

Described by *The Observer* as “a contemporary hero of British Choral Music”, Bob Chilcott is one of today’s most widely performed composers of choral music. This programme includes première recordings of favourites such as *A Little Jazz Mass*, songs and carols on a variety of texts, and the wit, wisdom and drama of *Aesop’s Fables* in which Chilcott makes musical references to Brahms and Schubert. Winner of the coveted BBC Choir of the Year award in 2010, the Wellensian Consort is one of the United Kingdom’s leading chamber choirs.

Bob CHILCOTT

(b. 1955)

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| 1 The Isle is Full
of Noises (2004)* | 2:01 | 12 Mid-winter (1994/1995) | 4:22 |
| 2 The Lily and the Rose
(2002/2008) | 4:11 | 13 For him all stars
have shone (2002) | 4:03 |
| 3 Everyone sang (1995)*
You and Me (2005)* | 2:23
4:25 | 14 The Rose in the Middle
of Winter (2010) | 2:44 |
| 4 Brightness | 1:19 | I Share Creation (2005)* | 7:35 |
| 5 The Good Side of Me
A Little Jazz Mass
(2004/2005)* | 3:06
11:40 | 15 When the Sun Rises | 1:32 |
| 6 Kyrie | 1:56 | 16 The Earth | 0:54 |
| 7 Gloria | 2:59 | 17 The Innermost House | 2:59 |
| 8 Sanctus | 1:33 | 18 Come to the Great World
Aesop’s Fables (2008)* | 16:30 |
| 9 Benedictus | 1:11 | 19 The Hare and the Tortoise | 2:46 |
| 10 Agnus Dei | 4:01 | 20 The Mountain in Labour | 1:49 |
| 11 Our Father (The Bread
of Life) (2010) | 4:07 | 21 The Fox and the Grapes | 3:05 |
| | | 22 The North Wind and the Sun | 3:58 |
| | | 23 The Goose and the Swan | 4:52 |

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Gemma Beeson, Piano **2 12 13 19-23** • Will Todd Trio **6-10**

Wellensian Consort • Christopher Finch

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