



# stile antico

early music vocal ensemble

## PROGRAMMES 2017

*Stile Antico is anything but antique. Their sound has the urgency and freshness you get from young voices, and an amazing rhythmic vitality. Perhaps the most ravishing sound I heard this year.*

**The New Yorker**



### WITH THE VOICE OF MELODY

Stile Antico presents personal favourites in a rich and enticingly varied journey through some of the most outstanding music of the Renaissance. Each of the 12 members of the group has chosen one musical gem drawn from five centuries of glorious repertoire, including the ever-popular and uplifting *O Clap Your Hands* by Orlando Gibbons, William Byrd's stirring *Vigilate* and works by the prolific Thomas Tallis. For those new to the repertoire, this programme provides the audience with an engaging introduction to Renaissance vocal music, whilst also offering existing fans the chance to hear some "old favourites".

### DIVINE CONSOLATIONS

*Music of reflection and hope by Bach and his predecessors*

In this alluring programme, Stile Antico explores an exquisite selection of German Baroque repertoire. Delving into the rich tradition of Lutheran funeral music written to console and uplift the living, the ensemble traces a journey from the polyphonic works of the late Renaissance (often performed in Bach's Leipzig), by way of Schütz's masterpiece, the *Musikalische Exequien*, to Bach's longest and most moving motet, *Jesu meine Freude*. This programme marks the first time that Stile Antico has collaborated with basso continuo

### IN A STRANGE LAND

*Elizabethan composers in exile*

Queen Elizabeth I may not have wanted "to make windows into men's souls", but faced with threats at home and abroad, her regime dealt increasingly harshly with supporters of the old Catholic religion. Torn between obedience and conscience, several of England's most talented musicians - Philips, Dering and Dowland - chose a life of exile abroad. Those Catholic composers who remained in England – chief amongst them William Byrd and Robert White - expressed their spiritual exile in music of astonishing intensity and emotional impact.

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PASSION & RESSURECTION

A WONDROUS MYSTERY

for Passiontide and Easter

for Advent & Christmas