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Welcome to this concert in the APT Master Series. Tonight we hear *The Creation* – a Classical choral masterwork by the great Joseph Haydn.

This is music in which the orchestra paints stunning musical pictures of Chaos and a glorious sunrise. Then, through the voices of his three soloists, Haydn tells the creation story. And, above all, there are the thrilling sounds of the full choir in uplifting choruses such as 'The heavens are telling'.

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## JOSEPH HAYDN (1732-1809) Die Schöpfung (The Creation)

(Sung in German)

#### PART I

Overture – The Representation of Chaos
The First Day – 'In the beginning God created the heaven'
The Second Day – 'And God made the Firmament'
The Third Day – 'Let the waters...be gathered together'
The Fourth Day – 'Let there be lights...'

#### PART II

The Fifth Day – 'Let the waters bring forth...'
The Sixth Day – 'Let the earth bring forth...'

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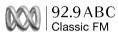
#### PART III

In the Garden of Eden

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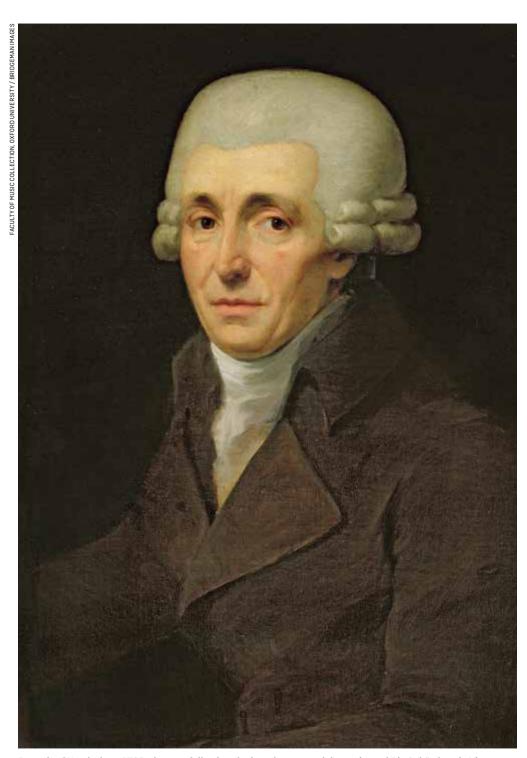
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COVER IMAGE: Detail from The Garden of Eden with the Fall of Man (c.1615), showing landscape and animals by Jan Brueghel the Elder. (The figures of Adam and Eve, not shown, are by Rubens.) Held in the Royal Picture Gallery Mauritshuis.

Saturday's night's performance is a BMW Season Highlight







Portrait of Haydn from 1799, the year following the hugely successful premiere of *Die Schöpfung* in Vienna. By German artist Johann Carl Rößler (1775–1845).

## Haydn's Creation

Die Schöpfung/The Creation is, for many, Haydn's greatest work – the culmination of an illustrious career. The composer himself would have agreed. The oratorio wasn't simply an artistic triumph but a box-office hit by the most famous composer in Europe.

The first performance in 1798 was a private one before Vienna's nobility. But word of this new masterpiece spread quickly: at its public premiere the following year the oratorio drew so much attention that the theatre was packed and the takings broke records. Police were hired for crowd control. If you imagine an analogous situation at the Sydney Opera House, Haydn would be on the level of celebrity of someone like Oprah.

Even today, whenever this oratorio is performed there is a palpable feeling of exhilaration, joy and celebration, a feeling that emerges directly from the music and its sublime depiction of nature and the joy of creation.

Our most recent performances of this oratorio were in 2009, when we performed 'The Creation' – that is, the English-language version of this 'bilingual' choral work. This time we are performing 'Die Schöpfung' in the German (the language of the premiere and Haydn's native tongue), which has become common practice, even in English-speaking countries. But regardless of the language, Haydn's music speaks as powerfully as it did more than two centuries ago.

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# Joseph Haydn Die Schöpfung (The Creation)

(Sung in German)

Lydia Teuscher soprano (Gabriel, Eve) Allan Clayton tenor (Uriel) Neal Davies baritone (Raphael, Adam) Sydney Philharmonia Choirs

I was there and I can assure you that I have never experienced anything like it. The flower of Vienna's literary and musical life assembled in the hall...Deep silence, tense attention and I might say – religious devotion prevailed from the moment the violins started.

Carpani on the first performance of The Creation (1798)

To hear *The Creation* is to repeat what its first audiences experienced: they were bowled over by this masterpiece of Haydn's last years. Few works at any time have had such universal appeal. The first performances, in Vienna, were semi-private, and word-of-mouth created such excitement that by the time of the first public performance police had to be engaged to control the crowds. *The Creation* brought in the biggest box office returns in the history of Vienna, and almost immediately conquered a Europe divided by the French Revolutionary wars, uniting all classes and religions.

By 1798 Haydn had emerged from his long years of relative obscurity in Eisenstadt and Eszterháza, to become the most

In 1808, the year before his death, Haydn (seated in the foreground) attended his final concert, a gala performance of *Die Schöpfung*, directed by composer Antonio Salieri and attended by the Viennese nobility. (After a lost miniature by Balthasar Wigand.)



famous composer in Europe. His symphonies written for his London visits in the 1790s had consolidated his fame. *The Creation*, Haydn's most ambitious music with words thus far, reached beyond musical connoisseurs to a wider public. Few stories about Haydn and *The Creation* are more touching than that of the French army officer, a member of the Napoleonic army bombarding Vienna, who visited the dying Haydn, and moved him greatly by singing the tenor aria 'Mit Würd und Hoheit' (In native worth) from *The Creation*.

The impact of this oratorio was due to its text as well as to Haydn's music, and in this the adaptor of the libretto, Baron Gottfried van Swieten (1734–1803), played a crucial part. Swieten was a diplomat, an important politician, a man of letters and a great musical enthusiast. He had played a central role in Austrian culture during the reforming administration (1780–90) of the Emperor Joseph II, as the minister in charge of education and censorship. Haydn had been contemplating a major oratorio project ever since he was deeply impressed by performances in London of Handel's oratorios. As Haydn's biographer Karl Geiringer has written: 'He found a whole nation aroused by compositions offered in monumental performances.... He desired intensely to write, as Handel had written, works meant for a whole nation.'

While in England, Haydn had been offered a libretto entitled *The Creation*. The text was an adaptation of parts of Milton's *Paradise Lost* with passages from the Book of Genesis, and from the Psalms. It had possibly been intended for Handel, who ultimately did not set it to music. Swieten, who was approached by Haydn to translate the libretto into German, at once saw its possibilities. He was much more than a musical dilettante, having a great love for and knowledge of the music of Handel and even of the then-forgotten J.S. Bach. And it was Swieten who commissioned from Mozart revisions to Handel's *Messiah*, *Alexander's Feast* and *Acis and Galatea* for performances in Vienna.

