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Verdi . Requiem

Royal Choral Society 150th Anniversary

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Conductor: Richard Cooke

Royal Philharmonic Orchestra

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The Royal Choral Society celebrates 150 years of music-making with a performance of one of the great choral masterpieces, Verdi's *Requiem*. Verdi himself conducted the Royal Choral Society in the UK premiere of this work at the Royal Albert Hall in 1875, and the choir has performed the work many times in its long history. Verdi's *Requiem* unites religious dignity with operatic drama – many have referred to it as his greatest 'opera'. From its hushed opening, the raw terror of the *Dies Irae*, the sorrowful *Lacrimosa* and on to the mighty, moving final plea for deliverance, its power to move and inspire has remained undiminished.

The 150-strong Royal Choral Society will be joined by the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra and a quartet of acclaimed soloists, maintaining a tradition the choir has upheld since its first concert 150 years ago in 1872.

The Royal Festival Hall provides the ideal setting to perform this magnificent work. It's the perfect prelude to the four-day celebrations which will mark the Platinum Jubilee of the Royal Choral Society's Patron, HM The Queen.



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