

A group of boys in white robes standing in a line in a cathedral, looking towards a doorway. The scene is dimly lit, with light coming from the doorway and reflecting on the floor. The boys are seen from behind, and their reflections are visible on the polished floor.

LIBERA

ELY CATHEDRAL

12TH MAY 2018

OFFICIAL PROGRAMME

LIBERA

LIBERA BOYS SINGING TONIGHT:

MARC ALVARES, ETHAN BARRON, LEO BARRON, NATHANIEL BATES FISHER,
EMANUELE BORRELLI, MERLIN BROUWER, BENEDICT BYWATER, DOMINIK CLARKE,
CASSIUS COLLARD, GABRIEL COLLINS, SAMUEL-FRANCIS COLLINS,
JOSEPH CRANITCH, TADHG FITZGERALD, JOHNNY GARDNER, ALEXANDER GULA,
ADAM IZGHOUTI, PETER KIELTY, GREGOR LUMSDEN, ALEXANDRE MENUET,
ALEXANDER MONTORO, MATHIAS MONTORO, OLIVER MYCKA, NEO PARSON,
KOJI SHINOKUBO, TAICHI SHINOKUBO, JACK SPICHA, CAMDEN STEWART,
LAURENCE TAYLOR, NICHOLAS TAYLOR, ROCCO TESEI, ROMEO TESEI,
CALAM VIRK TAMANA, OLIVER WATT-RODRIGUEZ, BENJAMIN WEVILL,
DANIEL WHITE, VICTOR WIGGIN, THEO WOOD

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 - Jon Ormston

Piano - Nathaniel Brawn

Sound mixing & production – Sam Coates

Sound engineering - Robin Hawkins

Lighting – Luke Avery

Stage management – Kavana Crossley, Matthew Jansen & Alessandro MacKinnon-Botti

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

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PLEASE NOTE: The programme is subject to change.

All forms of recording, video filming, photography,
use of mobile phone cameras etc are prohibited.

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There will be an opportunity to purchase Libera souvenirs and gifts during the interval
and at the end of the concert.

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Regretfully as the boys will take about 3 hours to travel home to South London, they will
have to leave quite soon after the performance. Some signed programmes will be on sale.

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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."



