

CD Review – BBC Radio 3, broadcast on Saturday 4th July 2009

Music from Handel's opera *Samson*, performed by Carolyn Sampson with The Bach Choir and the English Concert, conducted by David Hill. And that's from a collection of great Handel choruses, so yes of course there's *Zadok the Priest* and the *Hallelujah* chorus from *Messiah*, but so much else to revel in as well from *Israel in Egypt* and *Alexander's Feast*, to *Solomon* and *Theodora*. Unless you emphatically insist on the leaner sound and more dynamically flexible results of the best professional choruses, then this is a collection to keep any fan of Handel's chorus writing happy. *The People Shall Hear!* is the title, and it's a Hybrid SACD from BIS.