

A group of young boys in white robes standing in a line in a cathedral, looking towards a doorway. The scene is dimly lit, with a warm glow from the doorway. The boys are seen from behind, and their reflections are visible on the polished floor. The architecture features stone columns and a patterned wall on the left.

# LIBERA

ST GEORGE'S CATHEDRAL, SOUTHWARK

1ST DECEMBER 2017

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OFFICIAL PROGRAMME



# LIBERA

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## LIBERA BOYS SINGING TONIGHT:

MARC ALVARES, ETHAN BARRON, LEO BARRON, NATHANIEL BATES FISHER,  
LOUIS BOON, EMANUELE BORRELLI, MERLIN BROUWER, BENEDICT BYWATER,  
CASSIUS COLLARD, GABRIEL COLLINS, SAMUEL-FRANCIS COLLINS,  
JOSEPH CRANITCH, TADHG FITZGERALD, JOHNNY GARDNER, ALEXANDER GULA,  
ADAM IZGHOUTI, PETER KIELTY, ISAAC LONDON, GREGOR LUMSDEN,  
ALESSANDRO MACKINNON-BOTTI, ALEXANDRE MENUET, ALEXANDER MONTORO,  
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KOJI SHINOKUBO, TAICHI SHINOKUBO, JACK SPICHA, CAMDEN STEWART,  
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CALAM VIRK TAMANA, OLIVER WATT-RODRIGUEZ, BENJAMIN WEVILL,  
DANIEL WHITE, VICTOR WIGGIN

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Musical Director – Robert Prizeman

Assistant musical directors – Sam Coates & Steven Geraghty

Strings - Project Instrumental

Flute - Eimear McGeown

Oboe - Jesse Bescoby

Clarinet - Paul Sanders

Horn - Raoul Neumann

Percussion - Felix Higginbottom

Piano - Nathaniel Brawn

Sound mixing & production – Sam Coates

Sound engineering - Robin Hawkins

Lighting – Steve Heywood & Luke Avery

Stage management – Simon Lewis & Jonathan Barrington

Stage direction – Steven Geraghty

Libera co-ordination and chaperones – Barbara Geraghty & Eleanor Lewis

Production co-ordinator – Andrew Winter

Programme design and art direction – Kathy Kielty

We are grateful to John Boak for his generous support of tonight's concert which has made the provision of video screens possible

With thanks to Canon Richard Hearn, Father Oladele Craig and the staff of the cathedral



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SOUTHWARK CATHEDRAL, LONDON  
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There will be an opportunity to purchase CDs/DVDs and some Libera souvenirs and gifts during the interval and at the end of the concert.

The boys will return at the end of the evening to sign CDs etc in the hall.

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# LIBERA

**THE SINGERS** of Libera, aged seven to sixteen, attend schools in London, and come from a variety of backgrounds. Familiar to audiences across the world, the boys have an original sound, which is at once both ancient and modern. Their distinctive white robes symbolise the traditional origins of their style – yet their music reaches across the generations to a new mainstream audience. Libera's success in album charts around the world bears witness to the extraordinary appeal of this unique 'boy band' and they have attracted an enthusiastic fan base in many countries, particularly in the US & Canada, Russia, UK, Japan, China, the Philippines, Taiwan, Singapore and South Korea.

Libera is known to British audiences through TV appearances and staged concerts at a variety of venues from the South Bank in London to concert halls

and cathedrals across the country. Libera have made many television appearances including BBC-TV's 'Last Choir Standing', on which the boys were featured as guests. They were winners of the Saturday night show 'When Will I Be Famous' and had a whole documentary devoted to them on BBC-TV's 'Songs of Praise'. Other TV/Radio appearances have included 'BBC Breakfast' and the 'Chris Evans Show'. The boys are regularly to be heard on Classic FM, and last Christmas scored the top classical song download at iTunes.

In the US & Canada, Libera are known through their concert tours and TV appearances including nationwide PBS specials, NBC 'Today' show and 'The Tonight Show.' Libera boys were the only British artists to perform at the Papal Mass at the climax of Pope Benedict XVI's first visit to the USA – singing to a congregation



of 65,000 at New York's Yankee Stadium. They sang a tribute to Beach Boys Brian Wilson at the Kennedy Center Honours and have travelled across North America several times, appearing in venues as diverse as the Crystal Cathedral in California, the St Louis Basilica, St Paul and Minneapolis cathedrals, the Moody church in Chicago, the Riverside Church in NYC and other venues both secular and sacred from Texas to Toronto. They are top artists on the PBS network which frequently screens Libera's 'Christmas in Ireland' concert in Armagh Cathedral and a special performance in Washington DC filmed at the National Shrine.

