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Some say that Mozart wrote his C Minor Mass in fulfilment of a vow; others say that it's even greater than his famous Requiem. But everyone who hears it agrees that it's one of the mightiest and most moving of choral masterpieces. A superb team of solo singers join the RSNO and its Chorus, and the RSNO's Principal Trumpet Christopher Hart takes the spotlight in the delightful concerto by Mozart's closest musical friend – Joseph Haydn.

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**C SCHUMANN** Three Mixed Choruses Op19 [10']

**HAYDN** Trumpet Concerto in E flat Major [13']

INTERVAL

**MOZART** Great Mass in C Minor K427/417a [60']

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**Thomas Søndergård** Conductor

**Christopher Hart** Trumpet

**Brenda Rae** Soprano

**Katie Coventry** Mezzo-soprano

**Edgardo Rocha** Tenor

**Andreas Landin** Baritone

**RSNO Chorus**

**Stephen Doughty** Director, RSNO Chorus /Conductor, C Schumann

**Royal Scottish National Orchestra**

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**Nemanja Radulović** Violin

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# Welcome

We have a packed stage for you tonight! Joining Music Director Thomas Søndergård in Mozart's Great Mass in C Minor are Brenda Rae, Katie Coventry, Edgardo Rocha and Andreas Landin. We are very grateful to Brenda for stepping in for Mojca Erdmann, who has had to withdraw from these concerts.

But first we have the fantastic RSNO Chorus singing unaccompanied, conducted by Chorus Director Stephen Doughty. The Chorus has been busy recently with a tour to Hungary where they performed with the MÁV Symphony Orchestra and in Budapest's Matthias Church, and now it's full steam ahead preparing for our Christmas concerts.

The Chorus forms just one part of our vast singing programme, including our Youth Chorus and community choirs, which focuses on singing for health and wellbeing. The benefits of singing are well documented and I'm proud we're able to offer so many opportunities for people to join in. You can find out more about our various choruses at [rsno.org.uk/singers](https://rsno.org.uk/singers).

Tonight we also welcome section principal Christopher Hart to perform Haydn's Trumpet Concerto. It's such a pleasure to be able to shine a light on the talent within the Orchestra. Haydn's is one of the most celebrated trumpet concertos in the repertoire and, in my opinion, the most beautiful piece of music anyone has ever written for trumpet. It's a brilliant piece and I am absolutely certain that Chris will more than do it justice!

## Alistair Mackie

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# Royal Scottish National Orchestra



Formed in 1891 as the Scottish Orchestra, the company became the Scottish National Orchestra in 1950 and was awarded Royal Patronage in 1977. Many renowned conductors have contributed to its success, including Sir John Barbirolli, Walter Susskind, Sir Alexander Gibson, Neeme Järvi, Walter Weller, Alexander Lazarev and Stéphane Denève.

The Orchestra's artistic team is led by Danish conductor Thomas Søndergård, who was appointed Music Director in 2018. In March 2024, Austrian-born conductor, composer and musician Patrick Hahn became the Orchestra's Principal Guest Conductor.

The RSNO is supported by the Scottish Government and is one of the Scottish National Performing Companies. The Orchestra performs across Scotland, including concerts in Glasgow, Edinburgh, Dundee, Aberdeen, Perth and Inverness, and appears regularly at the Edinburgh International Festival and BBC Proms. The RSNO has made recent tours to China and Europe.

The RSNO has a worldwide reputation for the quality of its recordings, receiving a 2020 Gramophone Classical Music Award for Chopin's

Piano Concertos (soloist: Benjamin Grosvenor), conducted by Elim Chan, two Diapason d'Or awards (Denève/Roussel 2007; Denève/Debussy 2012) and eight GRAMMY Award nominations. In recent years, the RSNO has cultivated an international reputation for world-class film, television and videogame soundtrack recording. The Orchestra has recorded for BAFTA-winning series *Silo* (Apple TV) and worked with the likes of GRAMMY Award-winning composer Lorne Balfe on *Life on Our Planet* (Netflix). Other notable titles include *Nuremberg* (Sony Pictures), *Now You See Me: Now You Don't* (Lionsgate), *Horizon: An American Saga* (Warner Bros) and *Star Wars Outlaws* (Ubisoft). The Orchestra records at its bespoke in-house facility in Glasgow.

