



MEDIA RELEASE
Rossini's "Little Mass"
performed in a Grand Setting



Bel a cappella will launch its inaugural subscription series in 2010 with a performance of **Rossini's *Petite Messe Solennelle*** at Sydney's oldest church, **St James, King Street** at **3pm on Sunday 2nd May**.

"Rossini's operatic style permeates this Mass, producing a delightful work of beauty, warmth and conviction" says Musical Director **Anthony Pasquill**.

In the splendid acoustics of St James, the voices of *Bel a cappella* will bring to life the work's rich choruses, including *Cum Sancto Spiritu* with its extended *Amen*, and *Et Vitam Venturi* which brims with vitality and hope.

For this performance *Bel a cappella* welcomes four fine young singers from the NSW Conservatorium of Music: Soprano **Simone Easthope**, Alto **Anna Dowsley**, Tenor **Simon Gilkes** and Bass **David Hidden**.

Bel a cappella is delighted to be performing this work with visiting Indonesian pianist **Henoch Kristianto**, and Christ Church St Laurence's organ scholar, **Edwin Taylor**.

Tickets for this concert are \$30, Senior/Pensioner \$25 and Student \$20. They can be purchased online at www.belacappella.org.au or by phone on 02 8210 5141.

Bel a cappella is also delighted to announce the launch of its website www.belacappella.org.au which provides details of all concerts in 2010 as well as information on how to make significant savings with the purchase of series tickets and group bookings.

Founded in 1995, *Bel a cappella* is a chamber choir dedicated to the performance of diverse, high quality choral music in fine venues around Sydney.

Further information

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