During their recent European tour, Libera joined the throng of pilgrims attending World Youth Day in Poland gathered to join with Pope Francis. The boys performed to packed crowds in Krakov including their largest ever live appearance singing to over 1.5 million at the vigil event. In

the same tour they made their debut in Germany at the Schoenstatt shrine near Koblenz.

In South East Asia, the sounds of Libera are frequently heard in mainstream TV and radio programmes and their CD's ride high in the classical and pop charts of countries like Japan, South Korea, Taiwan, Singapore and the Philippines. In Japan they performed the Christmas music for the world's largest Universal Studios theme park in Osaka to over 10,000 and, as a reward for also singing their television advert the boys enjoyed a day of free rides!

Through their involvement in Libera, the boys have travelled the world, recorded movie soundtracks and CDs and served as backing singers to mega-stars. But, as one of the boys said, "The travelling and filming is fun but even if we didn't go anywhere I'd still want to do it because I just love singing."





## DO YOU HEAR WHAT I HEAR

*Words – Noël Regney  
Music – Gloria Shayne Baker  
Arranged – Robert Prizeman*

Said the night wind  
to the little lamb  
Do you see what I see?  
Way up in the sky little lamb  
Do you see what I see?  
A star, a star  
dancing in the night  
with a tail as big as a kite

Said the little lamb  
to the shepherd boy  
Do you hear what I hear?  
Ringing through the sky  
shepherd boy  
Do you hear what I hear?  
A song, a song  
high above the tree  
with a voice as big as the sea

Said the shepherd boy  
to the mighty king  
Do you know what I know?  
In your palace warm  
mighty king  
Do you know what I know?  
A child, a child  
shivers in the cold  
let us bring him silver and gold

Said the king to the  
people everywhere  
Listen to what I say  
Pray for peace  
people everywhere  
Listen to what I say  
The child, the child  
sleeping in the night  
He will bring us  
goodness and light







## SANCTUS

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*Music – Johann Pachelbel  
Words – traditional  
Arranged – Robert Prizeman  
Based on 'Canon'*

Sanctus  
Benedictus qui venit in nomine Domine  
Sanctus Dominus Deus Sabaoth  
pleni sunt coeli et terra Gloria

## GAUDETE

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*Music & words – traditional  
Arranged – Robert Prizeman*

Gaudete, gaudete christus est natus,  
Ex Maria virginiae, gaudete

Tempus ad est gratiae hoc quod optabamus,  
Carmina latitiae, devote redamus

Ergo nostra contio psallat iam in lustro  
Benedicat Domino sallus regi nostro



## ANGELE DEI

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*Music – Robert Prizeman*

*Words – traditional*

*Additional words –*

*Robert Prizeman*

Lumina – Guberna - Angele

Angel of God, my guardian dear  
To whom God's love does commit me here  
Ever this night be at my side  
And every day of my life with me abide  
To light and guard to rule and guide  
Illumina  
Angel of God, watch over me this night  
My guardian dear never lose me from your sight  
As shadows fall stay ever at my side  
And every day of my life with me abide  
To light and guard to rule and guide  
Illumina  
Angel of God  
Angel of mine  
Amen

## FROM A DISTANCE

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*Music & Words – Julie Gold*

*Arranged – Sam Coates*

From a distance, the earth looks blue and green  
and the snow-capped mountains white  
From a distance the ocean meets the stream,  
and the eagle takes to flight  
From a distance, there is harmony  
and it echoes through the land  
It's the voice of hope, it's the voice of peace,  
it's the voice of every man

From a distance, we all have had enough and no one is in need  
There are no guns, no bombs and no disease,  
no hungry mouths to feed  
From a distance, we are instruments  
marching in a common band  
Playing songs of hope, playing songs of peace,  
they're the songs of every man

God is watching us, God is watching us from a distance

From a distance, you look like my friend  
even though we are at war  
From a distance, I cannot comprehend  
what all this fighting's for  
From a distance, there is harmony  
and it echoes through the land  
It's the hope of hopes, it's the love of loves,  
it's the voice of every man





## CAROL OF THE BELLS

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*Music – M Leontovych  
Arranged – Robert Prizeman*

Hark how the bells  
sweet silver bells  
all seem to say  
throw cares away

Christmas is here  
bringing good cheer  
to young and old  
meek and the bold

Ding dong ding dong  
that is their song  
With joyful ring  
all carolling

One seems to hear  
words of good cheer  
from everywhere  
filling the air

Oh how they pound  
raising the sound  
o'er hill and dale  
telling their tale

Gloria, in excelsis Deo  
Gloria

Gaily they ring  
while people sing  
songs of good cheer  
Christmas is here

Merry, merry, merry, merry  
Christmas  
On on they send  
on without end  
their joyful tone to every  
home

