

Fauré Requiem and other works

Robert Davies *Baritone*
Alice Gribbin *Soprano*
Richard Bannan *Musical Director*

Saturday 13th November 2021
St Peter's Church, Mount Park Road
Ealing, W5 2RU
7:30pm

Tickets £17 | £15 | £5
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In his austere and moving *Requiem*, Fauré combines a deep reverence for its subject with great understanding of the text. The piece has an enduring musical simplicity and enjoys a uniquely hallowed position in the pantheon of great choral works.

Fauré was a renowned organist and teacher. His compositions are imbued with an intimacy and subtlety at odds with those of his more vainglorious contemporaries. His is a voice of contemplation and solitude, utterly at ease with itself. The *Requiem* is in many ways the perfect music for our time.

Our concert will feature three of Fauré's shorter works: the evergreen *Cantique de Jean Racine*, the less familiar *Tantum Ergo op. 55*, and a choral arrangement of his seminal *Pavane*.

We will also be performing two works by Lili Boulanger, a prodigiously talented pupil of Fauré, who became the first female composer to win the prestigious Prix de Rome in 1913. Tragically, she suffered ill-health throughout her life, and died at the age of just 24.

Following his debut with Glyndebourne Festival Opera, **Robert Davies** had established a career as one of the leading baritones in the country, performing at the Opera Comique Paris, the BBC Proms, English Touring Opera and the Edinburgh International Festival.



Since graduating from Oxford University, **Alice Gribbin** has established a career as one of the country's leading consort singers, performing regularly with The Tallis Scholars, as a member of the BBC Singers and as a soloist throughout Europe and the United States.

Tickets: £17 | £15 concessions | £5 under 28s
For further information and to buy tickets, please go to www.petrossingers.org.

Getting there

St Peter's, Mount Park Road, W5 2RU

The Church is a 10-minute walk from Ealing Broadway station (District/Central lines and TfL Rail) or you can catch an E9 or E2 bus to Montpellier Road. There is free parking in the surrounding streets.

