

Sydney's Oldest Church Choir performs J.S. Bach's St John Passion for the first time at City Recital Hall.
Friday 7 April 2017



*'I always want to hear
The Choir of St James'
...because, in my opinion,
it raises the level of
music-making in Sydney to the
heights reached by the
King's College, Cambridge choir.*

**Tony Legge, Associate Music
Director, Opera Australia**

Sydney's hidden choral jewel, The Choir of St James', makes its debut at City Recital Hall on 7 April performing one of the most iconic works of the Baroque: J.S. Bach's St John Passion, accompanied by Sydney's newest Baroque ensemble, BachBand@StJames' and choristers of Santa Sabina College and Shore.

This is an exciting opportunity to witness a performance by the choir of Sydney's oldest church in the city's premiere concert venue. Co-presented by City Recital Hall, the concert features the debut of BachBand@StJames', a period instrument ensemble dedicated to the works of J.S. Bach and formed especially for the Bach@St James' series, and international soloists, Richard Butler (Evangelist), Sally-Anne Russell, Amy Moore and Christopher Richardson.

J.S. Bach's St John Passion is one of the composer's most loved works, performed all around the world in churches and concert halls at Easter time, as it recounts the harrowing last days of Christ and his journey to the cross through dramatic narrative and human reflection.

The Choir of St James', directed by Warren Trevelyan-Jones, enjoys a reputation of being one of the finest choirs in Australia. The Choir enjoys regular collaborations with international groups such as The Tallis Scholars, The King's Singers, The Gabrieli Consort, and works with Opera Australia, Sydney Symphony Orchestra, Australian Baroque Brass, The Australian Haydn Ensemble, and soloists Yvonne Kenny, Greta Bradman and Teddy Tahu Rhodes.

The Choir of St James' also is committed to supporting new Australian works, including compositions written by past and present members of the Choir. There is no other choir in Australia that fosters local talent in this way.

Having performed in Europe and Singapore, the Choir will next travel to Gallipoli as guests of the Department of Veteran Affairs to sing at the ANZAC Day Dawn Service on 25 April.

City Recital Hall and Music@St James' present The Choir of St James' and BachBand@StJames' with choristers of Santa Sabina College and SHORE, J.S. Bach's St John Passion: Christ's Last Journey, 7 April 2017, 7:00pm.

Full Price Tickets \$65 (Concessions apply for members, groups and concession card holders). To book call (02) 8256 2222 or visit www.cityrecitalhall.com/events/st-john-passion

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