



Esplanade
Presents

Voices
A Festival of Song

VOICES *Of*



HOPE

BY LONDON COMMUNITY GOSPEL CHOIR (UK)

10 Dec 2023, Sun, 5pm
Esplanade Concert Hall

(2hrs, including 20mins intermission)



Voices of Hope

- **Overture**
- **Oh What a Season**
- **Oh Holy Night**
- **Everything Will Be Alright**
- **Rather Be**
- **I'll Take You There**
- **I Need Your Spirit**
- **Precious Lord** (with Voices Festival Choir)
- **Happy Are the People (Constant)**
- **Keep Moving**

Leonn Meade

Nicky Brown

Leonn Meade / Rebecca Thomas

Leonn Meade / Rebecca Thomas

Al Bell/Staple Singers

Wille Small

Thomas Dorsey

Bazil Meade

Bazil Meade/ Stephanie Oyerinde/

Ayo Oyerinde

INTERMISSION

- **The Answer**
- **Devoted**
- **God Is Love**
- **Shake It Off**
- **Difference in Me**
- **When Was Jesus Born/
The Gospel Medley**
- **Oh Come All Ye Faithful**
- **Ark** (with Voices Festival Choir)
- **Everything's Gonna Be Alright**

Leonn Meade

Bazil Meade

Stephanie Oyerinde/Ayo Oyerinde

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Stephanie Oyerinde/Ayo Oyerinde

Rev Milton Brunson

Andrey Triana/James Hurr/Mark

Knight



About London Community Gospel Choir

From its humble beginnings in 1982, the London Community Gospel Choir (LCGC) founded by Rev Basil Meade has evolved to become Europe's leading gospel ensemble and one of the most sought-after choirs worldwide. They have crafted a resounding and soulful musical experience that is both memorable and inspirational.

LCGC holds a Guinness World Record and regularly graces many of the world's greatest events such as International FA Cup Final at Wembley Stadium, Glastonbury, Live 8, World Aids Festival, Grammy's and frequently perform at the Royal Albert Hall. The British press have dubbed them "the nation's favourite choir", The choir regularly supports charities and global humanitarian causes such as Red Nose Day, Remembrance Day, Cancer Research, Amnesty International, Children in Need and World Aids Day. A momentous occasion for the choir took place in June 2022 when they were invited by Buckingham Palace to sing for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. leading the National Anthem and performing Keep Moving and Sun In The Rain. This historic, momentous and joyous experience was viewed by almost 1 billion people from around the world. Collective national and international credits for exemplary work carried out spanned across film, music and TV.

Rev Basil Meade MBE once said, "Our vision continues to be a blend of two passions, music and faith". This unique combination is evident in their songs that touch the hearts and minds of millions of people. LCGC continues to illustrate their intentions in breaking boundaries, sharing hope and displaying true musical versatility.



About Voices Festival Choir

Joining London Community Gospel Choir this evening is Esplanade's Voices Festival Choir (VFC), an auditioned choir featuring avid youth choristers aged 17 – 26 from all over Singapore.

The programme was initiated in 2022 with the goal of inspiring youth choristers by introducing them to fresh aspects of choral singing and fostering connections between young practitioners and established professional groups. It is hoped that this initiative facilitates the transfer of expertise from our accomplished artists to the next generation, encouraging them to keep on the artform, and fuelling their appetite for further learning experiences in the future.

Under the guidance of Singaporean choral music educators Cherie Chai, Choy Siew Woon, Dawn Yin, Low Xu Hao, Terrence Toh and Yong Chee Foon, collectively known as MI6, the VFC underwent a week of educational workshops and rehearsals in preparation for the festival.

Over the course of the festival, VFC has performed alongside Die Singphoniker at A Singphonic Christmas at the Esplanade Concert Hall as well as the VFC Showcase at the Esplanade Concourse. This evening, they are excited to take the stage with the London Community Gospel Choir to conclude their week-long choral programme as well as the *Voices – A Festival of Song* weekend.