

Award-winning vocal group Stile Antico celebrates a decade of choral distinction

Stile Antico burst onto the musical scene in July 2005 with competition success at the York Early Music Festival, and in a single decade has established itself as one of the world's finest vocal ensembles and as one of the most original and exciting voices in its field. Its twelve members, who work without a conductor, enjoy a busy prestigious touring schedule, thrilling audiences internationally with their acclaimed fresh, vibrant and moving performances.

Stile Antico marks its tenth anniversary with a series of celebratory concerts and projects spanning the entire 2015-16 season, including a birthday concert at the Wigmore Hall (featuring the premiere of a new work by Nico Muhly), landmark European appearances including the BBC Proms and the Bruges, Utrecht and Antwerp Early Music Festivals, and two tours to the USA.

Harmonia Mundi USA marks this milestone by drawing on Stile Antico's already-formidable legacy of prize-winning recordings to create a tenth-anniversary compilation album, *Sing with the Voice of Melody*, each of whose twelve tracks was selected by a member of the group. The label also celebrates by reissuing Stile Antico's Grammy®-nominated 2007 debut *Music for Compline*, the disc through which the group established its international reputation. Stile Antico's tenth recording, *A Wondrous Mystery*, featuring a mouth-watering selection of Christmas music from Germany and Flanders, will be released late in 2015.

Stile Antico's tenth anniversary sees the group look to the future with the expansion of the recently-launched Stile Antico Foundation, the creation of bursary for young singers, and a collaboration with DIAMM on a reconstruction of Tudor repertoire.

Testimonials

Stile Antico is one of those ensembles who have the musical alchemy to turn all that they do into gold. And their sound for me is one of the loveliest things in music.

Bob Chilcott, composer and conductor

Dearest Stile Antico! Congratulations on your ten, magnificent, harmonious years! May you continue to bring your glorious voices in beautiful song to the world, which so desperately needs it! BRAVI!

Joyce DiDonato, mezzo-soprano

Selected Key Events in 2015

- 5th June: Stile Antico launches its anniversary celebration with a performance of *Music for Compline* at the **Spitalfields Festival**. The concert also marks the launch of the group's compilation album *Sing with the Voice of Melody*.
- 16th July: Exactly ten years after its York Early Music Festival competition success, Stile Antico celebrates with a special performance of *Music from the Sadler Partbooks* at the **Oundle Festival**, in collaboration with AHRC.
- 27th November: Stile Antico celebrates its birthday at the **Wigmore Hall** with the premiere of Nico Muhly's *Gentle Sleep*, commissioned for the occasion.

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