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Puccini

Operatic Choruses,
Ensembles & Arias

&

Messa di Gloria

Conductor: Francis Faux

Accompanist: Peter Blackwood

Soloists: Rupert Drury & Niall Hoskins

Puccini composed his *Messa a quattro voci* at the age of 22 as his graduation exercise for the Instituto Musicale Pacini.

It is probably due to Puccini's preoccupation with opera that his *Messa di Gloria*, as it became known, remained unperformed for 72 years after its first performance in spite of its undoubted quality and the rapturous critical reception it had received.

An unmistakably youthful work it prefigures many of Puccini's operas in the lyrical freshness of its themes, its sense of drama and its range of expression.

It shows a command of vocal writing that opera aficionados will recognise as unmistakably Puccini.

Saturday June 27 7.30
Rondo Theatre Larkhall

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