



The Marian Consort

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From Brighton Early Music Festival ‘Young Artist’ to a Gramophone Award nomination – The Marian Consort celebrates ten years

In 2018 the “*Exquisite*” (Sunday Times) vocal ensemble The Marian Consort celebrates its tenth anniversary with a series of concerts, a recording, and a commission from celebrated choral composer Gabriel Jackson.

Formed in 2008 by singer, conductor and academic Rory McCleery, The Marian Consort was chosen as a Young Artist in the Brighton Early Music Festival in 2011. Since then the ensemble has performed at many of the leading festivals and venues including the Cheltenham, Bath, Leipzig A Cappella and St Magnus International Festivals, Tage Alter Musik Regensburg and Snape Maltings. The Marian Consort has enjoyed a long relationship with the Delphian record label, on which it has released eight discs including the Gramophone Award-nominated ‘Stabat Mater’.

For its tenth anniversary The Marian Consort performs a special concert programme featuring paired settings of two of the most emotionally-charged sacred texts of the Christian tradition: ‘Miserere’ and ‘Stabat Mater’. The Marian Consort is a well-known exponent of contemporary vocal music and will feature two prominent composers of the day in the programme, James MacMillan and Gabriel Jackson, whose new setting of the ‘Stabat Mater’ is commissioned by the group. The Marian Consort will tour the programme across the UK in 2018.

For more information please contact Hannah Marsden, Ikon Arts Management. Available on request: press tickets, interviews, CDs and images of The Marian Consort.

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Notes for editors

1. Taking its name from the Blessed Virgin Mary, a focus of religious devotion in the sacred music of all ages, The Marian Consort is a Gramophone Award-nominated and internationally-renowned early music vocal ensemble, recognised for its dynamic freshness of approach and innovative presentation of a broad range of repertoire. Under its founder and director, Rory McCleery, the ensemble has given concerts throughout the UK and Europe, features regularly on BBC Radio 3, and is a former ‘Young Artist’ of The Brighton Early Music Festival.
2. Tenth anniversary concerts include:
Bath Festival, 15 May 2018
St John’s School, Leatherhead, 16 May 2018
Penzance Festival, 18 May 2018
Dunster Festival, 26 May 2018
Swaledale Festival, 2 June 2018
Conwy Classical Music Festival, 27 July 2018
Lammermuir Festival, 17 September 2018
Derry International Choral Festival, 26 October 2018
Full and updated concert listings available from www.marianconsort.co.uk/concerts
3. ‘Miserere’ will be released on the Delphian label on 20 July 2018.

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