

# **The English Arts Chorale performs Bach's St Matthew Passion Sat 29 March in Chichester Cathedral**

With six solo singers, two choirs, two orchestras and a children's choir, JS Bach's telling of the passion of Jesus through the eyes of St Matthew is one of the greatest masterpieces of music. Composed almost three hundred years ago, it tracks the events of Jesus's final days until his death on the Cross. culminating in the heart rending chorus 'In Tears of Grief'.

On Saturday 29th March, conductor Leslie Olive directs the English Arts Chorale and Orchestra in a performance in English in the wonderful acoustic of Chichester's beautiful cathedral. The fully professional orchestra is drawn from London's leading orchestras.

Six talented young professional soloists perform Bach's glorious arias, with tenor James Micklethwaite taking the leading role of the storyteller, known as "The Evangelist". The cast of performers is completed by a youth choir from St Bede's School in Redhill, Surrey.

Tickets for this memorable performance are set at £35, £25 and £15 (full-time students £6) and are available from [www.thenovium.org/boxoffice](http://www.thenovium.org/boxoffice) (01243 816525) (from 20<sup>th</sup> January).