



**To the Heavens –  
Contemporary A Cappella  
With Bel a cappella**



Join **Bel a cappella** conducted by **Anthony Pasquill** on a journey To the Heavens to explore exceptionally beautiful contemporary choral music for unaccompanied choir in the fine acoustics of **St Scholastica's Chapel, Glebe** at **3pm** on **Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> August**.

This concert will feature three iconic works by the acclaimed American composer **Eric Whitacre**: **When David Heard** a highly emotive work mourning King David's loss of his son Absalom, the ethereal **Sleep** and **Cloudburst** set to text by Octavio Paz, during which audience members experience the onset of a rainstorm through the masterly use of voices, handbells and percussion.

According to Musical Director **Anthony Pasquill**, 'Whitacre is one of the leading composers in the choral music scene. Despite being only 35 he has already gained a phenomenal reputation around the world amongst choirs of all ages and abilities. With the acoustics that St Scholastica's offers, it is the perfect setting to perform some of his wonderful compositions.'

**Bel a cappella** will also perform **The Peaceable Kingdom** by American composer **Randall Thompson**, a sequence of emotive choruses based on powerful texts from the Book of Isaiah, and renowned as a masterpiece of unaccompanied choral writing.

The musical journey continues with **Durufle's Quatre Motets sur des thèmes grégoriens** including Ubi Caritas, one of the most popular sacred a cappella works of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century, as well as the Australian premiere of Scottish composer **Michael Spencer's Prayer**, and a performance of **I Love the Lord** by English composer **Jonathan Harvey**.

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. This is the second concert in its 2010 series of concerts.

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

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