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# Christmas at Cadogan 2019

Christmas at Cadogan returns in 2019 for another programme of concerts perfect for the festive season, featuring world class orchestras, choirs, soloists and family events. This year's highlights include:

- The world premiere of Joanna Marsh's motet centred on the text *O Magnum mysterium*, performed by Westminster Cathedral Choir
- British comedy legend Matt Lucas hosts the hugely popular West End Does: Christmas with stars from the West End stage
- The Choir with No Name for people affected by homelessness, bring their 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary Christmas spectacular
- Famous faces including Downtown Abbey's Hugh Bonneville and singing sensation Russell Watson join the festivities at the Hall

### Choral at Cadogan Series

As part of the year-round Choral at Cadogan series, **Westminster Cathedral Choir** directed by **Peter Stevens** perform a programme, including the world premiere of a motet by **Joanna Marsh**, all centred on the text *O magnum mysterium*: a musical expression of the mystery of the incarnation. Founded in 1901, the internationally renowned choir is famous for its unique daily performances of Renaissance polyphony and plainsong at Westminster Cathedral. This performance presents a mixture of the choir's traditional Advent repertoire alongside some contemporary Christmas favourites (Tuesday 3 December 2019).

**Westminster Cathedral Choir School Gallery Choir** also make a welcome return to the Hall to perform a free carol concert in the Culford Room, with coffee and mince pies (Tuesday 10 December 2019).

As part of its Christmas 2019 tour, **The Sixteen's** festive programme features Britten's hugely popular *A Ceremony of Carols*, with conductor **Harry Christophers**. This masterful and unique work continues to be a staple of the choral canon and is an example of Britten's genius. The evening also showcases traditional Medieval carol tunes upon which so much Christmas music has been based, contrasted with more modern delights including Warlock's *Corpus Christi* and Walton's festive *Make we joy now in this fest* (Monday 16 & Tuesday 17 December 2019).

### Other Choral Events

Cadogan Hall welcomes a number of performances perfect for the whole family over the festive period. The Hall will be filled with festive cheer from the voices of **The Choir with No Name** in their 'Big Christmas Singalong'. The organisation runs choirs for homeless and marginalised people and brings all four of its choirs to Cadogan Hall for this 10th anniversary Christmas spectacular (Friday 13 December 2019).

**Carols by Candlelight** returns to the Hall following a sold-out show in 2018. **Mozart Festival Chorus and Orchestra** perform a concert of carols and seasonal classics, staged in full 18<sup>th</sup> century costume in a candle-lit style setting. The concert led by **Steven Devine** sees soprano **Susanna Hurrell** perform alongside special guest reader, **Timothy West** (Saturday 15 December & Sunday 16 December 2019).

Recognised as one of the world's leading choruses, **The Bach Choir** present a concert of carols old and new, including the winning entry in the Sir David Willcocks Carol Competition. Special guests **London City Brass** join the choir on stage for an evening of festive music conducted by **David Hill** (Wednesday 18 December 2019).

As part of the Brandenburg Choral Festival of London, **Twickenham Choral** continue the yuletide celebrations with a performance of Honegger's *Christmas Cantata*. The programme is bookended with Poulenc's best-loved choral works, the *Gloria* and the *Stabat Mater* (Saturday 4 January 2020).

### **Royal Philharmonic Orchestra**

Resident at Cadogan Hall, the **Royal Philharmonic Orchestra** conducted by **Hilary Davan Wetton** lead a classical Christmas celebration 'The Magic of Christmas'. Joined by the **City of London Choir**, the programme includes music by Finzi, Delius and Vaughan Williams, as well as seasonal favourites by Rutter, Willcocks and Gardner. Soprano **Julia Doyle** and baritone **William Dazeley** are the soloists (Thursday 5 December 2019).

The Orchestra returns for its annual and much-loved 'Christmas Cracker' concert with a programme of Christmas classics and audience carols. They are joined by award-winning vocalist **Matt Ford** and musical theatre star **Anna-Jane Casey** (Saturday 14 December 2019).

### **Orchestral Events**

One of the UK's leading chamber orchestras, **London Concertante**, returns to Cadogan Hall with an evening of Viennese music featuring works by the 'King of Waltzes', Johann Strauss II including *The Blue Danube Waltz*. Also on the programme are Tchaikovsky's *Waltz from Sleeping Beauty* and *The Nutcracker Suite*, Strauss' *Tritsch-Tratsch Polka* and Brahms' *Hungarian Dance No.5* (Sunday 8 December 2019).

### **Special Guests**

World renowned keyboard player, both as a member of YES and as a solo artist, **Rick Wakeman** brings his show 'The Grumpy Old Christmas Show' to Cadogan Hall over the Christmas period. The evening combines spellbinding piano music from Wakeman's new Christmas album *Portraits* interspersed with tales and revealing insights into his lengthy and varied career (Friday 6 December 2019).

Hailed as one the world's greatest classical singers, **Russell Watson** performs an intimate evening of much-loved music, seasonal songs and carols for all with favourites including *Silent Night*, *O Holy Night* and *White Christmas*. (Friday 20 December 2019).

