



Gabriel Jackson appointed as BBC Singers' new Associate Composer

OUP is pleased to announce that Gabriel Jackson is to become the BBC Singers' new Associate Composer starting from 2010. Jackson will be the third composer to take up the position, following in the footsteps of Judith Bingham, who has held the post since 2005, and Edward Cowie, who became the first BBC Singers Associate Composer in 2002.

A rising star on the choral music scene, Gabriel Jackson's music is performed by choirs all over the world. He already has a strong relationship with the BBC Singers, who have been performing his music for over a decade. His first commission for the group was *Cecilia Virgo* which it premiered in Canterbury Cathedral in October 2000.

Michael Emery the BBC Singers Producer says:

"I'm delighted that Gabriel is to be our next Associate Composer – we've known his music, in the Singers, for many years and have very much enjoyed performing it, especially the pieces written specifically for us. He's a composer with a huge sympathy for and expertise in vocal music, and I really look forward to seeing what choral wizardry he'll create for the BBC Singers over the next three years."

Gabriel Jackson says:

"I am thrilled and honoured to be invited to be the next Associate Composer to the BBC Singers. I have always been a huge fan of the Singers – it is one of the world's greatest choral groups and, as well as possessing flawless virtuosity and unrivalled ability to master the most demanding scores, which are too often taken for granted, the singers are great artists. I have always thoroughly enjoyed working with the Singers in the past and look forward to deepening that relationship and to exploring the rich musical possibilities our collaboration will offer. I know we can do some very exciting work together."

Notes to editors:

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