

Lunchtime Organ recital**Thierry Mechler****1pm** Peterborough Cathedral

Free admission (retiring collection)



It was in 2000 that we last heard Thierry Mechler play the superb romantic organ of Peterborough Cathedral, shortly before the instrument was damaged by fire. His 2007 programme on the restored organ offers 20th century French

masterworks and improvisations inspired by The Book of Revelation. Thierry is Professor of Organ at the Cologne Hochschule, and in huge demand as a passionate virtuoso and charismatic teacher.

Concert ends at approximately 2pm**Film at the Festival***In association with Oundle Cinema***Venus (15)****Director:** Roger Michell 2006**9pm** Stahl Theatre, Oundle**Tickets £4**

Maurice and Ian are successful but ageing actors, whose conversation revolves around theatrical shop-talk and the infirmities of septuagenarianism. Ian is fearful that death is just around the corner, so he agrees to let his niece's daughter Jessie move in to his flat to care for him. Jessie turns out to be a provincial girl in her early twenties, hard-drinking and rude, but Maurice sees something else in the girl, a potential for humanity which blossoms under his gentle guidance. Something else blossoms, for Maurice, as well: romantic love for a girl fifty years younger. Surprises follow all round. Starring Peter O'Toole, Oscar nominated for his role, and Leslie Phillips.

Contains very strong language.

Bar open before the film

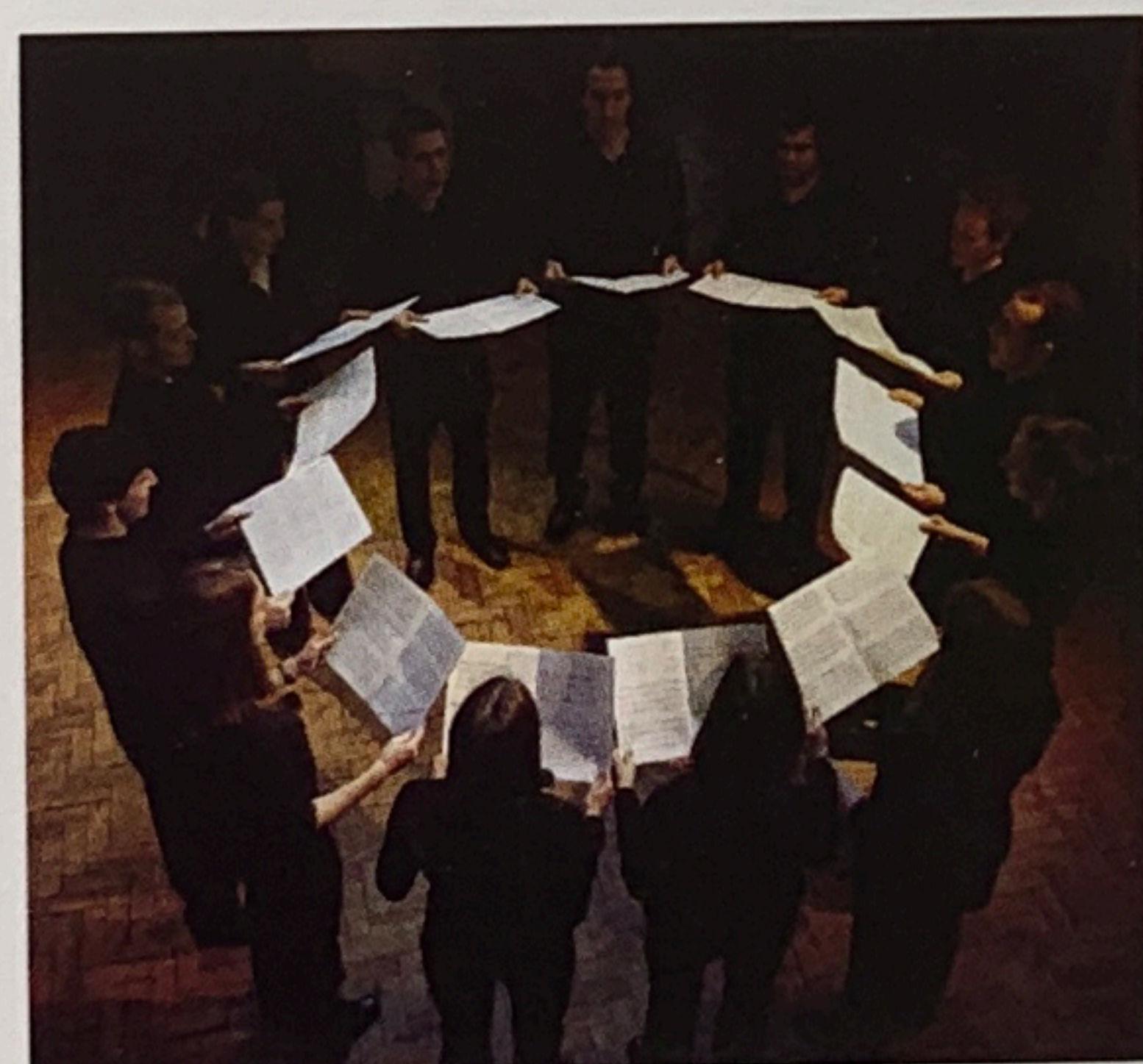
Film ends at approximately 10.35pm**Stile Antico****8pm** St Mary & All Saints Church, Fotheringhay**Tickets £15 front / £13 rear (£5 under 21)****The Desire of Heavenly Harmonies**

