

Saturday 15 June | 7.30pm | Snape Maltings Concert Hall

1948 Festival Opening Night

Britten Pears Chorus*

Choristers of St Edmundsbury Cathedral

James Davy chorus master

Britten Sinfonia

Jessica Cottis conductor (Haigh and Britten)

Alexandra Wood leader / director (Purcell and Handel)

Nick Pritchard tenor

Matilda Lloyd trumpet

Katherine Dienes-Williams organ

Pre-performance talk: 6.30pm Peter Pears Recital Room: Jessica Cottis, Robin Haigh and Matilda Lloyd 30'

Henry Purcell (1659–1695)

Chaconny in G minor Z.730, c.1680 5'

George Frideric Handel (1685–1759)

Organ Concerto in D minor, Op.7 No.4 (c.1744) 15'

Adagio – Allegro – Organo ad libitum – Allegro

Robin Haigh (b.1993)

LUCK (2024), first performance 20'

i. Ritmico

ii. Calmo, flessibile

iii. Animato

iv. Rilassato

v. (attacca) Serioso

Benjamin Britten (1913–1976)

Saint Nicolas, Op.42 (1948) 50'

text: Eric Crozier (1914–1994)

i. Introduction

ii. The Birth of Nicolas

iii. Nicolas Devotes Himself to God

iv. He Journeys to Palestine

v. Nicolas Comes to Myra and is Chosen Bishop

vi. Nicolas from Prison

vii. Nicolas and the Pickled Boys

viii. His Piety and Marvellous Works

ix. The Death of Nicolas

Duration: approx 130'

including a 30-minute interval

INTERVAL

Robin Haigh's LUCK is a Britten Pears Arts co-commission with the Ulster Orchestra

With thanks to Timothy Parsons, director of music,
St Edmundsbury Cathedral

* comprising members of Aldeburgh Voices, Keswick Hall Choir,
St Edmundsbury Cathedral Choir, and guests

This performance is being recorded by
BBC Radio 3 for broadcast at 7.30pm
on Monday 17 June in 'Radio 3 in Concert',
and will be available afterwards on BBC Sounds



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Choristers

Rupert Ager, Kai Alexander
Rose Ellis, Jessica Houldsworth
Alexandra Huggins, Miles Millard*
Robbie Shepherd, William Shepherd
Gracie Tasker, Grace Utting
Wilfred Waters

*St Nicolas as a boy

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Soprano

Penny Dawe, Claire Gower
Camilla Haycock, Coral McEwen
Sara Viney, Rosie Wright
Liisa Beagley, Jo Hannon
Clare Hawes, Juliet Liddell
Emily Matson, Jackie Osborne
Judie Shore, Emma Woolfenden
Judy Ball, Rebecca Newman
Virginia Fox, Wendy Weal

Alto

Tamsin Anderson, Kerstin Davey
Elizabeth Elliott, Arabella Marshall
Ruth McCabe, Daphne Rose
Harriet Wybor, Gabby Zins
Ane Sesma, Eryl Pickworth
Naomi Perowne, Rachel Jackson
Sarah Patey, Grace Hindle
Naomi Sturges, Natalie Werner

Tenor

Howard Blackett, David Freestone
Mark Nicholson, Kit Prime
Evan Ruth, Fred Pickworth
Robert Bourne, Christopher Huggins
Richard Taylor

Bass

Mark Anderson, Stephen Bambridge
David Edwards, Will Harrison
Angus Pearson, John Rayfield
David Spray, Alex Warcaba-Wood
Conrad Swiatek-Shaw, Simon Rumsey
Chris Greenhill, Matthew Crowe
Matthew McVey