The RSNO believes that music can enrich lives, and aims to inspire, educate and entertain people throughout Scotland and beyond with its performances, recordings and engagement programmes. Supporting schools, families, young professionals and wider communities, the RSNO delivers high-quality initiatives for all ages and abilities.

# On Stage

## FIRST VIOLIN

Maya Iwabuchi  
LEADER  
Lena Zeliszewska  
ASSOCIATE LEADER  
Tamás Fejes  
ASSISTANT LEADER  
Patrick Curlett  
Caroline Parry  
Veronica Marziano  
Alan Manson  
Ursula Heidecker Allen  
Elizabeth Bamping  
Lorna Rough  
Clarice Rarity  
Susannah Lowdon

## SECOND VIOLIN

Jacqueline Speirs  
ASSOCIATE PRINCIPAL  
Marion Wilson  
Anne Bünemann  
Robin Wilson  
Emily Nenniger  
Colin McKee  
Paul Medd  
Helena Rose  
Sophie Lang  
Kirsten Drew

## VIOLA

Tom Dunn  
PRINCIPAL  
Felix Tanner  
Asher Zaccardelli  
Lisa Rourke  
Claire Dunn  
Beth Woodford  
Susan Buchan  
Maria Trittinger

## CELLO

Pei-Jee Ng  
PRINCIPAL  
Betsy Taylor  
Yuuki Bouterey-Ishido  
Sarah Digger  
Rachael Lee  
Robert Anderson

## DOUBLE BASS

Nikita Naumov  
PRINCIPAL  
Jamie Kenny  
Michael Rae  
Moray Jones  
Alexandre Cruz dos Santos

## FLUTE

Katherine Bryan  
PRINCIPAL  
Siobhan Grealy

## OBOE

Adrian Wilson  
PRINCIPAL  
Henry Clay  
PRINCIPAL COR ANGLAIS

## BASSOON

David Hubbard  
PRINCIPAL  
Paolo Dutto  
PRINCIPAL CONTRABASSOON

## HORN

Amadea Dazeley-Gaist  
PRINCIPAL  
Martin Murphy

## TRUMPET

Jason Lewis  
ASSOCIATE PRINCIPAL  
Emily Ashby

## TROMBONE

Dávur Juul Magnussen  
PRINCIPAL  
Cillian Ó Ceallacháin  
Alastair Sinclair  
PRINCIPAL BASS TROMBONE

## TIMPANI

Benedikt Kurtz  
GUEST PRINCIPAL

## ORGAN

Tom Dilley

# RSNO Chorus



The RSNO Chorus performs in around six different programmes in up to 20 concerts across Scotland with the Royal Scottish National Orchestra each year. The RSNO Chorus has also had great success in recording with the Orchestra. Its recordings, among others, of Prokofiev's *Alexander Nevsky*, conducted by Neeme Järvi, and Holst's *The Planets*, conducted by David Lloyd-Jones, have both attracted high critical acclaim.

In addition to its commitment to the Orchestra, the RSNO Chorus performs independently and has been invited to perform with orchestras in many parts of the world, establishing an international status and touring to Copenhagen, Hong Kong, Israel, Germany, Belfast, Australia, Trondheim, Amsterdam, Prague and, most recently, Budapest. In 2018 it performed Britten's *War Requiem* with the RSNO at the BBC Proms.

The RSNO Chorus evolved from a choir formed in 1843 to sing the first full performance of Handel's *Messiah* in Scotland. Today it is one of the most successful choruses in the UK. In recent years it has performed practically every work in the standard choral repertoire along with contemporary works by renowned composers, including John Adams, Magnus Lindberg, Howard Shore and, most recently, the critically acclaimed Scottish Premiere of Sir James MacMillan's *Christmas Oratorio*.

