

Bob Chilcott has been described by *The Observer* as 'a contemporary hero of British Choral Music', and his music is commissioned and sung by choirs throughout the world. His Christmas pieces, a number of which are heard here in première recordings, reveal his enthusiasm for recently written texts, to which he responds with acute verbal sensitivity. Commotio is one of the UK's foremost chamber choirs, hailing from Oxford, where they have performed choral music of the 20th and 21st centuries since 1999.

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THE ROSE IN THE MIDDLE OF WINTER

Carols by Bob Chilcott

1 Song of the Crib (2012)*	5:42	8-15 On Christmas Night (2010)*	23:10
2 Les anges dans nos campagnes (2006)	2:50	16 What sweeter music (2012)*	4:16
3 The Advent Candle (2011)*	2:59	17 Mid-Winter (1994)	3:54
4 The Rose in the Middle of Winter (2009)	2:51	18 The Bethlehem Star (2013)*	2:33
5 The Heart-in-Waiting (2008)	3:45	19 Silent night (2011)*	3:52
6 The shepherds sing (2011)*	3:45	20 The night he was born (2007)	5:27
7 The Shepherd's Carol (2000)	3:30	21 Gifts for the Child of Winter (2012)*	3:46
		22 Before the ice (O magnum mysterium) (2012)*	7:09

*WORLD PREMIERE RECORDINGS

Laurie Ashworth, Soprano ⑥ ⑬ • Richard Pearce, Organ ② ⑧-15 ⑯ ⑳
 Alice James, Flute ⑧-15 ⑯ • Josie Simmons, Soprano saxophone ⑥
 Tim Elton, Oboe ⑧-15 • Tanya Houghton, Harp ③ ⑥ ⑧-15 ⑯

Commotio • Matthew Berry

A detailed track list, artists' details and sung texts can be found inside the booklet.

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