Ding dong ding dong  
That is their song



## HOW GREAT THOU ART

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*Music – traditional*

*Words – traditional*

*translated by S Hine*

*Arranged – Robert Prizeman*

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder  
consider all the works thy hand hath made  
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder  
thy power throughout the universe displayed

Then sings my soul my saviour God to thee  
How great thou art, how great thou art  
Then sings my soul my saviour God to thee  
How great thou art, how great thou art

When through the woods and forest glades I wander  
and hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees  
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur  
and hear the brook, and feel the gentle breeze

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation  
and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart  
Then shall I bow in humble adoration  
and there proclaim my God how great thou art

## STAY WITH ME

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*Words & Music –  
Robert Prizeman*

You are everything I know  
Which ever way I go  
For ever stay with me

Venite angeli  
Cantate domino  
Laudate

You see me through when  
ever I'm afraid  
However far away  
For ever comfort me

You're on my side whichever  
way I choose  
In everything I do  
For ever stay with me





## DIES IRAE

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*Music – Robert Prizeman –  
based on traditional chant  
Words – Ian Tilley &  
Robert Prizeman & traditional*

Rex tremendae majestatis  
salva me  
Confutatis maledictis voca me  
Kyrie eleison

Can you tell me if there'll be  
one day when we'll wake  
and see  
how to right the things  
gone by  
Kyrie eleison

Dies irae, dies illa,  
solvat saeculum in favilla  
cum resurget creatura,  
judex est venturus  
Kyrie eleison

Through the dark and  
fearful night  
help us bring a healing light  
reaching out to those  
who cry  
Kyrie eleison

Finally we can see the way  
how to make a brighter day  
You can turn the  
darkness round  
Kyrie eleison

## JOYFUL JOYFUL

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*Music – Ludwig van Beethoven  
Words – Henry Van Dyke  
Arranged – Robert Prizeman*

*Based on theme from the  
9th Symphony 'Choral'*

Joyful joyful we adore thee  
God of glory Lord of love  
Hearts unfold like flowers  
before thee  
opening to the sun above  
Melt the clouds of sin  
and sadness  
drive the dark of doubt away  
Giver of immortal gladness  
fill us with the light of day

All thy works with joy  
surround thee  
earth and heaven  
reflect thy rays  
Stars and angels sing  
around thee  
centre of unbroken praise  
Field and forest vale  
and mountain  
flowery meadow flashing sea,  
Singing bird and  
flowing fountain  
call us to rejoice in thee

Thou art giving and forgiving  
ever blessing ever blest  
Well-spring of the  
joy of living  
ocean depth of happy rest  
Thou our father  
Christ our brother  
all who live in love are thine  
Teach us how to  
love each other  
lift us to the joy divine













## I AM THE DAY

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*Music & Words –  
Robert Prizeman*

I am the day, soon to be born  
I am the light before the morning

I am the night, that will be dawn  
I am the end and the beginning

I am the alpha and omega  
The night and day, the first and last

Illuminosa, immortalis, sancta gloriosa  
In aeterna

I am the life, soon to begin  
I am the new hope in the morning  
I am the darkness, soon to be light  
I am the rising and the falling

## I'M DREAMING OF HOME

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*From 'Joyeux Noel'*

*Music – Philippe Rombi  
Words – Lori Barth*

I hear the mountain birds, the sound of rivers singing  
A song I've often heard, it flows through me now  
So clear and so loud  
I stand where I am and forever I'm dreaming of home  
I feel so alone, I'm dreaming of home

It's carried in the air, the breeze of early morning  
I see the land so fair, my heart opens wide  
There's sadness inside  
I stand where I am and forever I'm dreaming of home  
I feel so alone, I'm dreaming of home

This is no foreign sky, I see no foreign light  
But far away am I from some peaceful land  
I'm longing to stand  
A hand in my hand forever I'm dreaming of home  
I feel so alone, I'm dreaming of home



## SAN DAMIANO

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*Music and words – Sal Solo*

Sancta Maria

Only you San Damiano  
Lady of the Roses own  
Only you San Damiano  
Far from here but close to  
home

I want you to go, same as me  
I want you to know, all I see

All corners of the world  
A message to be heard  
With heart and soul

Oh tranquility all around  
Peace and mystery to be  
found

Travel the world and still  
Can other places fill  
Your heart and soul

Corner of paradise  
A golden chain has tied  
Us heart and soul

## SALVA ME

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*Words & Music –  
Robert Prizeman*

