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This recording restores some of Handel's finest but least-known music to the choir for which he wrote it and to the building where he performed it, probably for the first time since his own performances there. Forming one of the most impressive areas of Baroque music, Handel's English church music spans his entire active career in London, from his first anthem composed soon after his arrival, to his last works nearly forty years later. Most of it was stimulated by Handel's creative contact with the English Chapel Royal, a group of professional singers in a different tradition from the opera stars with whom he worked in the theatre.

George Frideric  
**HANDEL**  
 (1685–1759)

**Music for the Chapel Royal**

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| 1-4   | Let God arise, HWV 256b                        | 12:32 |
| 5-10  | I will magnify thee, HWV 250b                  | 18:11 |
| 11-15 | As Pants the hart, HWV 251d                    | 11:54 |
| 16-21 | O Sing unto the Lord, HWV 249a                 | 11:19 |
| 22-23 | Two movements from As Pants the hart, HWV 251a | 6:59  |

**Choir of the Chapel Royal**  
**Musicians Extra-ordinary**  
**Andrew Gant**

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