The Baron gave his adaptation of the text to Haydn with intelligent suggestions for its musical treatment, many of which the composer followed. Research by Edward Olleson and Nicholas Temperley has proved that, in Temperley's words, 'The Creation is the first large-scale work in musical history to be published with a bilingual text'. Swieten devised his text so that the English version would, as far as possible, keep close to familiar biblical words, and be able to be sung to the same notes as the German. He and Haydn clearly expected The Creation to be performed in England, where the oratorio form was so important, and they would have expected the oratorio to be performed in

## **Keynotes**

#### HAYDN

Born Rohrau (lower Austria), 1732 Died Vienna, 1809

At the time of his death, Haydn was the most illustrious composer in Europe: more famous than Mozart or even Beethoven. He spent much of his working life in the provincial estate of Eszterháza, but he became known for his symphonies and string quartets and was widely commissioned. His commitments to the Esterházy princes meant that he rarely travelled, but from 1791 to 1795 he made three hugely successful visits to London. He finally returned home with a lot of money and a libretto for The Creation in his luggage, as well as the inspiration of the English oratorio tradition established by Handel.

#### THE CREATION

The Creation is organised in three parts, divided into scenes representing the six days of creation. In Parts I and II the soloists, as angels, tell and comment upon the story in a mix of recitative ('sung speech') and arias. The choir is the heavenly host. Part III is set in the Garden of Eden, and two of the soloists sing the parts of Adam and Eve. praising God and his creation and rejoicing in their love for each other. The angel Uriel hints at the Fall to come, but it has no part in this joyous and celebratory oratorio.

English to an English-speaking audience. But Swieten's English was imperfect, and he couldn't know in advance how Haydn would set each line of the music. There have been many attempts to improve the English text and word-underlay. Performing the work in English can be justified, but the more consonantal German we hear this evening gives better definition to Haydn's rhythms and articulation.

Swieten's adaptation of the text reveal him completely in tune with the wishes and dreams of the most aware of his contemporaries. The fundamental idea could be described as 'pantheistic humanitarianism', the belief that the true nature of God is expressed not in the doctrines of the Church but in the manifestations of created nature itself, and that humanity should be propagated in God's image, promoting the brotherhood of man.

This is basically a Masonic message. Both Mozart and Haydn were Masons, and Swieten was at least a sympathiser. Mozart's opera *The Magic Flute*, too, had celebrated the Brotherhood of Man. Music which 'unites in true friendship men who otherwise would have remained strangers' took its part in preaching the Enlightenment's humanitarian ideals, even while Austria was under the conservative regime of the Emperor Franz, who had banned Freemasonry. The message was to be proclaimed once again in Beethoven's setting of Schiller's 'Ode to Joy', which crowns his Ninth Symphony.

To this important subject Haydn devoted his most painstaking care, composing slowly but in a state of great excitement. He used to the full the possibilities of the largest orchestra for which he had ever written, and put to good purpose his years of symphonic experimentation with the orchestra of Prince Esterházy. In the conception of the work and the choral writing, Haydn had before him the example of Handel, whose first impact on him, he confessed, was to make him feel that he had known nothing up to that moment, and had been put back to the beginning of his musical studies! Nevertheless, the influence of Handel on *The Creation* has often been exaggerated. It is true that the great choruses which conclude each part have the structural magnificence of Handelian double-fugues, but the basic musical language is Haydn's – symphonic, and based on the drama of tonality and rhythm.

There was not much to be learnt from the Italian oratorio tradition, which gave the chorus only a minor role, but Haydn's real apprenticeship for *The Creation*, apart from his symphonies, was his impressive series of masses, especially the ones he was writing annually during the late 1790s – the *Nelson Mass, Theresa Mass*, and *Mass in Time of War* among them. But whereas in those



Baron von Swieten – diplomat, politician, a man of letters and a great musical enthusiast. (Engraved portrait from 1790, possibly by Johann Georg Mansfeld, after a drawing by Lakner).

masses Haydn's musical imagination was guided (in some ways even limited) by following the requirements of a liturgical text, in *The Creation* he had sovereign musical freedom. Then, too, he was composing, almost for the first time, in his vernacular German, and his treatment of words both in recitative and aria had a directness of musical speech almost 'popular' in tone. Haydn, like Mozart in *The Magic Flute*, often approached the style of the German Lied. Much of *The Creation* is simple and songlike, warm and humane, as befits the almost naive innocence of some of the text. The great achievement was to build such unpretentious material into most satisfying large-scale structures.

#### The Music

The representation of Chaos with which the work opens is really most un-chaotic. It achieves its impression of limitless space (Haydn was very interested in the new discoveries of astronomy) through distant modulations and the cancellation of implied tonality by contradictory harmonies. The sense of chaos depends on the background of classical musical order, as Haydn explained: 'I avoided the resolutions that you would most readily expect. The reason is, that there is no form in anything yet.'

Haydn followed Swieten's instructions for the first moment of *The Creation*: 'The darkness can decrease gradually, but enough should remain to make the instantaneous transition to light felt strongly. The words "Let there be light" etc. should be sung only once.' But Haydn's musical imagination transcends the Baron's suggestions. He has the chorus sing God's command, 'Let there be light,' unaccompanied. In the phrase 'And there was light,' at the word 'light', there is an instantaneous transition from the preceding C minor to a loud C major chord. It was common for audiences in Haydn's time to applaud at this point. When, aged and frail, he heard *The Creation* for the last time at the tenth anniversary performance in 1808, Haydn responded to this acclamation by pointing upwards and saying: 'Not from me, it came from above.'

The structure of the libretto is clear. It is divided into the days of creation – the chorus throughout may be considered as the heavenly hosts. They are led by three angels, who are alternately the narrators and commentators on the stages of creation. Uriel (tenor) is the angel of the sun and of daylight, Raphael (bass) of earth, sea, and the beginning of things, Gabriel (soprano) is the leader of the heavenly hosts, and the angel of the vegetable kingdom and the beginning of bird life. As each day ends, the heavenly host sing in triumph.

Musical illustrations of natural events are one of the most obvious features of *The Creation* (and have drawn most criticism



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JOSEPH HAYDN

Die Schöpfung/The Creation was published simultaneously in German and English (1800) – the first 'bilingual' choral work.

from serious-minded people, notably Beethoven, who laughed angrily at the details of Haydn's musical menagerie). The illustrations are fresh and often humorous, sometimes awesome, as in Raphael's description of the mystery of birth, multiplication and growth, with divided violas, cellos, and the bottom range of the double basses (Part II, Fifth Day).

This is not musical impressionism. Haydn's musical images suggest, rather than the thing itself, the angelic and human wonder at it. H.C. Robbins Landon, the great modern Haydn authority, wrote perceptively: 'perhaps only an old and very wise man could have written *The Creation*, and perhaps, too, only a sexagenarian could so poignantly recapture the bliss of the early morning, the magic of the moonlight, or the rapture of a spring day: these things which he knows will soon retreat beyond his grasp.'

Some of the greatest of Haydn's imaginative feats are the least obvious, such as the representation of the beginning of the moonlight in the deep bass, and its culmination by the bowed instruments alone on their lower strings. In every case the musical illustration comes first, the words explaining it afterwards: usually the listener will greet the explanation with recognition, and delight. The sunrise, portrayed with obvious but telling effect in rising notes, is the central symbol in *The Creation* – the sun, giving light to the universe, is the agent of enlightenment, and almost to be identified with God, whose goodness radiates from it.

