

## Københavns Drengekor / Copenhagen Royal Chapel Choir – Vocal



Among some of the oldest European Musical traditions are the Cathedral choirs and their choir schools. **The Copenhagen Royal Chapel Choir** is the only representative of this tradition in Scandinavia.

Founded in 1924 by Mogens Wöldike the choir quickly developed into a full-time institution with the boys receiving their general education alongside a full musical and vocal training in **Sankt Annae Gymnasium**, the Copenhagen Municipal Choir School. Today the choir usually consists of 30 boys and 14 gentlemen.

Since 1959 the choir has been resident at **Copenhagen Cathedral** and as part of its duties performs at state occasions and during royal visits abroad. In fact since Ebbe Munk became director of the choir in 1991 they have undertaken concerts in leading concert halls, cathedrals and festivals all over the world.

**Benjamin Britten, Ernest Ansermet, Raphael Kubelik, Giuseppe Sinopoli, Andrew Davies, Sir Charles Mackerras, Christopher Hogwood, Paul McCreesh, Vladimir Ashkenazy** and many others have each conducted the CRCC. Contemporary Scandinavian composers including Poul Ruders, Palle Mikkelborg, Per Nørgaard and Knut Nystedt have written works especially for the choir.

Le Figaro has placed the choir alongside the Vienna Boys Choir and that of Kings College, Cambridge as one of the finest in Europe. They work regularly with the Danish National Symphony Orchestra and have made numerous CD recordings on **EMI, Vanguard, Chandos, Decca, Telefunken, Danica Records** and **Dacapo**.

In 2000 the CRCC received the prestigious **Eugene Mortimer Choir Prize** by the European Cultural Foundation *Pro Europa*.

From 2002 the choir has been nominated “Ambassadeurs de l’Union” by the Fédération Européenne des Choeurs de l’Union in Brussels. In 2002 the choir also received a **Grammy** at the Danish Music Awards for the recording of Buxtehude’s Cantatas together with Dufay Collective, London.

In November 2003 CRCC was honoured in Paris by l’Institut de France-Académie des Beaux- Arts with the **Prix Chant choral Liliane Bettencourt 2003**.

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Since 1991 **Ebbe Munk** has been the artistic director and chief conductor of the Copenhagen Royal Chapel Choir.