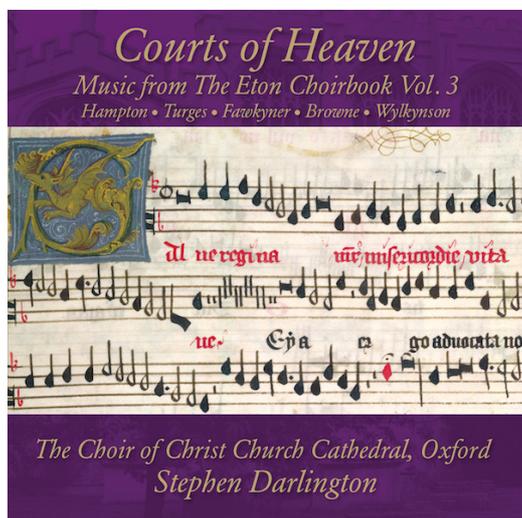




## new release information

OCTOBER 2014



**artist:** The Choir of Christ Church Cathedral, Oxford  
Stephen Darlington, director

**title:** Courts of Heaven: Music from the Eton Choirbook, Volume 3  
Browne • Fawkyner • Hampton • Turges • Wylkynson

**price:** Full price

**release date:** October 2014

**selection number:** AV 2314

**bar code:** 822252231427

### about the release

This collection of music from the Eton Choirbook, the vast collection of English sacred music from the early Renaissance, is the third in an acclaimed series by **Stephen Darlington** and **The Choir of Christ Church Cathedral, Oxford** which has proved a thrilling encounter with the remarkable world of the liturgy of Eton College Chapel in the

late 15<sup>th</sup> century. This is sumptuous music of huge complexity, ranging from the rich sonority of Wylkynson and Hampton to the contrapuntal intricacy of Fawkyner and Turges. This music was also firmly rooted in the daily devotional life of the College, appreciated by all and not just a worshipping élite. The boys and men of Christ Church Cathedral choir maintain this tradition with a special affinity for this glorious repertoire and deliver performances of unreserved committment.

### critical acclaim for The Choir of Christ Church Cathedral, Oxford

“a disc to send the spirits soaring. Glorious beyond words.” – *Gramophone, Best of 2009* (on More Divine Than Human, AV 2167)

“The performances here are undoubtedly among the best” – *BBC Music Magazine* (on Choirs of Angels, AV 2184)

### summary

On *Courts of Heaven*, their third volume of music from the Eton Choirbook, **The Choir of Christ Church Cathedral, Oxford**, under the direction of **Stephen Darlington**, gives glorious performances of 15<sup>th</sup>-century English sacred music by Browne, Fawkyner, Hampton, Turges and Wylkynson.

### promotion and marketing

- Print and online advertising in Gramophone, BBC Music Magazine, Listen, Choir & Organ, Early Music Today
- Priority for review in classical magazines, newspapers and e-zines, and speciality media such as Choir & Organ
- Priority for airplay on classical radio
- E-blast to Avie mailing list (c. 5,000)
- E-blast to Christ Church student body and alumni

### tracklist

**John Hampton** (1484 – 1521)

1. Salve regina (15:37)

**Edmund Turges** (1469 – 1508?)

2. Gaude flore virginali (13:43)

**John Fawkyner** (fl late 15<sup>th</sup> century)

3. Gaude virgo salutata (18:49)

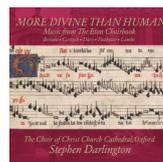
**John Browne** (fl c 1480–1505)

4. O mater venerabilis (14:18)

**Robert Wylkynson** (b c 1475–80, d 1515 or later)

5. Salve regina (13:19)

### also available



More Divine Than Human  
Browne, Cornysh, Davy, Fawkyner,  
Lambe  
AV 2167



Choirs of Angels  
Browne, Cornysh, Davy,  
Lambe, Wylkynson  
AV 2184