

PRESS RELEASE

HRH The Prince of Wales attends St Paul's Cathedral Gala Concert

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For immediate release

A Royal Gala Concert to celebrate the 300th anniversary of the completion of St Paul's Cathedral will be held in the presence of HRH The Prince of Wales on Thursday 3rd March at 7pm.

Internationally acclaimed musicians including John Rutter, Dame Felicity Lott and Catherine Wyn-Rogers will be joined by the Choir of St Paul's Cathedral, The Purcell Singers and the English Chamber Orchestra for a one-off celebratory concert in aid of the St Paul's Cathedral Foundation.

Choral works will dominate the programme: Handel's *Zadok the Priest*, Haydn's *The Heavens are Telling* from 'Creation', Mozart's *Laudate Dominum* and Mendelssohn's *O for the wings of a dove*. Simon Johnson will perform Widor's Toccata in F on the Cathedral organ. The concert will culminate in a performance of Haydn's *Nelson Mass* in honour of Lord Nelson whose tomb rests under the Dome.

Tickets are available from the Barbican Box office on 0207 638 8891 or www.barbican.org.uk/eticketing

The Gala Concert is held in aid of the St Paul's Cathedral Foundation to generate funds for the ongoing maintenance, mission and outreach of St Paul's including music and education.

Overall Gala sponsors include:

Barclays, Chartis Insurance, Crescent Lodge, DAF Trucks, Grange St Paul's Hotel, M&G Investments, Marsh & McLennan, Old Mutual, SEB, UBS

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This event will be covered by a Royal Rota.

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Note to editors:

Listings Information

*Royal *Gala Concert in aid of St Paul's Cathedral*

Venue: St Paul's Cathedral

Date: Thursday 3rd March

Performance time: 7pm

Tickets: £100 (includes pre-concert champagne reception and Dome seat), £55, £45, £35, £25, £15, £10. Tickets available from the Barbican Box office on 020 7638 8891 or

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St Paul's Cathedral

St Paul's is the cathedral church of the diocese of London, which it has served for over 1,400 years. The current building has become a potent symbol of the life of a nation and is one of the world's most beautiful buildings. Designed by Sir Christopher Wren in the late seventeenth century, its stones have absorbed the hopes, fears, sorrows and joys of generations and stand as an enduring symbol of our communion with those gone before and those still to come. Each year nearly two million people flock to the cathedral for services, concerts, debates, educational events, performing arts and sightseeing. All are most welcome.

Full list of performers

John Rutter, conductor

Dame Felicity Lott, soprano

Catherine Wyn-Rogers, mezzo-soprano

Andrew Carwood, tenor

Stephen Roberts, bass

Simon Johnson, organ

The Choir of St Paul's Cathedral

The Purcell Singers

English Chamber Orchestra