Domine deus miserere mei

Carry me away  
from the dark I fear  
when the storm is near  
From the endless night,  
from my blinded sight  
to a sky of light  
Free me to fly away -  
Salva me

Carry me away  
from the things that harm  
on a sea of calm  
From the endless night,  
from my blinded sight  
to a sky of light





## AMAZING GRACE

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*Music – traditional*

*Words – John Newton*

*Arranged – Robert Prizeman*

Amazing grace  
how sweet the sound  
that saved a wretch like me  
I once was lost  
but now am found  
was blind but now I see

Through many dangers  
toils and snares  
I have already come  
'Tis grace that brought  
me safe thus far  
and grace will lead me home

'Twas grace that taught  
my heart to fear  
and grace my fears relieved  
How precious did  
that grace appear  
the hour I first believed

When we've been there  
a thousand years  
bright shining as the sun  
We've no less days  
to sing God's praise  
than when we first begun

## ORINOCO FLOW

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*Music – Enya*

*Words – Roma Ryan*

Let me sail, let me sail, let the Orinoco flow  
Let me reach, let me beach on the shores of Tripoli  
Let me sail, let me sail, let me crash upon your shore  
Let me reach, let me beach far beyond the yellow sea  
Sail away

From Bissau to Palau in the shade of Avalon  
From Fiji to Tiree and the Isles of Ebony  
From Peru to Cebu, feel the power of Babylon  
From Bali to Cali far beneath the Coral Sea  
Turn it up, turn it up, turn it up, up - Adieu

From the North to the South, Ebudae unto Khartoum  
From the deep Sea of Clouds to the Island of the Moon  
Carry me on the waves to the lands I've never been  
Carry me on the waves to the lands I've never seen







## WAYFARING STRANGER

*Music – Traditional  
Words – Traditional  
Arranged – Sam Coates*

I am a poor  
wayfaring stranger,  
a travelling though  
this world of woe  
But there's no sickness  
toil or danger  
in that bright land  
to which I go  
I'm going there  
to see my father,  
I'm going there  
no more to roam  
I'm just a going over Jordan,  
I'm just a going over home

I know dark clouds  
will gather round me,  
I know my way  
is rough and steep  
Yet beautiful fields  
lie just before me,  
where those redeemed  
no more shall weep  
I'm going there  
to see my mother  
she said she'd meet me  
when I come  
I'm just a going over Jordan  
I'm just a going over home

So I will wear  
a crown of glory  
when I get home  
to that good land  
And I will sing  
redemption's story  
in concert with  
that heavenly band  
I'm going there  
to see my brother  
I'm going there  
no more to roam  
I'm just a going over Jordan  
I'm just a going over home



## SMILE

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*Music – Charlie Chaplin*

*Words – Geoffrey Parsons &*

*John Turner*

*Arranged – Sam Coates*

Smile though your heart is aching  
Smile even though it's breaking.  
When there are clouds in the sky you'll get by  
If you smile through your fear and sorrow  
Smile and maybe tomorrow  
You'll see the sun come shining through for you

Light up your face with gladness,  
Hide every trace of sadness  
Although a tear may be ever so near  
That's the time you must keep on trying  
Smile, what's the use of crying  
You'll find that life is still worthwhile  
If you just smile

## LIBERA

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*Music & English words –*

*Robert Prizeman*

Libera

De profundis clamavi ad te domine  
Domine exaudi vocem meam de profundis

Libera me domine de morte

Are you the friend I cannot see  
Are you the one who cares for me  
It's only you can set me free  
Aeterna

Are you my hope of liberty  
Are you the door, are you the key  
It's only you can set me free  
Aeterna





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Salve Regina  
Dreaming of Home  
Angele Dei  
Smile  
Stabat Mater  
Benedictus Deus  
From a Distance  
Three Ravens  
Angel  
Wayfaring  
Stranger  
Hymn to Mary  
San Damiano  
Venite Adoremus  
Home

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## LIBERA AT CHRISTMAS

*The Ideal Christmas Gift*

The CD EP featuring :

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Carol of the bells  
Silent night  
Santa will find you  
Wexford carol  
Hymn to Mary

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Libera is a non-profit charity registered in the UK and the US, and as such is dependent on the generous financial assistance of its supporters around the world. Without this we would be unable to hold public concerts of this nature or to provide the programme of training for the boy singers. If you could consider helping Libera, or know of someone who might, we would be delighted to hear from you at [office@libera.org.uk](mailto:office@libera.org.uk)



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