

THIS JOYFUL BIRTH

A musical journey through the Christmas story

A VOICE FROM HEAVEN

Plainchant *Creator alma siderum*

John Taverner *Audivi vocem de caelo*

Heinrich Schütz *O lieber Herre Gott* (SWV381)

William Byrd *Laetentur caeli*

THE OBEDIENCE OF MARY

Sebastian de Vivanco *Ave Maria*

Anon. - from the Trinity Carol Roll *There is no Rose of such virtue*

Johannes Eccard *Übers Gebirg Maria geht*

THE JOY OF THE ANGELS

Tomas Luis de Victoria *O magnum mysterium*

Matteo Flecha *El Jubilate*

Michael Praetorius *Ein Kind geboren in Bethlehem*



THE EAGERNESS OF THE SHEPHERDS

Clemens non Papa *Pastores quidnam vidistis*

Claudio Monteverdi *Rutilante in nocte*

Richard Dering *Quem vidistis pastores*

THE PERSEVERANCE OF THE WISE MEN

Luca Marenzio *Tribus miraculis*

Francisco Guerrero *A un nino llorando*

John Sheppard *Reges Tharsis*

THE PEACE OF THE CHRIST CHILD

Giovanni da Palestrina *Senex puerum portabat*

Johannes Eccard *Maria wallt zum Heiligtum*

William Byrd *Nunc dimittis* from *Great Service*

Orlandus Lassus *Resonet in laudibus*

Stile Antico recounts the journey to the manger in a glorious sequence of music from mediaeval and Renaissance Europe. Our programme follows each scene of the Christmas story, beginning in Advent and moving through to the Nativity, the visits of the Shepherds and the Wise Men, and finally to the Feast of Candlemas. Nearly every major composer of the period is represented in a feast of festive music: highlights include Victoria's intimate *O magnum mysterium*, thrilling motets by Byrd, Lassus and Sheppard, mediaeval carols, and irresistible dances from Spain and Germany.



'It's never a good idea to miss a concert from this British vocal ensemble: there are no finer singers of early music'

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Stile Antico's programmes are introduced by members of the ensemble.

Meet the artists: at least four singers will be available after the concert to talk to audience members.

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