Toast the Christmas spirit with Downton Abbey's **Hugh Bonneville** as he joins **The London Concert Brass** and **London Philharmonic Choir** for an evening of Victorian carols and a selection of readings from Charles Dickens' *A Christmas Carol* (Sunday 22 December 2019).

Popular vocal troupe, **G4** who shot to fame on the first series of ITV's *The X Factor*, embark on their biggest ever Christmas tour in 2019 bringing an evening of medleys and Christmas classics to Cadogan Hall (Saturday 28 December 2019).

## **Family Events**

Stars from the West End and Broadway perform in a family extravaganza, 'West End Does: Christmas' hosted by British comedy legend **Matt Lucas**. It features classic songs and carols performed by an all-star West End cast including **Louise Dearman** (*Wicked*), **Craig Mather** (*Wind in the Willows*), **Emma Kingston** (*Evita*), **Emma Lindars** (*Shrek the Musical*), **Ricardo Afonso** (*Jesus Christ Superstar*), **Laura Pitt-Pulford** (Olivier Nominee for *Seven Brides for Seven Brothers*), and Fra Fee (*The Ferryman*) with orchestral accompaniment and supported by **Stage Box Musical Theatre Kids Choir** and **The GSA Singers** from Guildford School of Acting (Thursday 19 December 2019).

**The Mozart Symphony Orchestra** perform the live orchestral accompaniment to Raymond Brigg's popular Christmas film *The Snowman*. The programme continues in the second half with a performance of Prokofiev's *Peter and the Wolf*. (21 December 2019).

## **More Christmas Events**

Audience favourite **The Definitive Rat Pack** are back alongside Dean Martin's **The Goldiggers** and internationally-renowned 14-piece **Manhattan Swing Orchestra**. With **Stephen Triffitt** as Frank Sinatra, **Mark Adams** as Dean Martin and **George Daniel Long** as Sammy Davis Jr, the ensemble performs festive classics including *White Christmas* and *Let It Snow* as well as favourites such as *I've Got You Under My Skin*, *That's Amore* and *New York, New York* (Saturday 7 December 2019).

Cadogan Hall brings in the New Year with **Rainer Hersch Orkestra** who bring an evening of orchestral music and stand-up comedy. Comedian and conductor Rainer Hersch's New Year's Eve Bash, with his nine-piece orchestra and star clarinetist **Emma Johnson**, offers musical comedy and wit guaranteed to have audiences rolling in the aisles (Tuesday 31 December 2019).

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## **Listings**

<b>Westminster Cathedral Choir</b> <b>Tuesday 3 December 2019, 7:30pm</b> Peter Stevens  <i>Victoria O magnum mysterium</i> <i>Plainsong Dominus dixit ad me</i> <i>Tallis O nata lux</i> <i>James MacMillan O radiant dawn</i> <i>Plainsong Puer natus est nobis</i> <i>Palestrina Rorate cæli</i> <i>Tallis Videte miraculum</i> <i>Joanna Marsh O magnum mysterium</i> <i>Victoria Alma redemptoris mater</i> <i>Plainsong Alleluia: Dominus dixit ad me</i> <i>Bruckner Ave Maria</i> <i>Poulenc O magnum mysterium</i> <i>Poulenc Quem vidistis pastores?</i> <i>Howells A spotless rose</i> <i>Eric Whitacre Lux aurumque</i> <i>Warlock Bethlehem Down</i> <i>Morten Lauridsen O magnum mysterium</i>	<b>John Lewis Partnership Music Society</b> <b>Wednesday 4 December 2019, 7:30pm</b> Voices in Partnership/Cavendish Ensemble/Manvinder Rattan  <i>John Rutter Gloria</i> <i>Mozart Symphony No. 41, 'Jupiter'</i> Carols for choir and audience
<b>Royal Philharmonic Orchestra</b> <b>Thursday 5 December 2019, 7:30pm</b>	<b>Rick Wakeman</b> <b>Friday 6 December 2019, 7:30pm</b>

