Our 2025 season celebrates the 80th birthday of one of Graduate Singers' favourite composers, **Sir John Rutter**. All year long, we'll be embracing the full spectrum of Rutter's music.

His life-affirming Requiem is the centrepiece of our first concert, **Songs of Parting**. We explore his mastery of text-setting in **Songs of Beauty**, a vibrant collection of poetry set to music. And no Rutter festivities would be complete without a Christmas concert, **Songs of Joy**, featuring beloved carols that capture the spirit of this most wonderful time!

Graduate Singers and our Director of Music Karl Geiger are delighted to welcome you to a year of music by Sir John, as well as past composers who influenced him, and living composers he has inspired.

It's a Rutterpalooza, and you're invited!

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SEASON 2025



Songs *of* PARTING

Rutter's Requiem is a work of solace, contemplation, and intimacy, balancing moments of tension and high drama with lucent beauty and grace. We perform this modern masterpiece alongside music that explores the sorrow and sweetness of partings and farewells, with works by Joe Twist, Eleanor Daley and Stephen Paulus.

Elder Hall 7:30 PM Saturday 10 May

Songs *of* BEAUTY

Rutter's Three Shakespeare Songs bring cheerful warmth to the Bard's timeless verses. His predecessor Ralph Vaughan Williams' own Shakespeare Songs provide contrast with their darker, velvety sonorities. Eric Whitacre's Five Hebrew Love Songs and other poetry settings come together in this marriage of lyricism and harmony.

St Peter's Cathedral 7:30 PM Saturday 30 August

Songs of JOY

Rutter's rich legacy to the choral world is most evident in his vast output of Christmas music. Blending traditional carols with contemporary techniques, his settings capture both the joy and the reverence of the holiday season. We invite you to join us for community carols. complete with organ and brass fanfares!

St Peter's Cathedral 7:30 PM Saturday 13 December