Another great moment is the appearance of man: the King of Nature, the breath and image of God, with his partner and spouse. The simple, popular and lyrical music Haydn invented for this continues in Part III, where Eve and Adam appear in person. After a serene and truly paradisiacal orchestral introduction (using three flutes for the only time in the work), Haydn brings together the heavenly rejoicing and earthly celebration of human love - the human voices of Adam and Eve in love-duet lead the choir of angels. Although Haydn goes on to end with a splendid double-fugal chorus, the real climax of The Creation is in this duet and chorus: in music often akin to Mozart's for The Magic Flute, Haydn similarly celebrates the fulfilment of God's purpose and of human aspirations in the felicity of conjugal love and celebration of the bounties of nature. In this sense he was true to himself when he said 'I was never so religious as during the composition of The Creation'.

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The Creation calls for an orchestra of three flutes, two oboes, two clarinets, two bassoons and contrabassoon; two horns, two trumpets and three trombones; timpani, keyboard continuo and strings.

The SSO first performed *The Creation* in 1971 with conductor Fritz Rieger, soloists Rotraud Hansmann, Raymond McDonald and Brian Hansford, and the Philharmonia Choir, and most recently in 2009, conducted from the keyboard by Martin Haselböck with soloists Sara Macliver, Steve Davislim and Florian Boesch, and Cantillation.

## Die Schöpfung

#### PART ONE

## Overture - The Representation of Chaos

## The First Day

RECITATIVE (Raphael, Uriel) AND CHORUS Raphael

Im Anfange Gott schuf Himmel und Erde; und die Erde war ohne Form und leer; und Finsternis war auf der Fläche der Tiefe.

#### CHORUS

Und der Geist Gottes schwebte auf der Fläche der Wasser und Gott sprach: Es werde Licht! und es ward Licht.

## Uriel

And God saw the light, that it was good: and God divided the light from the darkness.

## The Creation

#### PART ONE

THE ORCHESTRA

### The First Day

RECITATIVE (Raphael, Uriel) AND CHORUS Raphael

In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth; and the Earth was without form and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep.

#### CHORUS

And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters and God said: Let there be light! and there was light.

#### Uriel

And God saw the light, that it was good: and God divided the light from the darkness.



 Frontispiece from an 1801 edition of The Creation. ARIA (Uriel) WITH CHORUS

Nun schwanden vor dem heiligen Strahle

Des schwarzen Dunkels gräuliche Schatten:

Der erste Tag entstand.

Verwirrung weicht, und Ordnung keimpt empor.

Erstarrt entflieht der Höllengeister Schar

In des Abgrunds Tiefen hinab

Zur ewigen Nacht.

**CHORUS** 

Verzweiflung, Wut und Schrecken

begleiten ihren Sturz

und eine neue Welt

entspringt auf Gottes Wort.

## The Second Day

RECITATIVE (Raphael)

Und Gott machte das Firmament

und teilte die Wasser, die unter dem Firmament waren.

von den Gewässern, die ober dem Firmament waren

und es ward so.

Da tobten brausend heftige Stürme.

Wie Spreu vor dem Winde, so flogen die Wolken.

Die Luft durchschnitten feurige Blitze

und schrecklich rollten die Donner umher.

Der Flut entstieg auf sein Geheiß der

allerquickende Regen,

der allverheerende Schauer, der leichte, flockige

Schnee.

SOLO (Gabriel) WITH CHORUS

Mit Staunen sieht das Wunderwerk der Himmelsbürger frohe Schar

und laut ertönt aus ihren Kehlen

des Schöpfers Lob

das Lob des zweiten Tags.

CHORUS

Und laut ertönt aus ihren Kehlen

des Schöpfers Lob

das Lob des zweiten Tags.

ARIA (Uriel) WITH CHORUS

Now before the second ray

the dismal shadows of black darkness vanish

the first day has begun.

Confusion yields before emergent order.

Benumbed, the host of hellish spirits flees

down to the abyss

To eternal night.

**CHORUS** 

Despair, rage and terror

accompany their fall

and the new world arises

at God's word.

#### The Second Day

RECITATIVE (Raphael)

And God made the firmament.

and divided the waters which were under the

firmament

from the waters which were above the firmament,

and it was so.

There mighty storms did rage and bluster.

Like chaff before the wind, so flew the clouds.

Fiery lightnings clove the air,

and fearful thunder rolled on every side.

From the water at his bidding came the

quickening rain,

the devastating downpour, the light flakes of

snow.

solo (Gabriel) with chorus

Astonished, heaven's happy host

gazes on the wondrous work

and from their throats ring out

praise for the Creator

praise for the second day.

CHORUS

And from their throats ring out

praise for the Creator

praise for the second day.

## The Third Day

#### RECITATIVE (Raphael)

Und Gott sprach: Es sammle sich das Wasser unter dem Himmel zusammen an einem Platz und es erscheine das trockne Land; und es ward so. Und Gott nannte das trockne Land 'Erde' und die Sammlung der Wasser nannte er 'Meer'; und Gott sah, daß es gut war.

#### ARIA (Raphael)

Rollend in schäumenden Wellen bewegt sich ungestüm das Meer. Hügel und Felsen erscheinen der Berge Gipfel steigt empor die Fläche, weit gedehnt, durchläuft der breite Strom in mancher Krümme. Leise rauschend gleitet fort im stillen Tal der helle Bach.

#### RECITATIVE (Raphael)

Und Gott sprach: es bringe die Erde Gras hervor Kräuter, die Samen geben, und Obstbäume, die Früchte bringen ihrer Art gemäß, die ihren Samen in sich selbst haben auf der Erde; und es ward so

#### ARIA (Gabriel)

Nun beut die Flur das frische Grün dem Auge zur Ergötzung dar. den anmutsvollen Blick erhöht der Blumen sanfter Schmuck. Hier duften Kräuter Balsam aus hier sproßt den Wunden Heil. Die Zweige krümmt der gold'nen Früchte Last; hier wölbt der Hain zum kühlen Schirme sich, den steilen Berg bekrönt ein dichter Wald.

### RECITATIVE (Uriel)

Und die himmlischen Heerscharen verkündigten den dritten Tag, Gott preisend und sprechend:

## CHORUS

Stimmt an die Saiten, ergreift die Leier, laßt euren Lobgesang erschallen!

#### The Third Day

#### RECITATIVE (Raphael)

And God said, Let the waters under the heaven be gathered together unto one place, and let the dry land appear. And it was so.
And God called the dry land 'Earth' and the gathering together of the waters he called 'Seas', and God saw that it was good.

#### ARIA (Raphael)

Rolling in frothy waves
the sea stirs stormily.
hills and rocks appear
mountain-tops rear aloft.
Across the far-flung plains
broad rivers
wind their way.
Softly murmuring, the clear stream glides
Along the quiet valley.

#### RECITATIVE (Raphael)

And God said, Let the Earth bring forth grass, the herb yielding seed, and the fruit tree yielding fruit after its kind, whose seed is in itself, upon the earth; and it was so

#### ARIA (Gabriel)

Now verdure fills the meadow to delight the eye and flowers enhance the vista with their gentle, jewelled charm.