MYSTERIUM

Music – Robert Prizeman

JOYFUL JOYFUL

Music – Ludwig van Beethoven

Words – Henry Van Dyke

Arranged – Robert Prizeman

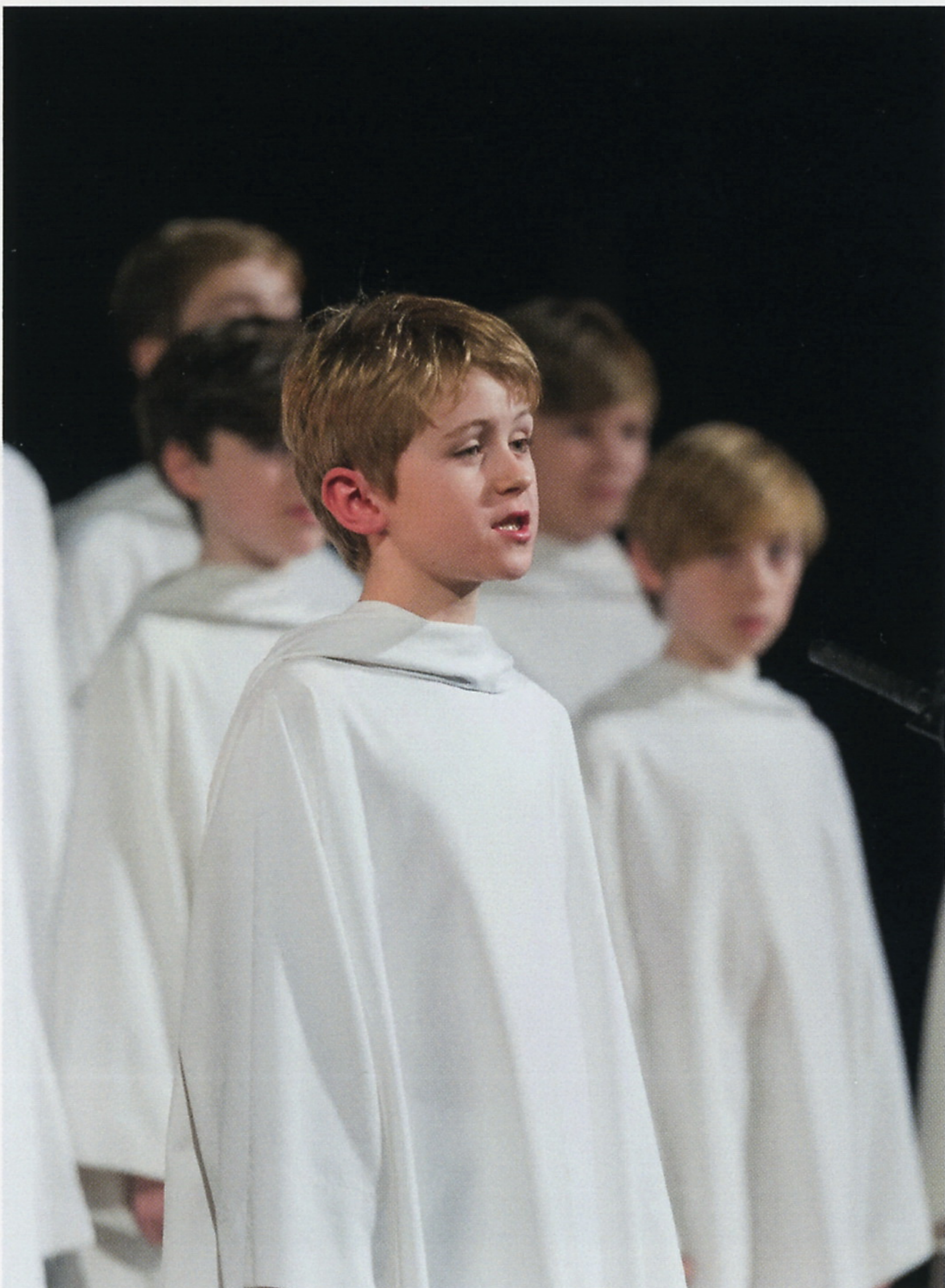
Based on theme from the 9th
Symphony 'Choral'

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





IN PARADISUM

*Music – Ben Robbins
Words – Traditional*

In paradisum deducant te Angeli
in tuo adventu suscipiant te Martyres
et perducant te in civitatem sanctam Jerusalem
in paradisum

Chorus angelorum te suscipiat
et cum Lazaro quondam paupere

Aeternam habeas requiem
in paradisum



THE PRAYER

Music – David Foster

Words – Carole Bayer Sager

Arranged – Sam Coates

I pray you'll be our eyes and watch us where we go
and help us to be wise in times when we don't know
Let this be our prayer when we lose our way
Lead us to a place, guide us with your grace
to a place where we'll be safe

I pray we'll find your light and hold it in our hearts
when stars go out each night remind us where you are
Let this be our prayer when shadows fill our day
Lead us to a place, guide us with your grace
give us faith so we'll be safe

We ask that life be kind and watch us from above
we hope each soul will find another soul to love
Let this be our prayer
just like every child needs to find a place
guide us with your grace
give us faith so we'll be safe





STAY WITH ME

*Words & Music –
Robert Prizeman*

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

Venite angeli
Cantate domino
Laudate

You see me through
whenever 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