Stile Antico is a group of twelve young British singers fast gaining recognition as being amongst the most original and exciting new voices in the field. Their first recording for Harmonia Mundi has been awarded the prestigious *Diapason d'Or*; critics have described it as 'absolutely ravishing... an extraordinary recording'; 'a beautiful disc, rendered with dignity, purity and understanding'.

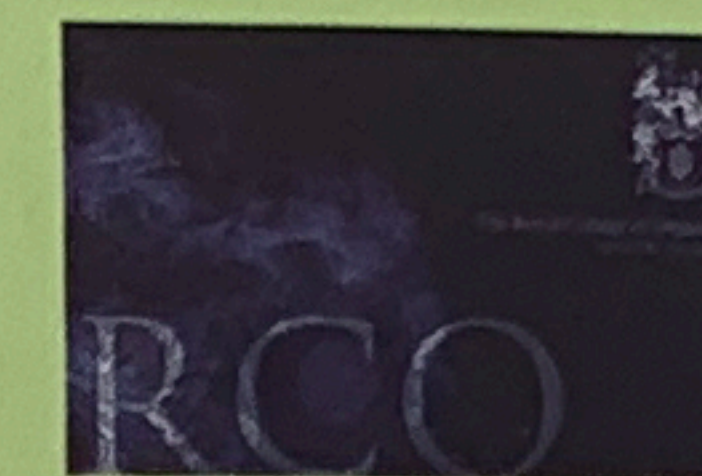
The masterly simplicity of Thomas Tallis's *Nine Tunes for Archbishop Parker's Psalter* is juxtaposed with the most sumptuous of Elizabethan polyphony by William Byrd, highlighting the contrasting approaches to setting the music of the English church.

Having collaborated extensively with Sting in 2006 on his project *Songs from the Labyrinth*, Stile Antico will this year undertake a three-week European tour with the singer.

