

## Press Release

### **St Paul's searches for new music in £1,000 choral work competition**

**Monday, 27<sup>th</sup> February 2012**

The search for a brand new choral work to be performed by the St Paul's Cathedral Choir, has been launched.

*New Music for St Paul's* is a competition designed by the Chapter of St Paul's to find a work related to the Feast of Pentecost at the end of May, when the new composition will be performed.

Supported by the Boltini Trust through the St Paul's Cathedral Foundation, *New Music for St Paul's* is open to composers under 40 and of any nationality.

Entrants must submit a setting of a text associated with Pentecost (Whit Sunday), when the Holy Spirit descended on Jesus' Disciples. The work must be under four minutes long and scored for SATB and can be with or without organ.

After going through a judging panel, three finalists will have their works performed by the St Paul's Cathedral Consort at a special recital performance. The winner will then be awarded £1,000 and have their piece performed by the Cathedral Choir.

Andrew Carwood, Director of Music at St Paul's, said: "The musical repertoire at St Paul's goes back many hundreds of years, but we are always looking to perform works by today's young composers – the future great choral composers of tomorrow.

"The Feast of Pentecost gives a broad scope for these composers to work with and we expect to receive many exciting works in various styles. To have the winning piece performed by the Cathedral Choir will act as a real boost to the winner and their ongoing career as a composer."

**Deadline for entry is Tuesday, 1<sup>st</sup> May 2012.**

New music for St Paul's – [information and entry details](#)

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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.

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