AVE MARIA

*Music – Robert Prizeman
Words – Traditional*

Ave Maria gratia plena
Dominus Tecum
Sancta Maria, Mater Dei
Ora pro nobis

HOW GREAT THOU ART

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

VOCA ME

Music – Robert Prizeman

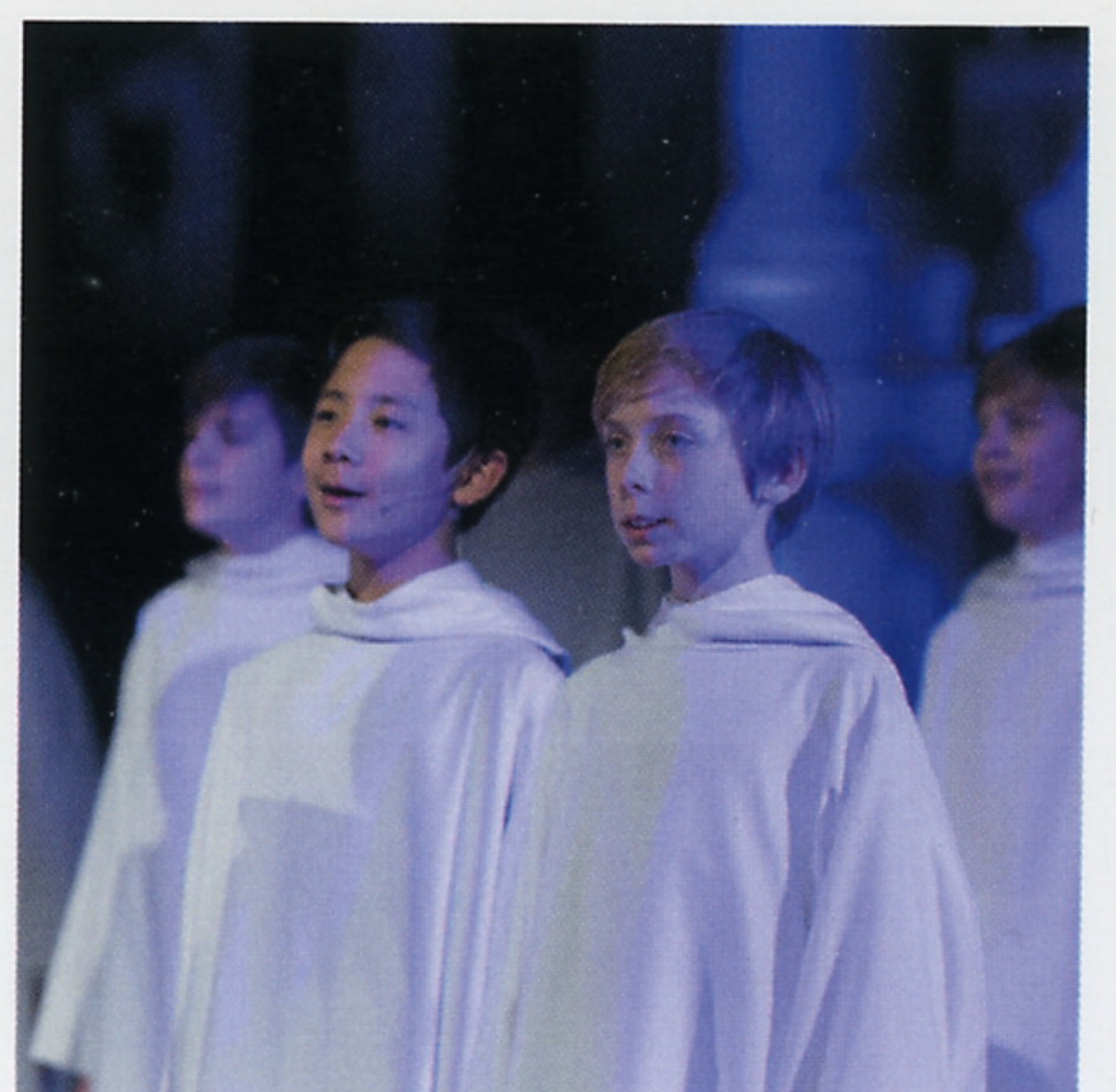
Words – Traditional

Lacrymosa

Voca me cum benedictis
Oro supplex acclinis

Lacrymosa dies illa
Dolorosa Domine
Voca Me

Cor contritum quasi cinis
Gere curam mei finis





ORINOCO FLOW

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

INTERVAL

WINE AND SOFT DRINKS WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE CASH BAR







