

Paradisi Gloria

Somerset Chamber Choir
with Southern Sinfonia
7pm, Saturday 28 July 2018
Wells Cathedral



April Fredrick Soprano
Cathy Bell Mezzo-soprano
Steve Lee Trumpet
Richard Laing Conductor

Vivaldi *Gloria*
Scarlatti *Salve Regina*
Scarlatti *Stabat Mater*
Tartini *Trumpet Concerto*

Tickets £18, £15 and £11.
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Antonio Vivaldi *Gloria* Alessandro Scarlatti *Salve Regina* in F minor Domenico Scarlatti *Stabat Mater* Giuseppe Tartini *Trumpet Concerto* in D

The early eighteenth century was a golden age for music in the courts and cathedrals of Rome, Naples and Venice, which would never again be equalled. Venice, in particular, was an astonishing hotbed of creativity. This was the city where **Vivaldi** and the **Scarlattis** lived close by Canaletto, amidst the canals which had recently been navigated by Gabrieli and Monteverdi, Bellini, Tintoretto and Veronese.

The four works in our summer concert were all written within a single decade by Italian composers at the height of their powers, and yet each is as different from the other as the works of Brahms and Wagner. **Vivaldi's** famous **Gloria**, one of the most popular of all choral works, is deceptively simple, written for just two soloists and four choral parts, while the

astounding **Stabat Mater** by **Domenico Scarlatti** is composed for ten different voices, ensuring a richness of sonority which few other composers have attempted. Completing our programme will be the short, but perfectly-formed, **Trumpet Concerto** by **Tartini** and a gorgeous **Salve Regina** by the young Scarlatti's father, **Alessandro Scarlatti**, which features our two vocal soloists – the young American *soprano* **April Fredrick** and baroque specialist, *mezzo-soprano* **Cathy Bell**.

For this very special evening we will be joined by **Southern Sinfonia** and trumpeter **Steve Lee** in the generous acoustic of Wells Cathedral. Let us whisk you away to experience the glories of Italy, without the check-in queues and eye-watering prices. Reserve your ticket now!



Dame Emma Kirkby
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