Vincenzo Calestani, Leonard Cohen, John Dowland, Mauro Giuliani, G.F. Handel, Tarquinio Merula, Claudio Monteverdi, Thomas Morley, W.A.Mozart, Franz Schubert.

Label: Arta F10189. Originally released 12-12. Amazon £12.99

Aged 10, David Cizner's superb treble voice is accompanied by harp, piano or an orchestra of period instruments, as he sings in English, German and Italian. A magnificent proof of the power and beauty of the treble voice.



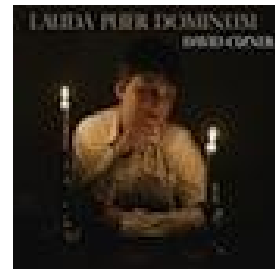
CD: David Cizner: Lauda Puer Dominum

Sung by Prague-born boy treble David Cizner

Music Baroque arias (accompanied by original instruments) by J.S.Bach, Antonin Dvorak, G.F. Handel, Rupert I.Mayr, Tarquinio Merula, Claudio Monteverdi, W.A.Mozart, Giovanni Pergolesi, etc.

Label: Arta F10189. Originally released 2014. Amazon £9

Perfectly executed sacred arias by an expressive and beautiful treble voice.



CD: David Cizner: Castrato Arias

Sung by Prague-born boy treble David Cizner

Music by G.F. Handel, Giovanni Pergolesi, Nicola A.Porpora Leonardo Vinci
Label: Arta F10211. Originally released 2015. Amazon £16.98

On David's most recent release he has a "golden" treble tone of exceptional power and purity. He explores *bel canto* compositions of the 17th and 18th centuries -- often sung in those days by castrati, who enjoyed high social status. A lengthy and learned essay in the CD's insert describes (in English) the art of the castrati and discusses the music they sang.



FRANCE

MAITRISE DES PETITS CHANTEURS DE VERSAILLES

CD: **Marc-Antoine Charpentier: Messe de minuit + Missa Assumpta est Maria**

Sung by: Boy Choristers

Music by: Marc-Antoine Charpentier (1613-1704)

Label: Ameson 760087-530032. Originally released 2014.

Amazon £11 to £15.64

Not a particularly new release, but one featuring a celebrated French boy-choirs, with adult male soloists and organ accompaniment.



GERMANY

KNABENCHOR DER CHORAKADEMIE DORTMUND

(Boys' Choir of the Dortmund Choir Academy)

CD: **Pergolesi: Stabat Mater; Rathgeber: Missa Brevis in F major; Buxtehude: Klaglied BuxWV76b**

Sung by Boy Choristers, with Tizian Geyer and Yorick Ebert (Treble soloists) and Sven Wagner (Alto soloist)

Music by: Johann Valentin Rathgeber (1682-1750), Giovanni Battista Pergolesi (1710-1736) and Dieterich Buxtehude (1637-1707)

Label: Rondeau ROP 6114. Released 07-16. Amazon £7.51 to £8.90

Exceptionally beautiful and robust treble and alto voices have created a unique and rarely surpassed CD of sacred music.



IRELAND

DUBLIN: St.Patrick's Cathedral

CD: **In Dublin's Fair City**

Sung by Boy Treble Choristers of St. Parick's Cathedral

Music by Benjamin Britten, Geoffrey Burgon, Ernest Dines, Hubert Parry, Mary Plumstead, John Rutter, Robert P. Stewart, Peter Warlock, R. Vaughan Williams, etc

Label: Regent Records REGCD 396. Originally released 02-13

Amazon £9.11 to £40.66; Cathedral shop Euro 10

St. Patrick's has the only choir-school in Ireland (founded more than 500 years ago), and this release features a charming selection of sacred music for treble voices. Accompaniment is with harp, guitar or organ.



U.S.A.

BILLY GILMAN

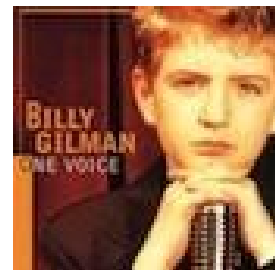
CD: **One Voice**

Sung by Treble Soloist

Music: Country-Music Pop by various composers

Label: Sony/BMG. Originally released 06-00. Amazon £2.73 to £3.98

This CD is included because it is now available in the UK at a low price, and is an marvellous example of treble artistry. As the 21st century dawned, 12-year old Billy was idolized across the USA as an inspirational soloist and performer with a remarkable voice -- powerful with astounding control and flawles phrasing. He chose country-ballads as his medium, and entranced the nation, winning accolades from every audience.



SAINT THOMAS CHOIR OF MEN & BOYS (New York City)

CD: **Dancing Day – Music for Christmas**

Sung by Boy Choristers & Men

Music by Stephen Buzard; John Scott, Benjamin Sheen

Label: Resonus Classics. Released 11-15

Amazon £9.23 to £12.86

This release arrived too late for inclusion in the previous CD list, at the end of 2015, but reviews suggest it may be well-worth purchasing now for next Xmas.



VATICAN CITY

VATICAN – SISTINE CHAPEL CHOIR

CD: **Cantate Domino – La Cappella Sistina e la musica del Papa**

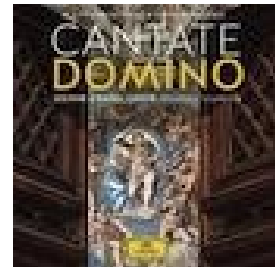
Sung by: Boy Choristers & Men

Music by: Previously unpublished polyphonic settings and editions of Palestrina's motet *Sicut cervus*; Allegri's "original" *Miserere*; and de Victoria *Popule meus*. Plus music by Lassus

Label: Decca Classics/Deutsche 479 5300 . Released 09-15

Amazon £7.99 to £12.35

This is the first studio album to feature the world's oldest choir of men and boys, and the first (or second!) album ever to be recorded in the Sistine Chapel. However, the acoustics of the Chapel are far from ideal, due to reverberations (echoes) and can sometimes create a "confused" sound – although the treble voices of this 60-strong man/boy choir can easily cut through this. Uniquely, this disc is said to have the only recording of Allegri's original version of his *Miserere* as preserved in the Sistine Codex of 1661, and it is interesting to compare this with subsequent (and somewhat embellished) versions with which most of us are familiar. Full details are given, in English, in the CD's insert.



The traditional man/boy Vatican Choir (from the CD insert)

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THE BOYS OF ST. PAUL'S CHOIR SCHOOL

CD: **Christmas in Harvard Square**

- sung by **Boy Choristers and Men** (19 tracks)
Features named treble soloists in many tracks
- music by: Harold Dark, Jacob Handl, Felix Mendelssohn, Michael Head, Elizabeth Poston, John Robinson, T.L. Victoria, etc., together with traditional music.

Label: Decca 4811075. Amazon (Import) £29.04



VATICAN CITY

VATICAN – Sistine Chapel Choir

CD: **Cantate Domino – La Cappella Sistina e la musica del Papa**

- sung by **Boy Choristers & Men** (16 tracks)
- music by Gregorio Allegri, Giovanni Palestrina, Tomas de Victoria, etc (including previously unpublished works and editions).

This is the first studio album that has ever been recorded in the Sistine Chapel, and features one of the oldest religious choirs in the world, comprising some thirty boy choristers and twenty adult male voices (11 tenors and 9 basses).

Label: Decca Classics/Deutsche . Released 09-15

Amazon £7.80 to £11.99



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