



First-ever global online vocal festival announced: singing returns

'Live from London' is a new, paid-for online festival from the VOCES8 Foundation, featuring some of the world's finest vocal ensembles including VOCES8, I Fagiolini, Stile Antico, The Swingles, The Sixteen, Chanticleer and more

- The festival will be broadcast every **Saturday** for **ten weeks** from the **1st August 2020**
- It has been designed to raise money for artists, venues and promoters to **cover their COVID-19 losses**, and to **reunite the world's many singers, and audiences with much needed live concerts**
- Broadcast in HD from the beautiful **VOCES8 Centre** (St Anne and St Agnes Church), in the heart of the **City of London**, viewers will be able to **pay for exclusive access** to season or individual concert tickets
- Award-winning artists featured include **VOCES8, I Fagiolini, Stile Antico, The Swingles, The Sixteen** (from Kings Place), **The Gesualdo Six, Apollo5, Chanticleer** (from San Francisco) and a special guest appearance by **The Academy of Ancient Music**
- The ensembles will be performing their **favourite works**, and pieces for which they've become renowned, singing repertoire from the **Renaissance to contemporary A Cappella**
- The festival is a heart-warming display of **vocal ensembles helping each other in a time of crisis**. These concerts will be some of the **first performances by the ensembles** since the start of the lock-down restrictions at the beginning of the year
- A portion of all ticket sales will be put towards **funding for grassroots music education**, and to addressing topics of **diversity, equity, inclusion, and accessibility in choral music**
- **Season passes are £80 (£8 per concert, per household)**. Single concert tickets will be available for £12.50. Concessions have been crafted for students and choirs across the world, as well as special deals for promoters and venues
- Artists will share income from season ticket sales, as well as individual concert income. This approach goes **beyond free streaming on social media**, allowing a **revenue channel for promoters, venues and artists** (most of whom are freelance).
- Taking the lead from current sporting events, the concerts will be broadcast from a closed venue. Singers and crew will be following the strict government guidelines about safety and distancing in the workplace
- The VOCES8 team continues to lead the charge in its forward-thinking, inclusive initiatives in the choral sector. 'Live from London' follows the online work the VOCES8 Foundation has been doing over lock-down with its **#liveathome** series - more than 100 broadcasts of online performances, participation events and interactive sessions. Its reach highlighting the hunger for vocal music around the world
- VOCES8's **15th Anniversary** is celebrated by the release of their **new album 'After Silence'** on the **24th July**

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- Continuing its founding principles of education, inclusivity and singing for all, The VOCES8 Foundation is launching a **Digital Academy** to go live this September. An online choral academy consisting of a wide array of world class, easy to use content, modules, live performances and live interaction with VOCES8 and members of the VOCES8 Foundation team
- More information, a trailer and tickets can be found at: voces8.foundation/livefromlondon

Notes for press:

Please watch the promotional trailer for Live from London

here: <https://vimeo.com/430433141/54bc621bfb>

For more information on VOCES8's new album After Silence please

visit: <https://voces8aftersilence.com/>

To learn about VOCES8's education work around the world please visit: <https://voces8.foundation/>

The **#livefromhome** series is an educational, community and outreach initiative held on social media that featured performance videos, interactive singing videos, live workshops/sessions and interviews with the team and special guests

Assets/Photos/Video: <https://bit.ly/2YtAYi5>

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VOCES8 - 1st Aug 20



I Fagiolini – 8th Aug 20



AAM – 15th Aug 20



The Swingles – 22nd Aug 20



Gesualdo Six – 29th Aug 20



VOCES8 – 5th Sep 20



Apollo5 – 12th Sep 20



The Sixteen – 19th Sep 20



Stile Antico – 26th Sep 20



Chanticleer – 3rd Oct 20

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