



**SUBLIMELY BEAUTIFUL
CHORAL MUSIC FOR EASTER
WITH BEL A CAPPELLA**



Bel a cappella will launch its 2011 subscription series with **The Way of the Cross**, a concert of sublimely beautiful choral music relevant to Easter in Sydney's oldest church, **St James King Street**, at 7pm on **Saturday 16 April**.

"Many of the works, such as **Vierne's Messe Solennelle** and **Bairstow's The Lamentation** are usually only performed in their liturgical context", says Musical Director **Anthony Pasquill**, "so this is a great opportunity to hear them in concert in the magnificent acoustic of St James."

Other works on the program include **Messiaen's** ethereal **O Sacrum Convivium!** and **William Harris's** motet for double choir **Bring Us, O Lord God**, set to the words of English poet and priest John Donne.

Bel a cappella will also give the Australian premiere of renowned English organist and composer **David Briggs'** setting of Psalm 121, **I Will Lift up Mine Eyes unto the Hills** and the concert will finish with the blissful peace of **Herbert Howell's Requiem** for unaccompanied choir.

Those familiar with the magnificent organ part in the Vierne Messe Solennelle will be delighted to learn that acclaimed Sydney organist **David Drury** will join Bel a cappella for this performance, building on a partnership that has previously presented memorable performances of Durufle's Requiem and Arvo Pärt's Berliner Messe.

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.

Tickets are available through the Bel a cappella website (www.belacappella.org.au) or by phone on 02 8210 5141. Individual concerts are \$30 for adults, \$25 for seniors/pensioners and \$20 for students. Bel a cappella also offers subscription tickets for three concerts in 2011 at \$75 for adults, \$60 for seniors/pensioners and \$45 for students. Details of all concerts are available on the website.

Further information

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