Bar available before concert and during the interval

Concert ends at approximately 9.45pm**Sponsor**

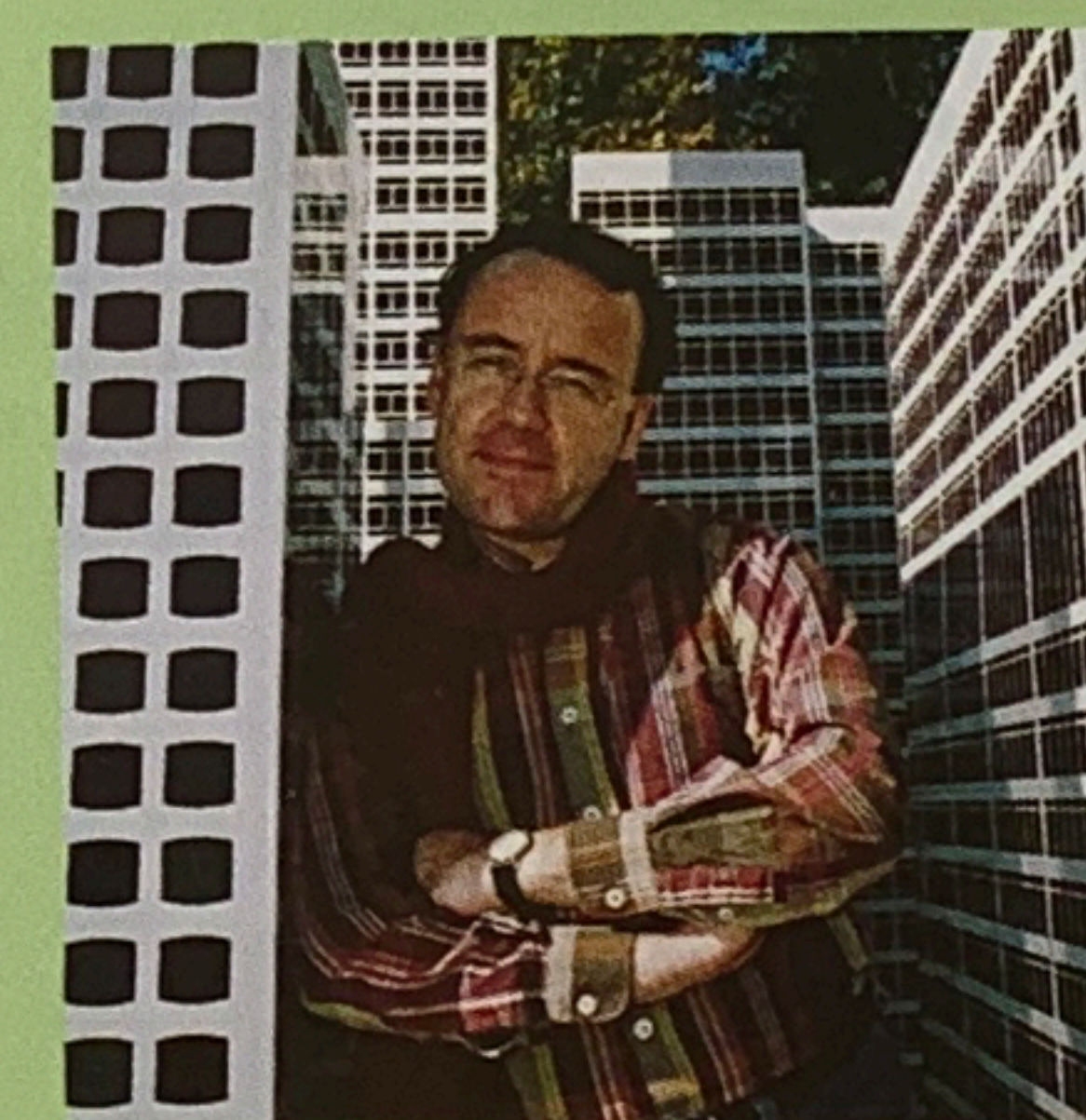
Since Singing is so good a thing, I wish all men would learn to sing.

William Byrd 1588**RCO Lecture****David Briggs****9.30am** Oundle School Chapel

Free admission

Lessons with Langlais

Marking the centenary of Jean Langlais (1907-91), one of the most influential figures in the organ world of 20th century France, David Briggs tells of his studies in Paris with Langlais, and displays his skill as one of the world's finest improvisers at the console.

Lecture will end at approximately 10.30am**Restaurants, cafés and pubs in Oundle:**

Talbot Hotel, New Street - 01832 273621

Smiths at No.4, North Street - 01832 270011

Archie's, 2-4 Crown Court - 01832 273366

Onkar Indian Restaurant, 26 West Street - 01832 274312

San Giorgio Restaurant, 74 West Street - 01832 272720

Chinatown, 6 New Street - 01832 272347

Beans, 1 New Street - 01832 270007

The Coffee Tavern, 1 St Osyth's Lane - 01832 272524

The Ship, West Street - 01832 273918

The Rose and Crown, 11 Market Place - 01832 273284

The Angel Inn, 4 St Osyth's Lane - 01832 273767

The Chequered Skipper, Ashton - 01832 273494

Photo by John Clark

**Coffee concert****Robert Quinney, organ****11am** Oundle School Chapel**Tickets £10**

Robert Quinney, young virtuoso Sub-Organist of Westminster Abbey, selects from his huge repertoire an exciting programme encompassing music from Buxtehude, through Bach and Mendelssohn to an engaging new work by Huw Watkins. He concludes with Langlais' effervescent *Fête*.

Robert's double-CD album *The Grand Organ of Westminster Cathedral* won a double five-star review in a recent edition of BBC Music magazine.

Please join us at the NEW Festival club for a complimentary coffee before the recital.

Recital will end at approximately 12 noon