



**FINCHLEY
CHILDREN'S
MUSIC
GROUP**

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Songs of Rain and Sea

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Hototogisu

with works by

Aulis Sallinen &

Witold Lutoslawski

Saturday 5th July 2008

at 7:30 pm

St Pancras Church

Euston Road, London NW1 2BA

(opposite Euston Station)

Tickets £10 & £15

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World premiere - for SSA, piano duet & percussion

words by Sigrún Davídsdóttir

James Weeks *Hotogisu*

World premiere - for SSAA & piano duo

settings of Haiku by the 17th century poet Matsuo Basho

Aulis Sallinen *Songs from the Sea Op.33*

for SSAA a cappella

paraphrased from the Finnish by Michael Hurd

Witold Lutoslawski *Three Children's Songs*

for SSA and piano

based on words by L. Krzemieniecka

Founded by John Andrewes in 1958, this year marks the 50th Anniversary of the Finchley Children's Music Group. FCMG is a highly versatile group of mixed-voiced choirs, consisting of three upper voice choirs and an SATB chamber choir, and is committed to the promotion of singing and choral music for young people aged between 4 and 18. The choirs are well known for their natural, vibrant vocal quality and high level of musicianship and professionalism.

As part of the 50th Anniversary celebrations FCMG has commissioned two song cycles for its senior choir and small ensembles by the composers James Weeks and John Pickard. These works will be premiered at this concert on July 5th together with works by the Finnish composer Aulis Sallinen and the Polish composer Witold Lutoslawski. This continues FCMG's long tradition of commissioning and performing new works for children's voices.

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