I AM THE DAY

*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



FROM A DISTANCE

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

SALVA ME

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

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

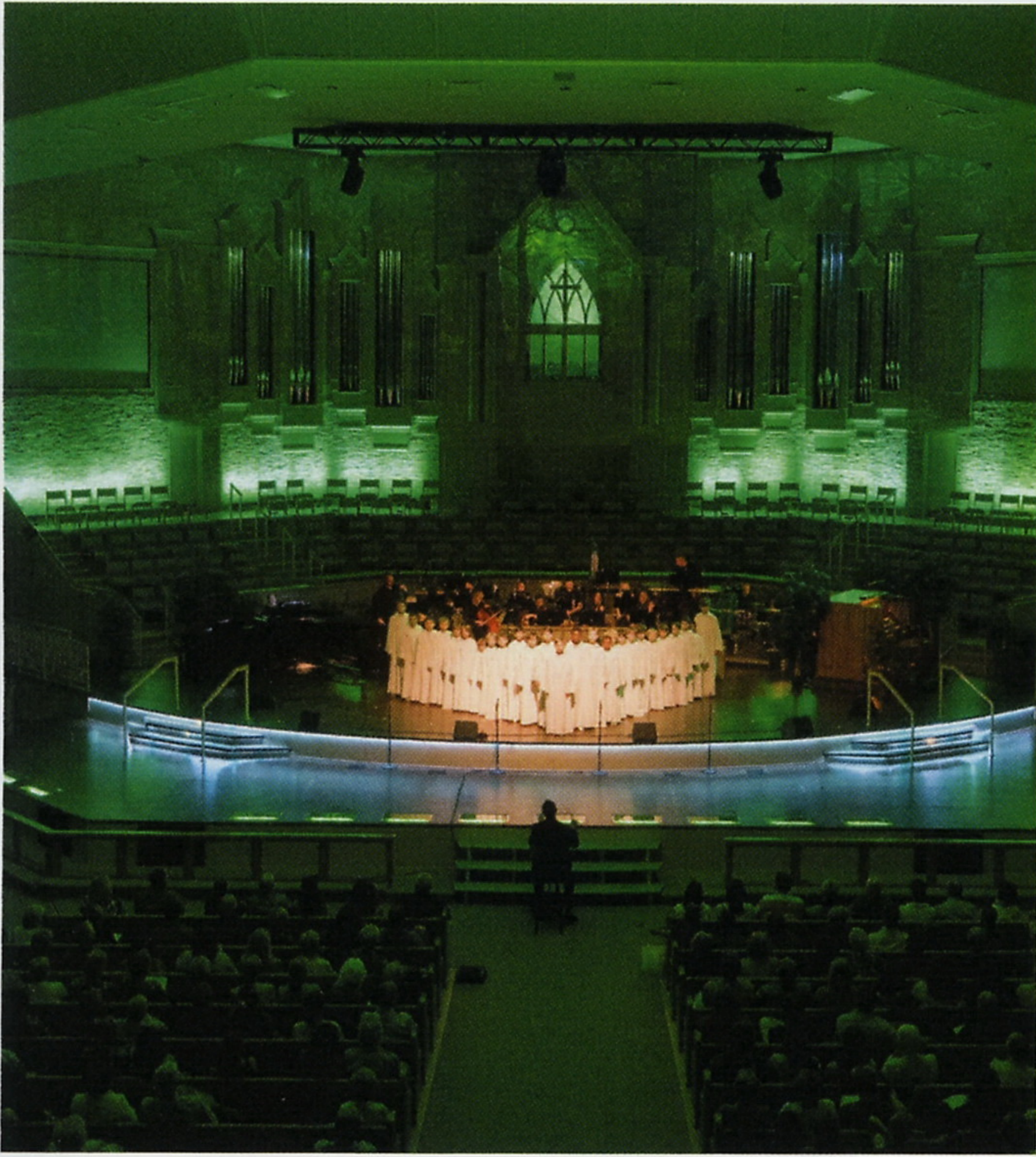
When we've been there
a thousand years
bright shining as the sun
We've no less days
to sing God's praise
than when we first begun

SANCTUS

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 tua
Hosanna in excelsis





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

ETERNAL LIGHT

Music – Akira Senju

Words – Terry Cox

Thoughts of love surround you - everywhere around you
May your heart discover all the magic and the wonder
Inside every moment - deeper than the ocean
I just want to show you all the beauty and the glory

In this clear eternal light - this miracle of light
You will never lose your way
This eternal light will find you and guide you

Life is but a journey - tides are always turning
Seasons come and go here but you'll never be alone here

There are times of long and sleepless nights
but I will bring you peace and hope - shining like a rainbow

LIBERA

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



ON SALE TONIGHT:

LIBERA HOPE

The 2017 album



LIBERA AT CHRISTMAS



ON SALE SOON:

LIBERA BEYOND

The brand new album for 2018
including from tonight's performance
'In Paradisum', 'Ave Maria', 'Voca Me' and 'Sanctus'

SUPPORTING LIBERA

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

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