Here herbs waft their balm upon the air, here, nascent, lies the power to heal.

Branches bend, bowed with golden fruit; here the arching grove a shelter provides, thick forests crown the mountain's steep incline.

### RECITATIVE (Uriel)

And the hosts of heaven proclaimed the third day, praising God and saying:

#### CHORUS

Seize the lyre and let its strings resound, Let paeans of praise ring out! Frohlocket dem Herrn, dem mächtigen Gott, denn er hat Himmel und Erde bekleidet in herrlicher Pracht! Rejoice in the Lord the almighty God! For he hath clothed the heaven and earth in glorious splendour.

## The Fourth Day

RECITATIVE (Uriel)

Und Gott sprach: Es sei'n Lichter an der Feste des Himmels, um den Tag von der Nacht zu scheiden

und Licht auf der Erde zu geben und es sei'n diese für Zeichen und für Zeiten und für Tage und für Jahre. Er machte die Sterne gleichfalls.

RECITATIVE (Uriel)

In vollem Glanze steiget jetzt die Sonne strahlend auf ein wonnevoller Bräutigam ein Riese stolz und froh zu rennen seine Bahn.

Mit leisem Gang und sanftem Schimmer schleicht der Mond die stille Nacht hindurch. Den ausgedehnten Himmelsraum ziert ohne Zahl der hellen Sterne Gold. Und die Söhne Gottes

verkündigten den vierten Tag mit himmlischem Gesang, seine Macht ausrufend also:

CHORUS WITH TRIO

Die Himmel erzählen die Ehre Gottes, und seiner Hände Werk zeigt an das Firmament.

Gabriel, Uriel, Raphael

Dem kommenden Tage sagt es der Tag

Die Nacht, die verschwand der folgenden Nacht:

CHORUS

Die Himmel erzählen die Ehre Gottes...

Gabriel, Uriel, Raphael In alle Welt ergeht das Wort jedem Ohre klingend keiner Zunge fremd:

CHORUS

Die Himmel erzählen die Ehre Gottes

#### The Fourth Day

RECITATIVE (Uriel)

And God said: Let there be lights in the firmament of the heavens, to divide the day from the

night,

and to give light upon the earth;

and let them be for signs and for seasons

and days and years.

And he made the stars also.

RECITATIVE (Uriel)

In fullest splendour now the sun

arises, radiant; a blissful bridgroom a giant, proud and joyful

to run his course.

Floating and softly lustrous

the moon steals through the silent night.
The gold of numberless bright stars
bedecks the wide vault of heaven

And the sons of God proclaimed the fourth day with heavenly song, and praised his power thus:

CHORUS WITH TRIO

The heavens relate the glory of God, and the firmament shows forth

his handiwork.

Gabriel, Uriel, Raphael One day tells it to the next,

the night that fades to that which follows.

CHORUS

The heavens relate the glory of God...

Gabriel, Uriel, Raphael

The word goes out through all the world,

sounding in every ear stranger to no tongue:

CHORUS

The heavens relate the glory of God...

#### **PART TWO**

#### The Fifth Day

RECITATIVE (Gabriel)

Und Gott sprach: Es bringe das Wasser in der fülle hervor webende Geschöpfe, die Leben haben

und Vögel, die über der Erde fliegen mögen in dem offenen Firmamente des Himmels.

ARIA (Gabriel)

Auf starkem Fittiche schwinget sich der Adler stolz und teilet die Luft im schnellesten Fluge zur Sonne hin. Den Morgen grüßt der lerche frohes Lied. und Liebe airrt das zarte Taubenpaar. Aus jedem Busch und Hain erschallt der Nachtigallen süße Kehle Noch drückte Gram nicht ihre Brust

noch war zur Klage nicht gestimmt

RECITATIVE (Raphael)

Ihr reizender Gesang.

Und Gott schuf große Walfische und ein jedes Lebende Geschöpf, das sich beweget, und Gott segnete sie, sprechend: Seid fruchtbar alle, mehret euch, bewohner der Luft, vermehret euch und singt auf jedem Aste! Mehret euch, ihr Flutenbewohner, und füllet jede Tiefe! seid fruchtbar, wachset, mehret euch. erfreuet euch in eurem Gott!

RECITATIVE (Raphael)

Und die Engel rührten ihr' unsterblichen Harfen

und sangen die Wunder des fünften Tags.

#### **PART TWO**

#### The Fifth Day

RECITATIVE (Gabriel)

And God said: Let the waters bring forth abundantly the moving creatures that hath life.

and fowl that may fly above the earth in the open firmament of heaven.

ARIA (Gabriel)

On mighty pinions rising the proud eagle cleaves the air and soars in swiftest flight towards the sun. The lark greets the morning

with a happy song and a pair of amorous turtle doves

bill and coo. From every bush and glade the sweet notes of the nightingale resound.

No sorrow weighs as yet upon her breast, as yet no note of sadness sounds in her lovely song.

RECITATIVE (Raphael)

And God created great whales and every living creature that moveth. and God blessed them, saying: Be fruitful and multiply! Dwellers of the air, increase and sing from every branch! Increase, ye dwellers of the seas, and fill every ocean! Be fruitful, grow and multiply!

Rejoice in your God!

RECITATIVE (Raphael)

And the angels played upon their immortal

and sang of the wonders of the fifth day.

CHORUS WITH TRIO

Gabriel

In holder Anmut steh'n mit jungem Grün geschmückt

die wogigten Hügel da aus ihren Adern quillt in fließendem Kristall der kühlende Bach hervor.

Uriel

In frohen Kreisen schwebt sich wiegend in der Luft der munteren Vögel Schar den bunten Federglanz erhöht im Wechselflug das goldene Sonnenlicht.

Raphael

Das helle Naß durchblitzt der Fisch und windet sich in stetem Gewühl umher. Vom tiefsten Meeresgrund wälzet sich Leviathan auf schäumender Well' empor.

Gabriel, Uriel, Raphael

Wie viel sind deiner Werk', o Gott!

Wer fasset ihre Zahl?

Wer, o Gott

Wer fasset ihre Zahl?

TRIO AND CHORUS

Der Herr is groß in seiner Macht und ewig bleibt sein Ruhm.

#### The Sixth Day

RECITATIVE (Raphael)

Und Gott sprach: Es bringe die Erde hervor lebende Geschöpfe nach ihrer Art: Vieh und kriechendes Gewürm und Tiere der Erde nach ihren Gattungen.

RECITATIVE (Raphael)

Gleich öffnet sich der Erde Schoß und sie gebiert auf Gottes Wort Geschöpfe jeder Art,

in vollem Wuchs und ohne Zahl.

CHORUS WITH TRIO

Gabriel

Their loveliness adorned with tender greenery, the rolling hills now stand; and from their veins in streams of liquid crystal the cooling waters flow.

Uriel

Circling in happy flight, merry flocks of birds soar and hover in the air: their multicoloured plumage as they fly to and fro brightened by the golden sunlight.

Raphael

Through the clear water fishes dart and swirl in bushy shoals.

From the deepest ocean bed

Leviathan rolls up

borne on the foaming wave.

