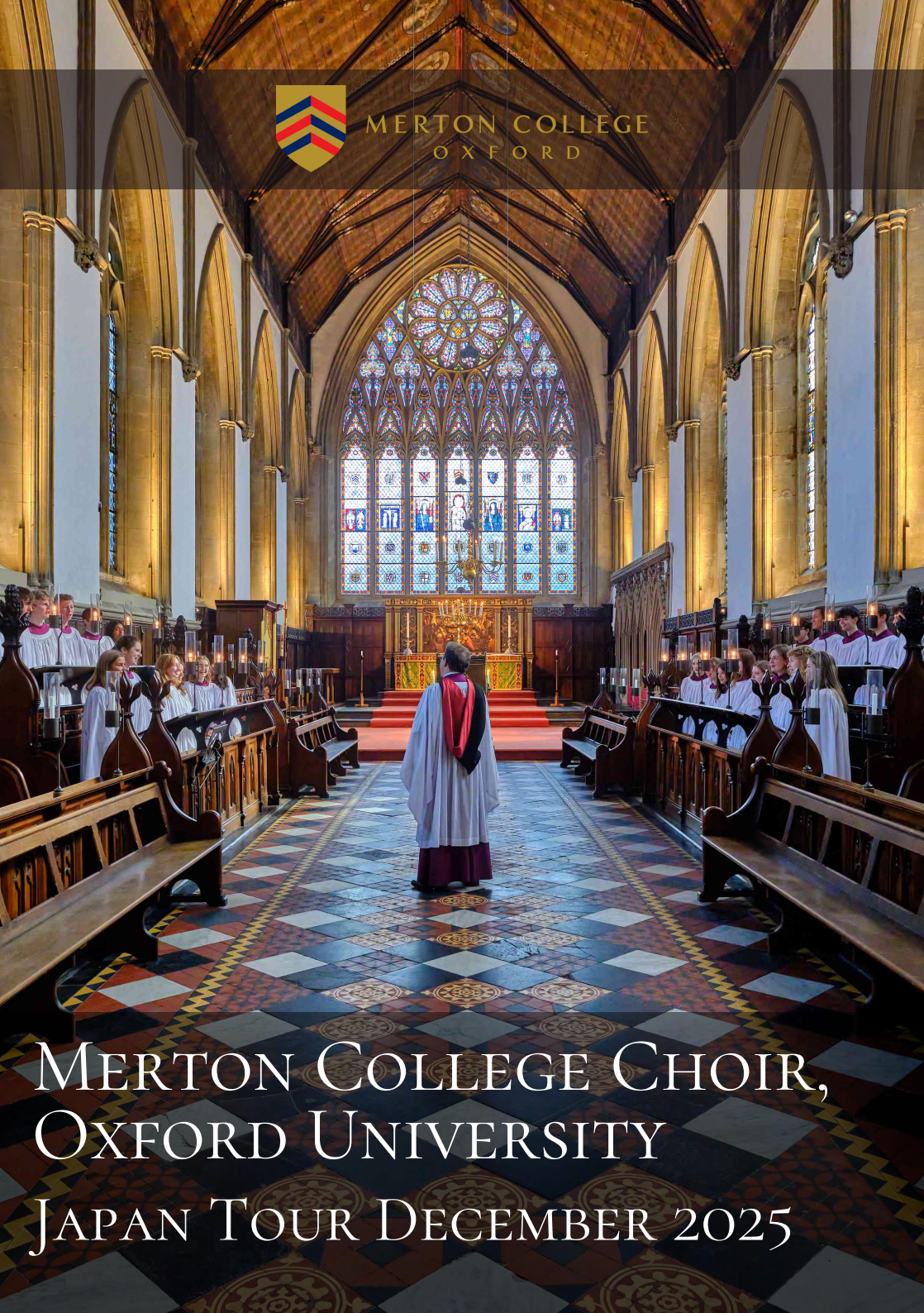MERTON COLLEGE
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Merton College Choir, Oxford University

Japan Tour December 2025

Benjamin Nicholas plays the organ for Emperor Naruhito & Empress Masako during a tour of Merton College with Jennifer Payne, Warden

Touring is at the heart of what we do—sharing our repertoire, written over a period of 500 years, with audiences around the world. It is also a vital part of our singers' education, offering invaluable experiences that shape their musical journey. For our Choral Scholars, I know this tour will be a highlight of their time at Merton.

Benjamin Nicholas,
Reed Rubin Organist & Director of Music

"As long as the recording lasted, all was right with the world"
The Times, 2023

Schedule of December 2025 tour dates in Japan

10 December	Higashi-Osaka Cultural Centre, Osaka
11 December	Munetsugu Hall, Nagoya
14 December	Hakodate Art Hall, Hokkaido
15 December	Musashino Shimin Bunka Hall, Tokyo
16 December	Junshin Girls' School, Tokyo
17 December	Minato Mirai Hall, Yokohama
19 December	Hiroshima Prefectual Culture Centre, Hiroshima

Click for ticket links: www.merton.ox.ac.uk/japan-tour

Merton College, Oxford, has enjoyed a close association with Japan for many years, a bond that began when His Majesty Emperor Naruhito studied at our historic college between 1983 and 1985 as a graduate student. We are honoured to have been his Oxford home during his studies, and we were delighted to welcome Their Majesties back to Merton during their State visit to the UK in June 2024.

As a gesture of this enduring friendship, we are thrilled to bring the renowned Merton College Choir to Japan for a twelve-day tour this December. We look forward to reconnecting with Mertonians, Oxonians, and friends of the Choir during this very special visit

Jennifer Payne,
Warden of Merton College

The Choir of Merton College consists of 30 undergraduate and graduate students at Oxford University. Since the establishment of Merton's Choral Foundation in 2008, the choir has gained an international reputation through award-winning recordings, tours, and collaborations with ensembles such as the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra and Britten Sinfonia. Its discography on the Delphian Label has received five-star reviews, and the choir's annual Passiontide at Merton festival is a highlight of Oxford's musical calendar.

The College Choir walk across the Merton College Sundial Lawn led by Benjamin Nicholas, Reed Rubin Organist & Director of Music

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