The RSNO Chorus is directed by Stephen Doughty, who was appointed to the role at the start of the 2022:23 Season.



### **SOPRANO 1**

Alison Pryce-Jones  
Becky Ward  
Caroline Cradock  
Catherine Taylor  
Charlotte McKechnie  
Iris O'Connell  
Joan Lacy  
Joanna Beaton  
Joanna Webster  
Karman Leung  
Katherine Szumowski  
Mhairi Hendry  
Mary Fraser  
Morag Kean  
Morven MacDonald  
Rei Camilleri  
Rhona Christie  
Roberta Yule  
Sarah Greer  
Seonaid Eadie

### **SOPRANO 2**

Amelie Masters  
Beth Kean  
Carol McLean  
Carole Sim Sayce  
Eleanor Gaskell  
Elspeth Waugh  
Frances Kennedy  
Heather Keating  
Helen Hyland  
Jenny Cheung  
Jennifer Stoddart  
Judith Pexton  
Kate Adams  
Katie Dew  
Laura Gorman  
Leila Inglis  
Lorna Robertson  
Lynsey Brook  
Lynsey Scott  
Mairi Therese Cleary  
Margaret Mills  
Miriam MacDonald  
Sally Sandground  
Theresa Hoare

### **ALTO 1**

Ailie MacDougall  
Angela McDonald  
Anne Browning  
Anne Murphy  
Anne Thies  
Brenda Williamson  
Catriona Eadie  
Esther McMillan  
Fiona Taylor  
Harriet Skipworth  
Julia King  
June Thomas  
Kirstie Fairnie  
Laura Macdonald  
Lauren Hadley  
Linda McLauchlan  
Louise Reid  
Marrian Murray  
Mary Taylor  
Maureen McCroskie  
Marita McMillan  
Olivia Howe Gillespie  
Ruth Townsend  
Siobhan Rodger  
Sophy Ying  
Uta Engelbrecht

### **ALTO 2**

Alison Bryce  
Ann Firth  
Anne Newlands  
Carol Leddy  
Denny Henderson  
Eleanor McLaren  
Elizabeth Scobie  
Elizabeth Stevenson  
Gillian Downie  
Hilde McKenna  
Jane Stansfield  
Janette Morrison  
Martha Colvin  
Moiri Allingham  
Sonja Crossan

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Alex Rankine  
Andrew Clifford  
David Miller  
Nathan Dunsmore

### **TENOR 2**

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Calum Lowe  
Cosma Gottardi  
David MacDonald  
Donald Weetman  
George Lloyd  
Graham Parsonage  
John Harvey  
Kerr Noble  
Laurie Nelson  
Robert Paterson  
Stuart Tait

### **BASS 1**

Alistair Laird  
Andrew Lyons  
Andrew Matheson  
Fraser Dalziel  
George Lloyd  
Ian MacKay  
Ian Mills  
Keith Thomasson  
Mark Millington  
Martin Engelbrecht  
Martin Waddell  
Michael Jamieson  
Peter McMahon  
Robin Watson  
Stephen Penman  
Stuart Corkindale  
Toby Reed

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Alan Maxwell  
Chris Morris  
Chris Spencer  
Graeme Simpson  
John MacLellan  
Kenneth Allen  
Melvyn Davies  
Richard Goldie  
Stephen Lipton  
Stewart Macfarlane  
Stewart McMillan  
Tim Reilly  
Tristan Stewart-  
Robertson

### **RSNO CHORUS DIRECTOR**

Stephen Doughty

### **RSNO CHORUS VOCAL COACH**

Polly Beck

### **RSNO CHORUS REHEARSAL PIANIST**

Edward Cohen

# Thomas Søndergård

## Conductor



Danish conductor Thomas Søndergård has been Music Director of the RSNO since 2018, following six seasons as Principal Guest Conductor, and is Music Director of the Minnesota Orchestra. Between 2012 and 2018, he served as Principal Conductor of the BBC National Orchestra of Wales (BBC NOW), after stepping down as Principal Conductor and Musical Advisor of the Norwegian Radio Orchestra.