Gabriel, Uriel, Raphael

How manifold are thy works 0 God! Who can grasp their number?

Who, O God?

Who can grasp their number?

TRIO AND CHORUS

The Lord is great in his might and his glory endureth forever.

#### The Sixth Day

RECITATIVE (Raphael)

And God said, Let the earth bring forth the living creature after his kind, cattle and creeping thing and beast of the earth after his kind.

RECITATIVE (Raphael)

At once earth's womb is opened and brings forth at God's word all kinds of creatures, fully grown and without number. Vor Freude brüllend steht der Löwe da.
Hier schießt der gelenkige Tiger empor.
Das zack'ge Haupt erhebt der schnelle Hirsch.
Mit fliegender Mähne springt und wieh'rt
voll Mut und Kraft das edle Roß.
Auf grünen Matten weidet schon
das Rind, in Herden abgeteilt,
die Triften deckt,
als wie gesät,
das wollenreiche, sanfte Schaf.
Wie Staub verbreitet sich
In Schwarm und Wirbel
Das Heer der Insekten.
In langen Zügen kriecht
am Boden das Gewürm.

ARIA (Raphael)

Nun scheint in vollem Glanze der Himmel nun prangt in ihrem Schmucke die Erde. Die Luft erfüllt das leichte Gefieder die Wässer schwellt der Fische Gewimmel den Boden drückt der Tiere Last. Doch war noch alles nicht vollbracht dem ganzen fehlte das Geschöpf das Gottes Werke dankbar seh'n des Herren Güte preisen soll.

## RECITATIVE (Uriel)

Und Gott schuf den Menschen nach seinem Ebenbilde, nach dem Ebenbilde Gottes schuf er ihn. Mann und Weib erschuf er sie. Den Atem des Lebens hauchte er in sein Angesicht, und der Mensch wurde zur lebendigen Seele.

ARIA (Uriel)

Mit Würd' und Hoheit angetan
mit Schönheit, Stärk' und Mut begabt
Gen Himmel aufgerichtet steht der Mensch
ein Mann und König der Natur.
Die breit gewölbt' erhab'ne Stirn
verkünd't der Weisheit tiefen Sinn
und aus dem hellen Blicke strahlt
der Geist, des Schöpfers Hauch und
Fhenhild

Roaring in his joy the lion stands.
The agile tiger lithely springs.
The swift stag lifts his antlered head.
With flying mane the noble horse,
Courageous and powerful leaps and neighs.
In alpine meadows oxen already graze
divided into herds.
In pasturelands broadcast by seed,
stand gentle woolly sheep.
Like chaff, the insect-host
spreads out upon the air
in whirling swarms.
The worm trails its slow length
upon the ground.

#### ARIA (Raphael)

Now the heavens shine in all their glory now the earth is splendidly adorned.

The air is filled with fluttering plumage the seas are swollen by the fishy host the earth's pressed down by the weight of beasts. But all was not accomplished yet.

That being was still lacking from the whole who could look upon God's work with gratitude and praise the goodness of the Lord.

### RECITATIVE (Uriel)

And God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him: male and female he created them.

He breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul.

ARIA (Uriel)

With dignity and nobility invested,
with beauty, strength and courage endowed,
erect before heaven stands Man,
a man and Nature's king.
The broad and lofty brow bespeaks
the power of the intellect
and from the clear, bright glance
the spirit shines forth, the breath of the Creator and
his image.

An seinen Busen schmieget sich für ihn, aus ihm geformt, die Gattin, hold und anmutsvoll. In froher Unschuld lächelt sie, des Frühlings reizend Bild Ihm Liebe, Glück und Wonne zu.

RECITATIVE (Raphael)

Und Gott sah jedes Ding, was er gemacht hatte; und es war seht gut. Und der himmlische Chor feierte das Ende des sechsten Tages mit

lautem Gesang:

CHORUS AND TRIO

Vollendet ist das große Werk Der Schöpfer sieht's und freuet sich. Auch unsre Freud' erschalle laut Des Herren Lob sei unser Lied!

Gabriel, Uriel

Zu dir, o Herr, blickt alles auf. Um Speise fleht dich alles an. Du öffnest deine Hand Gesättigt werden sie.

Raphael

Du wendest ab dein Angesicht, da bebet alles und erstarrt. Du nimmst den Odem weg, Im Staub zerfallen sie.

Gabriel, Uriel, Raphael
Den Odem hauchst du wieder aus
Und neues Leben sproßt hervor.
Verjüngt ist die Gestalt der Erd'

An Reiz und Kraft.

CHORUS

Vollendet ist das große Werk, des Herren Lob sei unser Lied! Alles lobe seinen Namen, Denn er allein ist hoch erhaben!

Alleluja! Alleluja!

To his bosom clings

for him and from his formed his lovely, gracious wife. In innocence she smiles O image of delightful spring! And in her smile are love, joy and delight.

RECITATIVE (Raphael)

And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was good; and the heavenly choir celebrated the end of the sixth day with

full-throated song.

CHORUS AND TRIO

The great work is completed the Creator looks upon it and rejoices.

Let our joy too, resound.

Let us sing in praise of the Lord!

Gabriel, Uriel

All things O Lord, look up to thee;
For sustenance all things beseech thee.

Thou openest thy hand, and they are satisfied.

Raphael

Thou turnest thy face away; all things tremble and grow cold. Thou takest away the breath of life;

they crumble into dust.

Gabriel, Uriel, Raphael

Thou breathest out again

and new life doth appear.
Restored is the form of the earth

to loveliness and vigour.

CHORUS

The great work is completed. Let us sing in the praise of the Lord! Let all things praise his name, For he alone is exalted on high.

Alleluia, alleluia!

#### **PART THREE**

#### In the Garden of Eden

INTRODUCTION AND RECITATIVE (Uriel)

zur Erde hinab.

Aus Rosenwalken bricht, geweckt durch süßen Klang, der Morgen jung und schön. Vom himmlischen Gewölbe strömt reine Harmonie

Seht das beglückte Paar wie Hand in Hand es geht! Aus ihren Blicken strahlt des heißen Danks Gefühl. Bald singt in lautem Ton ihr Mund des Schöpfers Lob; Laßt unsre Stimme dann Sich mengen in ihr Lied.

DUET WITH CHORUS

Eve. Adam

Von deiner Güt', o Herr und Gott, ist Erd' und Himmel voll. Die Welt, so groß, so wunderbar

ist deiner Hände Werk

CHORUS

Gesegnet sei des Herren Macht sein Lob erschall' in Ewigkeit.

Adam

Der Sterne hellster, o wie schön verkündest du den Tag!

Wie schmückst du ihn, o Sonne du des Weltalls Seel' und Aug'!

CHORUS

Macht kund auf eurer weiten Bahn des Herren macht und seinen Ruhm!

Eve

Und du, der Nächte Zierd' und Trost und all das strahlend' Heer verbreiter überall sein Lob in eurem Chorgesang.

