



CITY BACH COLLECTIVE

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City Bach Collective special 40th Anniversary Concert press release

Bach in the City of London since 1976

In the autumn of 1976, Peter Lea-Cox, organist of St. Jude-on-the-Hill, Hampstead Garden Suburb was appointed organist of St. Mary-at-Hill in the City. An administrator with some teaching responsibilities at the Royal Academy of Music, Peter decided to use the church to give his students the opportunity to perform Bach cantatas, preparing the editions himself. The series began on 11 November 1976 with a performance of BWV 38, '*Aus tiefer Not schrei ich zu dir*'.

From this initiative, performances of music by Bach and his contemporaries in the City of London (often in the liturgically-appropriated parallel series of [Bach Vespers](#)) have continued right up to the present. Since January 2016 the group performing this German baroque repertoire has been known as the [City Bach Collective](#).

To mark the 40th anniversary of the first Bach cantata concert in 2016, the City Bach Collective will perform cantatas BWV 61 & 62 at a lunchtime concert on 11 November. The concert will be hosted by the associated concert series Music-at-Hill at the church of St. Mary-at-Hill where the series began. Admission is free with a retiring collection.

Event: City Bach Cantata Series 40th Anniversary Concert
Date: Friday 11 November 2016 at 1.05pm
Venue: St. Mary-at-Hill Church, Lovat Lane, London EC3R 8EE
Programme: J. S. Bach cantatas BWV 61 & 62, 'Nun komm der Heiden Heiland'
Performers: The City Bach Collective, leader-director Hazel Brooks.

Concert presented by Music-at-Hill. You can read an unpublished draft of the programme [here](#) (constantly updated until concert day)

There's more information about the Collective including an archive of pictures, press cuttings and orders of service at the Collective's website, citybachcollective.org.uk.

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