



## THE BOYS OF ST. PAUL'S CHOIR SCHOOL RELEASE THEIR SECOND ANGELIC ALBUM *AVE MARIA*

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On the heels of having several #1 Billboard Classical Traditional albums, **De Montfort Music** teamed up with sister label **AimHigher Recordings** and **Sony Classical** in the recording of the angelic music of [Ave Maria](#) by **The Boys of St. Paul's Choir School**. The album will be released on September 8, 2017. It is available for [preorder](#) now. This will be the second international release for the Choir School- who topped the Billboard classical charts, and became a media favorite with their 2014 release *Christmas in Harvard Square*. They have been featured on CBS This Morning, NPR, Good Morning America, Fox & Friends, WGBH, Boston Globe and even had their own PBS Special. Having recently celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary, Saint Paul's Choir School in Cambridge, Massachusetts strives to engage young men in the development of their intellectual and musical talents. Located in the heart of Harvard Square, the school has had a large presence and impact within the Harvard community. The school seeks to develop the diverse musical talents of each boy so that he may use his musical gifts serving the community at large by the performance of master works of choral literature.

Founded in 1963 by Dr. Theodore Marier, an internationally acclaimed choral scholar, Saint Paul's Choir School is the premiere musically intensive boy choir school, which educates

choristers in grades 4 through 8 in the United States. The Choir School seeks to embrace the great cathedral school tradition as it unites a rigorous musical and academic curriculum preparing each student to grow and flourish in a dynamic and changing world.

Having performed frequently with the Boston Symphony Orchestra, with many notable conductors including Itzhak Perlman, and having performed on the road from Carnegie Hall to St. Peter's Square at a papal audience for Pope Francis to Red Sox and Celtics games, the boys of St. Paul's Choir School have covered much diverse and musically challenging territory.

Saint Paul's Choir School —identifies and accepts boys from the greater Boston area as well as the entire United States, who are musically talented and academically qualified. Students are offered an intensive musical training and a rigorous academic program.

The Boys of St. Paul's Choir School are at an apex of greatness under the musical direction of Mr. John Robinson, who hails from the UK and came up in the boys choir schools in Cambridge, UK. The community is led by Fr. William Kelly, himself once a choirboy student at St. Paul's.

[\*Ave Maria\*](#) will be released on AimHigher Recordings through their international distribution collaboration with Sony Classical. The creative forces behind the album include multiple Grammy Award-winning Producer Christopher Alder, and Brad Michel, also a Grammy Award-winner. Choirmaster John Robinson masterfully directed the presentation of the repertoire. Bursting with the transcendent sounds of this choir of boys and men coupled with the glorious acoustic of St. Paul's in Harvard Square, every selection on [\*Ave Maria\*](#) tells a story. Each beautiful and interesting choral work has its own history. Perhaps none more significant than that of the inspiration for Palestrina's *Missa Pappae Marcelli* or of the extraordinary depiction of the Magi from the East in '*Reges Tharsis*,' on to the vivid and dramatic use of harmony in Bruckner's '*Virga Jesse floruit*.' One thing is clear, this beautiful music has a stream of inspiration running clearly throughout. Dvorak and Rachmaninoff are such well-known names, however Rachmaninoff himself called '*Bogoroditse Dyevo*' a favorite of his own works.

#### Track Listing:

1. Ave Maria

By: Josef Gabriel Rheinberger

2. Virga Jesse floruit

By: Anton Bruckner

3. Stabat mater dolorosa

By: Giovanni Battista Pergolesi

4. Bist du bei mir

By: Johann Sebastian Bach

5. Gaude, Virgo mater

By: Josquin des Prez

6. Reges Tharsis

Gregorian chant

Ancient

7. Da nobis pacem

By: Felix Mendelssohn

8. Kyrie (from *Missa Papae Marcelli*)

By: Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina

9. Dignus est Agnus

Gregorian chant

Ancient

10. Angels Ever Bright and Fair

By: George Frideric Handel

11. Tu Trinitatis unitas

By: Antonín Dvořák

12. Sub tuum praesidium

By: Marc-Antoine Charpentier

13. Bogoroditse Dyevo

By: Sergei Rachmaninoff

14. O salutaris hostia (from *Messe brève*)

By: Léo Delibes

15. In paradisum

By: Gabriel Fauré

16. O mysterium ineffabile

By: Jean-François Lalouette

17. Nulla in mundo

By: Antonio Vivaldi

18. A Song of Wisdom

By: Charles Villiers Stanford

View the EPK *Ave Maria*: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FcD8EE1\\_g5M](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FcD8EE1_g5M)

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### **About De Montfort Music**

De Montfort specializes in chant, polyphony and all areas of sacred music with a concentration on singing orders and communities well trained in this venerable repertoire. AimHigher Recordings is the sister label of De Montfort Music and releases eclectic Classical and Jazz music. Both labels provide a unique storytelling approach to extraordinary audiovisual projects. The labels have launched several *Billboard* chart-topping albums, consistently reaching #1 and/or top slots on *Billboard's* Classical Traditional Year-Ending charts for 2012-2016. For more information visit: [www.DeMontfortMusic.com](http://www.DeMontfortMusic.com)

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