Adam

Ihr elemente, deren Kraft

#### **PART THREE**

#### In the Garden of Eden

INTRODUCTION AND RECITATIVE (Uriel)

Awakened by sweet sounds

the morning breaks through rosy clouds

young and beautiful. From heaven's vaults

sweet harmony streams down

upon the earth.
See the happy pair
walking hand in hand!
Their eyes are shining
with warm gratitude.
Soon they raise their voices
in praise of the Creator.
Then let our voice, too,
mingle with theirs in song!

DUET WITH CHORUS

Eve. Adam

Heaven and earth, O Lord our God

are full of thy goodness.

The world so vast, so wonderful

is thy handiwork.

CHUBITS

Blest be the power of the Lord! Let his praises sound for evermore!

Adam

Brightest of stars, how beautifully

dost thou herald the day!

O sun, how thou dost adorn it
thou soul and eye of the world!

CHORUS

Proclaim upon your journeyings the Lord's might and his glory!

Eve

Thou jewel and comfort of the night

and all the starry host

spread his praises far and wide in your harmonious song!

Adam

Ye elements, whose strength

stets neue Formen zeugt Ihr Dünst und Nebel

die der Wind versammelt und vertreibt:

Eve, Adam, chorus

Lobsinget alle Gott, dem Herrn Groß wie sein Nam' ist seine Macht.

Eve

Sanft rauschend lobt, o Quellen, ihn! Den Wipfel neigt, ihr Bäum'! Ihr Pflanzen duftet, Blumen haucht

Adam

Ihr, deren Pfad die Höh'n erklimmt und ihr, die neidrig kriecht ihr deren Flug die Luft durchschneid't und ihr im tiefen Naß

Eve, Adam, CHORUS
Ihr Tiere preiset alle Gott!
Ihn lobe, was nur Odem hat!

Ihm euern Wohlgeruch!

Eve. Adam

Ihr dunk'len Hain', ihr Berg' und Tal', Ihr Zeugen uns'res Danks ertönen sollt ihr früh und spät von unserm Lobgesang.

CHORUS

Heil dir, o Gott, o Schöpfer, Heil! Aus deinem Wort entstand die Welt dich beten Erd' und Himmel an wir preisen dich in Ewigkeit!

RECITATIVE (Adam and Eve)

Nun ist die erste Pflicht erfüllt

Adam

dem Schöpfer haben wir gedankt.
Nun folge mir, Gefährtin meines Lebens!
Ich leite dich, und jeder Schritt
weckt neue Freud' in unsrer Brust
Zeigt Wunder überall.
Erkennen sollst du dann,
welch unaussprechlich Glück
der Herr uns zugedacht.
Ihn preisen immerdar
Ihm weihen Herz und Sinn.

Komm, folge mir, ich leite dich.

Ever gives rise to new forms

ye mists and clouds

that the wind gathers and disperses.

Eve, Adam, chorus

Sing praises to the Lord God!

His power is as mighty as his name!

Eve

Praise him, ye softly murmuring streams!

Tree-tops bow your heads!
Plants, give out your fragrance,

flowers, your perfumed breath!

Adam

Ye, whose paths scale the heights,

and ye who creep below,

ye whose flight cleaves the air,

and ye in the ocean depths:

Eve, Adam, chorus

Ye beasts, all praise the Lord!

Praise him, all things that have breath!

Eve, Adam

Ye dark groves, mountains and valleys

witnesses of our gratitude

By morning and by night shall ye resound

with our songs of praise!

CHORUS

Hail to thee O God! Creator, hail! From thy word the world arose Heaven and earth adore thee; We praise thee for evermore!

RECITATIVE (Adam and Eve)

Adam

Now the first duty has been discharged; We have offered the Creator thanks. Now follow me my life's companion! I shall lead thee, and every step will awaken new joy in our hearts and reveal wonders everywhere.

Thou shalt know
what inexpressible joy
the Lord intends for us
and shalt praise him evermore
dedicating thy heart and mind to him.

Eve

0 du, für den ich ward.

Mein Schirm, mein Schild, mein All!

Dein Will' ist mir Gesetz So hat's der Herr bestimmt und dir gehorchen bringt Mir freude, Glück und Ruhm.

DUET (Adam and Eve)

Adam

Holde Gattin, dir zur Seite fließen sanft die Stunden hin. Jeder Augenblick ist Wonne keine Sorge trübet sie.

Eve

Teurer Gatte, dir zur Seite

Schwimmt in Freuden mir das Herz.

Dir gewidmet ist mein Leben, Deine Liebe sei mein Lohn.

Adam

Der tauende Morgen O wie ermuntert er!

Eve

Die Kühle des Abends O wie erquicket sie!

Adam

Wie labend ist

der runden Früchte Saft!

Eve

Wie reizend ist

der Blumen süßer Duft!

Eve, Adam

Doch ohne dich, was wäre mir -

Der Morgentau Der Abendhauch Der Früchte Saft Der Blumen Duft.

Mit dir erhöht sich jede Freude mit dir genieß' ich doppelt sie mit dir ist Seligkeit das Leben

dir sei ganz geweiht!

Eve

O thou, for whom I was created! My shelter, my shield, my all!

Thy will is my law

for so hath God disposed

and in obedience to thee I find joy

good fortune and honour.

DUET (Adam and Eve)

Adam

Dearest wife! By thy side the hours flow sweetly by. Every moment is bliss, no sorrow troubles them.

Eve

Dear husband at thy side my heart is bathed in rapture. My life is devoted to thee; May thy love be my reward.

Adam

The dewy morning,

What cheerfulness it brings!

Eve

The cool of evening how it revives!

Adam

How refreshing is

the juice of the plump fruit!

Eve

How lovely is

the sweet smell of the flowers!

Eve, Adam

Yet without thee, what would they be to me

The morning dew,
The evening breeze,
The juice of the fruit,
The scent of the flowers.

With thee each joy is enhanced
With thee my enjoyment is redoubled;

With thee life is blissful:

to thee may it be wholly dedicated.

#### **Final Scene**

RECITATIVE (Uriel)

O glücklich Paar, und glücklich immerfort. wenn falscher Wann euch nicht verführt, noch mehr zu wünschen als ihr habt und mehr zu wissen als ihr sollt!

CHORUS WITH SOLDISTS

Singt dem Herren, alle Stimmen! Dankt ihm alle seine Werkel Laßt zu Ehren seines Namens Lob im Wettgesang erschallen! Des herren Ruhm, er bleibt in Ewigkeit! Amen! Amen!

German translation of the (now lost) original English libretto by Baron Gottfried von Swieten.

#### **Final Scene**

RECITATIVE (Uriel)

O happy pair, happy forevermore if vain delusion lead you not astray to want more than you have and know more than you should!

CHORUS WITH SOLDISTS

Let every voice sing unto the Lord! Thank him for all his works! To the Glory of his name let song with song compete! The glory of the Lord shall endure forever! Amen! Amen!

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For a modern performance in German, it's worth looking for Leonard Bernstein's legendary 1986 performance with the Bavarian Radio Symphony Orchestra and Chorus and Lucia Popp amongst the soloists, filmed in the Benedictine Abbey of Ottobeuren.

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Or, more recent, Bernard Haitink's recording of *Die Schöpfung* with the Bavarian Radio Symphony Orchestra and Chorus, and soloists Camilla Tilling (who recently sang Berg songs with the SSO), Mark Padmore and Hanno Müller-Brachmann.

