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Admired for the sheer beauty of his meditative and mystical music, John Tavener writes of his *Ex Maria Virgine*, which was dedicated to HRH the Prince of Wales and HRH the Duchess of Cornwall in joyful celebration of their marriage: "I have set both familiar and less well known texts, and linked them with an expanding and contracting phrase 'Ex Maria Virgine'. This refers to Mary the Mother of God – 'The Eternal Feminine' – and should be sung with great radiance and femininity." The other, mainly unaccompanied, works reveal Tavener's response to various poetic texts that also praise the Virgin Mary.

## Sir John TAVENER

(b. 1944)

### Ex Maria Virgine

#### A Christmas Sequence for Choir and Organ

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| <b>[1]-10</b> Ex Maria Virgine<br>(2005)* <sup>1</sup> | <b>37:57</b> | <b>[13]</b> A Nativity (1985)                          | <b>2:14</b> |
| <b>[11]</b> Birthday Sleep (1999)                      | <b>5:27</b>  | <b>[14]</b> Marienhymne (2005)*                        | <b>4:42</b> |
| <b>[12]</b> O, Do Not Move (1990)                      | <b>2:00</b>  | <b>[15]</b> O Thou Gentle Light<br>(2000) <sup>2</sup> | <b>4:41</b> |
|  |              | <b>[16]</b> Angels (1985/96) <sup>3</sup>              | <b>6:45</b> |

\*WORLD PREMIÈRE RECORDING

James McVinnie, Organ <sup>1</sup> • Stefan Berkiet, Baritone <sup>2</sup>Simon Thomas Jacobs, Organ <sup>3</sup>

Choir of Clare College, Cambridge • Timothy Brown

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