He has appeared with many notable orchestras in leading European centres, such as Berlin (Berliner Philharmoniker, Rundfunk-Sinfonieorchester Berlin, Mahler Chamber Orchestra, Konzerthausorchester Berlin), Munich (Symphonieorchester des Bayerischen Rundfunk), Zurich (Tonhalle-Orchester Zürich), Leipzig (Gewandhausorchester), Paris (Orchestre National de France), London (London Philharmonic, BBC Symphony, London Symphony, Philharmonia Orchestra) and Amsterdam and Rotterdam (Royal Concertgebouw Orchestra, Netherlands Philharmonic, Rotterdam Philharmonic), and is a familiar figure in Scandinavia, with such orchestras as the Oslo Philharmonic, Gothenburg Symphony,

Danish National Symphony, Royal Stockholm Philharmonic, Swedish Radio Symphony, Finnish Radio Symphony and Helsinki Philharmonic. North American appearances to date have included the symphony orchestras of New York, Chicago, Cleveland, Cincinnati, Baltimore, St Louis, Toronto, Atlanta, Montreal, Vancouver, Houston and Seattle, and the LA Philharmonic.

Following his acclaimed debut for Royal Danish Opera (Poul Ruder's *Kafka's Trial*), he has since returned to conduct *Die Walküre*, *Elektra*, *Le nozze di Figaro*, *Il barbiere di Siviglia*, *La bohème*, *The Cunning Little Vixen* and *Il viaggio a Reims*. He has also enjoyed successful collaborations with Norwegian Opera and Royal Swedish Opera. His Stockholm productions of *Tosca* and *Turandot* (both with Nina Stemme) led to his Bayerische Staatsoper debut, conducting main season and Opera Festival performances of *Turandot* with Stemme. He made his Deutsche Oper Berlin debut with the world premiere of Scartazzini's *Edward II* and has since returned for Berlioz's *Romeo and Juliet* and Strauss' *Elektra*.

His discography covers a broad range of contemporary and mainstream repertoire, including Nielsen, Sibelius symphonies and tone poems (with the BBC NOW), Lutosławski and Dutilleux cello concertos (with Johannes Moser and the Rundfunk-Sinfonieorchester Berlin) and violinist Vilde Frang's celebrated debut recording (with the WDR Köln). With the RSNO on Linn Records Thomas has recorded works by Richard Strauss, Prokofiev, Bacewicz, Lutosławski and Szymanowski.

In 2023, Thomas was a recipient of the Carl Nielsen and Anne-Marie Carl Nielsen's Foundation award for his outstanding contribution to Danish musical life. In 2022, he was decorated with a prestigious Royal Order of Chivalry, the Order of Dannebrog (Ridder af Dannebrogordenen), by Her Majesty Margrethe II, Queen of Denmark.

# Stephen Doughty

## Director, RSNO Chorus



Stephen Doughty has been Chorus Director of the RSNO Chorus since the start of the 2022:23 Season. Since his arrival the Chorus has seen an influx of new members, and an abundance of varied and critically acclaimed performances, including Verdi's *Requiem*, Britten's *War Requiem*, Bruckner's *E Minor Mass* and the Scottish premiere of Sir James MacMillan's *Christmas Oratorio*. He has also directed the Chorus in new and imaginative programmes in their own right, including Rheinberger's *Mass in E flat* for double choir, and concerts with percussion and organ featuring Bernstein's *Chichester Psalms*, the European premiere of McIntyre's *Missa Brevis* and Ives' final major choral work, *Psalms* 90.

Stephen's previous 12-year tenure as Chorus Master of Belfast Philharmonic Choir included a number of world premieres, most significantly James Whitbourn's *The Seven Heavens* and Philip Hammond's *Requiem for the Lost Souls of the Titanic*, performed exactly 100 years since the liner went down, and further European premieres of both Stuart Scott's *Requiem Brevis*, which saw the 100-strong choir separated into eight choirs spaced around the audience, and Christopher Marshall's *Earthsong*.