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One of the most recent historically informed recordings of Haydn's *Creation* in English is a larger-than-life (200-plus performers) interpretation by Paul McCreesh and the Gabrieli Consort and Players with the Chetham Chamber Choir. There's no doubling up in his cast, with Sandrine Piau, Mark Padmore and tonight's soloist Neal Davies as the angels, while Peter Harvey and Miah Persson sing Adam and Eve. It's been described as both exhilarating and poetic.

Haydn's other great oratorio is *The Seasons* (Die Jahrezeiten). As with *The Creation*, there are many recordings to choose from. One worth looking out for is Nikolaus Harnoncourt's with Vienna Concentus Musicus and the Arnold Schoenberg Choir, and soloists Dorothea Röschman, Michael Schade and Christian Gerhaher.

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Masaaki Suzuki conductor

Since founding Bach Collegium Japan in 1990, Masaaki Suzuki has established himself as a leading authority on the works of Johann Sebastian Bach. He has remained their Music Director ever since, taking them regularly to major venues and festivals in Europe and the USA, and building an outstanding reputation for the expressive refinement and truth of his performances.

He is now also invited to conduct repertoire as diverse as Britten, Fauré, Mahler, Poulenc and Stravinsky with orchestras such as the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra, Bergen Philharmonic, Deutsches Symphonie Orchester Berlin, Leipzig Gewandhaus Orchestra, Montreal Symphony Orchestra, New York Philharmonic, Stuttgart Radio Symphony Orchestra and Tokyo Philharmonic. In the 2015–16 season, he has made debuts with the Danish National Radio Symphony Orchestra and San Francisco Symphony as well as the Sydney Symphony Orchestra. Highlights with Bach Collegium Japan include North American and European tours.

Masaaki Suzuki's impressive discography includes all of JS Bach's major choral works as well as the complete works for harpsichord. 2014 marked the triumphant conclusion of Bach Collegium Japan's epic recording of Bach's complete church cantatas, initiated in 1995 and comprising 55 volumes. This major achievement has been recognised with a 2014 ECHO Klassik

Editorial Achievement of the Year award. In 2010, Masaaki Suzuki and his ensemble were awarded both a German Record Critics' Award (Preis der Deutschen Schallplattenkritik) and a Diapason d'Or de l'Année for their recording of Bach motets, which was also honoured in 2011 with a BBC Music Magazine Award. More recently the ensemble has extended their repertoire with a release of Mozart's *Requiem*.

Masaaki Suzuki remains active as an organist and harpsichordist. Founder and Professor Emeritus of the early music department at the Tokyo University of the Arts, he was on the choral conducting faculty at the Yale School of Music and Yale Institute of Sacred Music from 2009 until 2013, where he remains affiliated as the principal guest conductor of Yale Schola Cantorum.



Lydia Teuscher

soprano

Lydia Teuscher was born in Freiburg, Germany and studied at the Welsh College of Music and Drama and at the Hochschule für Musik in Mannheim. Early appearances included the Göttingen Handel

Early appearances included the Göttingen Hande Festival, the Stadttheater Heidelberg and the Nationaltheater Mannheim.

On the concert platform she has sung with pianist Graham Johnson in recital in London, Cologne and Antwerp; with the Bachakademie Stuttgart and Helmuth Rilling, at the Ludwigsburger Festspiele, Kammer-musikfestival Schloss Moritzburg, the Hamburg Camerata, the Barockorchester L'Arco, the Fronteras Festival London and the São Paulo Roberto Minczuk Festival. She has appeared with the Hanover Band in Brighton and London, Gürzenich-Orchester Cologne (Markus Stenz), the Royal Concertgebouw Orchestra (Roger Norrington), the Double Bande and René Jacobs (with whom she has also recorded Telemann's Brockes Passion), the Orchestra of the Age of Enlightenment in London and on tour in Korea and Japan, and with the Tonhalle Orchestra Zürich and David Zinman. She has toured North America with Bernard Labadie. and Europe with Ton Koopman and the Amsterdam Baroque Orchestra.

Recent concert engagements include J.C. Bach's *Lucio Silla* with Ivor Bolton for the Salzburg Mozartwoche, Haydn's *Mass in Time* of War (Paukenmesse) with the BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra and Bernard Labadie, Bach's B Minor Mass with Arcangelo and Jonathan Cohen, and Handel's Aci, Galatea e Polifemo with Le Concert d'Astrée and Emmanuelle Haïm. She has toured the Vivaldi and Bach Magnificats with II Giardino Armonico, and performed with the San Francisco Symphony, St Louis Symphony Orchestra, Chicago Symphony Orchestra and Les Violons du Roy under Bernard Labadie. Highlights of the 2015–16 season include Bach's St Matthew Passion with the Amsterdam Concertgebouworkest and Ivor Bolton.

Lydia Teuscher was a resident artist at the Semperoper–Sächsische Staatsoper in Dresden. She has since appeared with the Bavarian State Opera as Pamina (*The Magic Flute*) and as Ighino in the new production of *Palestrina*; for Glyndebourne Festival as Gretel (*Hänsel und Gretel*), Susanna and Cherubino (*The Marriage of Figaro*); at the Aix-en-Provence Festival and the Salzburg Mozartwoche with René Jacobs; at the Deutsche Staatsoper Berlin as Pamina; and most recently at the Saito Kinen Festival with Seiji Ozawa as Cherubino.



**Allan Clayton** 

tenor

Allan Clayton is established as one of the most exciting and sought-after singers of his generation. A consummate actor and deeply sensitive musician, he has made a huge impact on the international operatic and concert scene.

The opening of the 2015–16 season saw his debut at the Teatro Real, Madrid in Handel's Alcina. He will make return appearances at English National Opera throughout 2015 and 2016, and takes the lead role in Brett Dean's Hamlet, which will have its premiere at Glyndebourne Festival Opera in 2017 as part of the nationwide celebrations of the 400th anniversary of Shakespeare's death.

He also enjoys a busy and varied concert career. In 2016 he will join the London Symphony Orchestra and Mark Elder for a performance of Elgar's *Dream of Gerontius* at the Barbican Centre in London; he will also sing Beethoven's Missa Solemnis in Spain with the Gulbenkian Orchestra under Paul McCreesh and again at the Royal Festival Hall with the London Philharmonic Orchestra under Mark Elder.

A consummate recitalist, Allan Clayton has given lieder recitals at the Cheltenham and Aldeburgh festivals and at London's Wigmore Hall. And one of his earliest professional engagements was a performance of the five Britten Canticles at the Perth Festival here in Australia. He has been fortunate to work with many outstanding pianists including Paul Lewis, Graham Johnson, Malcolm Martineau, Roger Vignoles, Julius Drake, James Baillieu, Simon Lepper and Joseph Middleton

Allan Clayton studied at St John's College, Cambridge and at the Royal Academy of Music in London. An Associate of the RAM and a former BBC New Generation Artist (2007–2009), his awards also include The Queen's Commendation for Excellence, an inaugural Sir Elton John Scholarship at the RAM, the John Christie Award for his Glyndebourne Festival debut as Albert Herring, and a Borletti-Buitoni Trust Fellowship.



