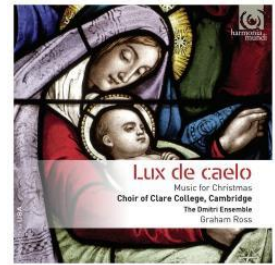




CD Review Sheet

Choir of Clare College, Cambridge

Lux de caelo: Music for Christmas



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Harmonia Mundi HMU907615
Choir of Clare College, Cambridge
Dmitri Ensemble
Graham Ross | director



Top 10 Christmas albums

"Singing-wise, this might just be **the best disc of the year**. These young voices are game for anything, **impeccably drilled** and **musically sensitive**."



"...the best of the bunch."

"...a **grand survey** of what the idea of the Christmas carol has meant over hundreds of years."

"The Choir of Clare College, Cambridge, fluctuating here between about 20 and 27 voices, has a **clear, appealing sound**, and the small Dmitri Ensemble is of a piece with the singers. **A major winner in the British holiday album genre**."



"I have been impressed with how successfully Ross has set about renewing Clare's great choral tradition. This CD gives **plenty more to celebrate**."

"...the Schoenberg is a **great way to round off the disc**, bringing out the composer's more approachable side without diluting all that made him such a **revolutionary**."



"Mathias's *A Babe was Born* typifies **the choir's nimble alacrity, crisply accompanied by the Dmitri Ensemble**. The CD bravely ends with Schoenberg's *Friede auf Erden*, preceded by Rutter's *Nativity Carol*, probably the first juxtaposition of these two composers on record."



Album of the Week

"The mixed voice Clare College choir, under the direction of Graham Ross, is **in full, clear voice throughout**."



"The Choir of Clare College, Cambridge, and the Dmitri Ensemble create an **engaging experience** on Lux de caelo: Music for Christmas."

"Graham Ross's arrangement of *Tu scendi dalle stelle* is a **soupy surprise** in the middle, with a luscious string accompaniment that is quickly and starkly contrasted by a **spine-tinglingly skillful (and brave) performance**."

