

**A FESTIVAL OF BRITTEN
NATIONAL YOUTH CHOIRS OF GREAT
BRITAIN, JAMES SHERLOCK ORGAN &
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In the thirty years since the National Youth Choirs of Great Britain were born, they have continued to blossom and flourish. New director Ben Parry was quick to notice they share their birthday in 2013 with Britten's centenary, and the result is this celebratory double album.

Over the course of a year the Delphian engineers have followed the various choirs on their courses, and for the first time all eight groups appear on disc – six hundred singers, eight conductors, in three different venues.

The vast range of Britten's choral output encompasses work to match the character of each of the different choirs, from the fresh-faced eagerness of the Training Choirs to the maturity and sophistication of the elite National Youth Chamber Choir. The rigorous training all these singers enjoy bears abundant fruit. Their vocal discipline, their energy, their sheer enthusiasm are vividly conveyed in this unique double birthday celebration.

The National Youth Chamber Choir celebrates the launch of this recording on Monday 11 November with a concert at the Royal Albert Hall's Elgar Room – 8pm (1 hour of music), followed by a drinks reception. Press and industry partners are very welcome – for more details, please contact us directly by email or telephone.

PRAISE FOR NATIONAL YOUTH CHOIRS OF GREAT BRITAIN:

'THE FERVENT GLOW OF THE NATIONAL YOUTH CHOIRS OF GREAT BRITAIN ... SENT THE TEMPERATURE SOARING'
– *The Times, August 2013*

'THE MASSED CHOIRS MORE THAN MATCHED THE WORLD-CLASS QUARTET OF SOLOISTS'
– *Evening Standard, August 2013*



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1	Fancie <i>Boys' Choir / Greg Hallam</i>	[1:04]
2	Festival Te Deum Op. 32 <i>Training Choir South / Greg Beardsell</i>	[6:28]
3	A Hymn of St Columba <i>Training Choir South / Greg Beardsell</i>	[1:48]
4	Hymn to St Peter Op. 56a <i>Training Choir South / Greg Beardsell</i>	[6:15]
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8	A Hymn to the Virgin <i>Training Choir North / Dominic Peckham</i>	[3:27]
9	Jubilate Deo in C <i>Training Choir South / Greg Beardsell</i>	[2:40]
10	Hymn to St Cecilia Op. 27 <i>Chamber Choir / Ben Parry</i>	[9:49]
11	Te Deum in C <i>Training Choir North / Dominic Peckham</i>	[8:16]
12	The Ballad of Little Musgrave and Lady Barnard <i>Cambiata Voices / Niall Crowley</i>	[10:30]
13	Deus in adiutorium meum <i>Chamber Choir / Ben Parry</i>	[5:10]
14	Antiphon <i>Training Choir North / Rachel Staunton</i>	[6:09]
15	Jubilate Deo in E flat <i>Training Choir North / Rachel Staunton</i>	[2:39]
CD2		
1-12	A Ceremony of Carols Op. 28 <i>Girls' Choirs / Esther Jones</i>	[23:24]
13	Rejoice in the Lamb Festival Cantata Op. 30 <i>National Youth Choir / Robert Isaacs</i>	[18:23]
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