<p>Julia Doyle/William Dazeley/City of London Choir/Hilary Davan Wetton</p> <p><i>Finzi In Terra Pax – Christmas Scene</i>  <i>Warlock Three Carols</i>  <i>Vaughan Williams Folksongs of the Four Seasons</i>  <i>Delius Sleigh Ride</i></p>	
<p><b>The Rat Pack at Christmas</b>  <b>Saturday 7 December 2019, 2:30pm &amp; 7:30pm</b>  Stephen Triffitt/ Mark Adams/ George Daniel Long/ The Goldiggers/ The Manhattan Swing Orchestra</p>	<p><b>London Concertante Christmas</b>  <b>Sunday 8 December 2019, 7:00pm</b>  Strauss <i>Die Fledermaus Overture</i>  Strauss <i>Tritsch-Tratsch Polka</i>  Tchaikovsky <i>Waltz from The Sleeping Beauty</i>  Bottesini <i>Gran Duo Concertante</i>  Brahms <i>Hungarian Dance No. 5</i>  Tchaikovsky <i>The Nutcracker Suite</i>  Strauss <i>The Blue Danube Waltz</i></p>
<p><b>Westminster Cathedral Choir School Gallery Choir</b>  <b>Tuesday 10 December 2019, 11:00am</b>  Venue: Culford Room</p>	<p><b>The Choir with No Name's Big Christmas Singalong</b>  <b>Friday 13 December 2019, 7:30pm</b></p>
<p><b>Royal Philharmonic Orchestra</b>  <b>Saturday 14 December 2019, 3:00pm &amp; 7:30pm</b>  Stephen Bell/Anna-Jane Casey/Matt Ford</p>	<p><b>Carols by Candlelight</b>  <b>Sunday 15 December 2019, 3:00pm &amp; 7:00pm</b>  Timothy West/Susanna Hurrell/Mozart Festival Chorus/Mozart Festival Orchestra/Steven Devine</p> <p><i>Cullen Joy to the World</i>  <i>Handel Christmas Sequence from Messiah</i>  <i>Bach Air on the G String</i>  <i>Handel Zadok the Priest</i>  <i>Darke In the Bleak Midwinter</i>  <i>Handel Let the Bright Seraphim</i></p> <p>And carols for all:  <i>Good King Wenceslas</i>  <i>Once in Royal David's City</i>  <i>While Shepherd's Watched their Flocks</i>  <i>O Come, all ye Faithful</i>  <i>Hark! The Herald Angels Sing</i></p>
<p><b>The Sixteen at Christmas</b>  <b>Monday 16 December 2019, 7:30pm &amp; Tuesday 17 December 2019, 7:30pm</b>  Harry Christophers</p> <p><i>Walton Make we joy now in this fest</i>  <i>Matthew Martin Adam lay ybounden</i>  <i>Poston Jesus Christ the apple tree</i>  <i>Warlock Corpus Christi</i>  <i>Holst This have I done for my true love</i>  <i>Praetorisu arr. Jan Sandström Lo, how a rose e'er blooming</i>  <i>James Burton Balulalow</i></p>	<p><b>The Bach Choir</b>  <b>Wednesday 18 December 2019, 7:30pm</b>  London City Brass/David Hill/Philip Scriven/Matthew Green/Nigel Bates</p>

<p>Cecilia McDowall <i>Of a rose</i>  Britten <i>A ceremony of carols</i>  Selection of Medieval and traditional carols</p>	
<p><b>West End Does: Christmas</b>  <b>Thursday 19 December 2019, 7:30pm</b>  Louise Dearman/Fra Fee/Laura Pitt-Pulford/Craig Mather/Emma Kingston/Ricardo Afonso/Matt Lucas</p>	<p><b>Christmas with Russell Watson</b>  <b>Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2019, 7:30pm</b>  Natasha Marsh/Birmingham Voices/Live Show Band</p>
<p><b>The Snowman &amp; Peter and the Wolf</b>  <b>Saturday 21 December 2019, 1:30pm &amp; 4:30pm</b>  Mozart Symphony Orchestra/Alice Mackenzie/Philip Mackenzie/Diggory Seacome</p> <p>Howard Blake <i>The Snowman (shown on the big screen with live orchestral accompaniment)</i>  Prokofiev <i>Peter and the Wolf</i></p>	<p><b>Carols and Classics with Charles Dickens</b>  <b>Sunday 22 December 2019, 3:00pm</b>  Hugh Bonneville/London Concert Brass/London Philharmonic Choir/Neville Creed</p> <p><i>Good King Wenceslas</i>  <i>Away in a Manger</i>  <i>The First Nowell</i>  <i>I Saw Three Ships</i>  <i>Deck the Halls</i>  <i>Ding, Dong Merrily on High!</i>  <i>We Wish you a Merry Christmas</i>  Plus carols for all</p>
<p><b>G4 Christmas</b>  <b>Saturday 28 December 2019, 7:30pm</b></p>	<p><b>Rainer Hersch Orkestra</b>  <b>Tuesday 31 December 2019, 7:00pm</b>  Rainer Hersch/Laura Ruhí Vidal/Emma Johnson</p> <p>Featuring music from (or almost from):  Beethoven <i>Symphony No. 5</i> (bits of); <i>Für Elisa</i> (jazzed up)  Gershwin <i>Rhapsody in Blue</i>; <i>Summertime</i> (like, super unseasonal)  Massenet <i>Meditation from Thaïs</i>  Rossini <i>Overture to The Barber of Seville</i>  Strauss II <i>Cuckoo Polka</i>; <i>Laughing Song</i>; <i>Blue Danube Waltz</i>; <i>Radetzky March</i>  Apple Ringtones Rag  Video Games Live  Conducting Competition  Plus seasonal faves and more.</p>
<p><b>Twickenham Choral</b>  <b>Saturday 4 January 2019, 7:30pm</b>  Sophie Bevan/Twickenham Choral/Brandenburg Sinfonia/Christopher Herrick</p> <p>Poulenc <i>Gloria</i>  Honegger <i>Christmas Cantata</i>  Poulenc <i>Stabat Mater</i></p>	

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