

Unsung Heroes Neglected Masterpieces of Choral Music

**Somerset
Chamber Choir.**
3pm, Sunday
11 February 2018
King's College Chapel,
Taunton TA1 3LA



Richard Pearce.
Organ
Richard Laing.
Conductor

Rheinberger. Mass in
E flat for double choir,
Abendlied
Kodály. Missa Brevis

Tickets £18, £15 and £11.
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Discover your new favourite composers!
Be enchanted by the ravishing **Mass
in E flat for double choir 'Cantus Missae'**
by Josef Rheinberger, Liechtenstein's
greatest son, and be moved by the
haunting **Missa Brevis** by Zoltán Kodály.

Join Somerset Chamber Choir in
the delightful venue of King's College
Chapel for our annual winter concert,
and the first given under the baton of
our new Musical Director, **Richard Laing**.

Rheinberger.

The son of the Crown Prince's treasurer
in the tiny European Principality,
Rheinberger is not quite a household
name in England, but he is well known
to organists, for he wrote dozens of
sonatas, trios, fugues and solo pieces
for the king of instruments. His operas,

symphonies and chamber music are
all but forgotten, although his choral
music is enjoying a renaissance.

Mass in E flat is an extraordinarily
satisfying and moving piece to perform
and to hear, whilst **Abendlied** is one
of **Rheinberger's** most beautiful and
appealing works.

Kodály.

First performed in a cloakroom of
the Budapest Opera House during
the Soviet bombardment, Kodály's
Missa Brevis is a beautiful and haunting
work spanning the extreme compass
of the human voice. For our performance
the original harmonium is replaced
with organ, as the composer intended,
played by our virtuoso organist
Richard Pearce.



Dame Emma Kirkby.

Patron

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