# Neal Davies

Neal Davies studied at King's College, London, and the Royal Academy of Music, and won the Lieder Prize at the 1991 Cardiff Singer of the World Competition. As a concert artist, he has appeared with the Oslo Philharmonic under Mariss Jansons, BBC Symphony Orchestra (Pierre Boulez), the Cleveland and Philharmonia orchestras (Christoph von Dohnányi), Chamber Orchestra of Europe (Nikolaus Harnoncourt), Orchestra of the Age of Enlightenment (Frans Brüggen), English Concert (Harry Bicket), Gabrieli Consort (Paul McCreesh), Hallé Orchestra (Mark Elder), Concerto Köln (Ivor Bolton), Scottish Chamber Orchestra (Adám Fischer), Bergen Philharmonic Orchestra (Edward Gardner) and the London Symphony and Vienna Philharmonic orchestras (Daniel Harding). He has also been a regular guest of the Edinburgh Festival and the BBC Proms.

His extensive discography includes Messiah, Theodora, Saul and The Creation (Gramophone Award 2008) under Paul McCreesh; Jenůfa and The Makropulos Case (Charles Mackerras), Barber's Vanessa (Leonard Slatkin), Messiah (Rene Jacobs), the Hyperion Complete Schubert Edition with Graham Johnson, and Billy Budd with Daniel Harding (Grammy Award, 2010).

Operatic appearances have included *Giulio*Cesare, Figaro (The Marriage of Figaro) and Alaska
Wolf Joe (The Rise and Fall of the City of Mahagonny),
all for the Royal Opera House Covent Garden.

He has also sung Major General Stanley (The Pirates of Penzance) and Ko-Ko (The Mikado) for Lyric Opera of Chicago; L'Allegro, Zebul (Jephtha), Publio (La clemenza di Tito), Ariodates (Xerxes) and Kolenaty (The Makropoulos Case) for English National Opera; Radamisto for Opéra de Marseille; Leporello (Don Giovanni) for Scottish Opera and Montreal Opera; Curlew River for the Edinburgh Festival; Guglielmo and Don Alfonso (Così fan tutte), Papageno (The Magic Flute), Leporello, Dulcamara (The Elixir of Love), Zebul and Sharpless (Madama Butterfly) for Welsh National Opera; and Agrippina for the Deutsche Staatsoper Berlin, With William Christie and Les Arts Florissants, he has sung in Theodora (Paris and Salzburg) and in the Aix-en-Provence Festival production of Charpentier's David et Jonathas (Aix, Edinburgh and New York). He sang Traveller in the Barbican Centre production of Curlew River, which also toured to New York's Lincoln Center.

In the 2015–16 season his opera engagements include Alaska Wolf Joe for Rome Opera, *Theodora* with the Scottish Chamber Orchestra (Richard Egarr), and *Ariodante* for the Scottish Opera; he appears in concert with Paul McCreesh (Lisbon and Lucerne), Bernard Labadie (Montreal) and Ivor Bolton (Salzburg).

## THE CHOIR



## **Sydney Philharmonia Choirs**

Sydney Philharmonia Choirs exists to share the joy of choral music with choristers and audiences alike. Founded in 1920, it is Australia's finest choral performing arts company and now regularly performs at the Sydney Opera House and other leading concert halls around the country. Brett Weymark has been the Music Director since 2003.

The choristers, numbering 1500 people, volunteer their time and talents to rehearsing and singing in extraordinary performances, not only in the organisation's own concerts but in collaborations with major international artists and orchestras, including the Melbourne Symphony Orchestra and the Australian Ballet. In 2002, Sydney Philharmonia was the first Australian choir to sing at the BBC Proms (Mahler's Eighth Symphony under Simon Rattle), returning again in 2010.

The choirs appear regularly in the SSO's subscription series. Last season they performed with the SSO in Holst's *Planets, Tristan und Isolde,* Danny Elfman's music from the films of Tim Burton, and Beethoven's Missa Solemnis; and the SPC Chamber Singers recently appeared with the SSO in a Haydn and Mozart program. SPC also presents its own series of programs each year, with forthcoming highlights including ChorusOz 2016 (Handel's *Israel in Egypt*) in June and Vaughan Williams' *Sea Symphony* with music by Wagner and Vine in September.

www.sydneyphilharmonia.com.au



## **Brett Weymark** *Music Director*

Brett Weymark studied singing at the University of Sydney and conducting at the Sydney Conservatorium alongside studies in Europe and America. He has held positions with the Song Company, Opera Australia, Pacific Opera, Sounds Baroque, Cantillation and the University of Western Sydney, as well as working many of the major musical organisations in Australia, and in 2002 he was awarded a Centenary Award for his services to music.

In 2003 he was appointed Music Director of Sydney Philharmonia Choirs. He has conducted the SPC in premieres of works by composers such as Elena Kats-Chernin, Andrew Schultz and Peter Sculthorpe and has also prepared the choirs for conductors such as Simon Rattle. Charles Mackerras, Vladimir Ashkenazy, Paul McCreesh, Edo de Waart and Charles Dutoit as well as David Robertson. In 2005 he initiated the ChorusOz project, which now attracts a thousand singers each year. Recent highlights have included conducting the premiere of Jandamarra by Paul Stanhope and Steve Hawke (SSO), Haydn's Creation (Hong Kong Philharmonic Orchestral, Bach's St John Passion (SPC), Handel's Hercules (Canberra Choral Society) and Heavenly Creatures, a program of Haydn and Mozart choral works for the SSO. In 2016 he also conducts King Arthur for Brisbane Baroque and Jephtha for Canberra Choral Society.

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Well on its way to becoming the premier orchestra of the Asia Pacific region, the SSO has toured China on four occasions, and in 2014 won the arts category in the Australian Government's inaugural Australia-China Achievement Awards, recognising ground-breaking work in nurturing the cultural and artistic relationship between the two nations.

The orchestra's first chief conductor was Sir Eugene Goossens, appointed in 1947; he was followed by Nicolai Malko, Dean Dixon, Moshe Atzmon, Willem van Otterloo, Louis Frémaux, Sir Charles Mackerras, Zdeněk Mácal, Stuart Challender, Edo de Waart and Gianluigi Gelmetti. Vladimir Ashkenazy was Principal Conductor from 2009 to 2013. The orchestra's history also boasts collaborations with legendary figures such as George Szell, Sir Thomas Beecham, Otto Klemperer and Igor Stravinsky.

The SSO's award-winning Learning and Engagement program is central to its commitment to the future of live symphonic music, developing audiences and engaging the participation of young people. The orchestra promotes the work of Australian composers through performances, recordings and commissions. Recent premieres have included major works by Ross Edwards, Lee Bracegirdle, Gordon Kerry, Mary Finsterer, Nigel Westlake, Paul Stanhope and Georges Lentz, and recordings of music by Brett Dean have been released on both the BIS and SSO Live labels.

Other releases on the SSO Live label, established in 2006, include performances conducted by Alexander Lazarev, Sir Charles Mackerras and David Robertson, as well as the complete Mahler symphonies conducted by Vladimir Ashkenazy.

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