Stephen particularly enjoys working with amateur singers, not least leading regular singing days frequently involving up to 800 amateur singers. He was Musical Director of Edinburgh Bach Choir for seven years and has enjoyed directing the Garleton Singers for over 30 years, performing with them recently at the Lammermuir Festival.

Stephen plays harpsichord/organ continuo and orchestral piano and has given frequent organ recitals, including several on the grand Mulholland Organ in the Ulster Hall, Belfast. He is also in demand as an arranger and orchestrator, with a large portfolio of work particularly for young voices. He has produced a plethora of arrangements of the music of pianist Christopher Norton, including two publications of piano duets and a suite for wind sextet, and has received commissions from Children's Classic Concerts, the Ulster Orchestra and the RSNO. Commissions from the BBC have seen his work being performed on BBC Alba and at the Last Night of the Proms, and his pieces feature on several recordings, including with the RSNO Chorus.

Stephen is an Examiner for the Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music.

Clara Schumann (1819-1896)

# Three Mixed Choruses

Op19



## FIRST PERFORMANCE

Dresden, 8 June 1848

**DURATION** 10 minutes

## Abendfeier in Venedig

## Vorwärts

## Gondoliera

In 1844 Clara Schumann and her husband Robert moved to Dresden, where they would spend the next six years. They had moved ostensibly for Robert's health, after he had suffered a nervous breakdown. Robert entered a period of prolific creativity; Clara, too, in between giving birth to four of their eight children, supporting Robert's career and maintaining her own as a celebrated concert pianist and teacher, managed to compose – if, unsurprisingly, far less than before her marriage.

Trauma lingered. In 1847 the Schumanns' son Emil died aged just 16 months. Robert, newly interested in choral singing, decided to set up a chorus of mixed voices – soprano, alto, tenor, bass – the Chorgesangverein (Choral

Singing Society). Growing quickly to 60–70 members, it was an immediate success. Robert conducted and composed for the chorus. Clara accompanied at the piano – much to the awe of the singers – and also performed as soloist in their concerts. 'We often get together outside of town ... and walk back beneath the starry sky singing Mendelssohn songs,' wrote Robert. 'Everyone is so cheerful that you can't help feeling the same way.'

Clara's compositions, after marriage, were largely piano works and songs, often as gifts for Robert. The *Drei gemischte Chöre* (Three Mixed Choruses), her only choral pieces, were written in 1848 for her husband's birthday on 8 June.

Spring 1848 was full of upheaval, both personal and societal. Revolution was spreading across Europe – coming to Dresden the following year – and agitating society. Clara had given birth to her fifth child, Ludwig, in January.

The three songs – *Abendfeier in Venedig*, *Vorwärts* and *Gondoliera* – which make up the *Drei gemischte Chöre* are set to poems by Emanuel von Geibel, a contemporary whose poetry was popular among composers, both for its subject matter and the musicality of his verse. The first is a shimmering meditation, with harmonic distortions and repetitions, on hearing the evening bells of St Mark's Basilica in Venice. The second is a brief uplifting march, driven and skilfully varied. The final setting returns to Venice and dreamy nighttime meetings of lovers, the vocal parts breaking into brief duets above the swaying gondolas of the four vocal parts. These character pieces show Clara's supreme skill in song-setting and her inventive response to words in music.

Clara rehearsed the *Drei gemischte Chöre* in secret with a few members of the Chorgesangverein, and they surprised her



husband with a performance on the morning of his birthday. Robert was immediately taken with the set, rehearsing and performing it with the full chorus the following month on a boat trip down

the Elbe, and in an evening concert for Clara on her birthday in September. They remained unpublished until 1989.

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### **Abendfeier in Venedig**

Ave Maria! Meer und Himmel ruh'n,  
Von allen Türmen hallt der Glocken Ton.  
Ave Maria! Laßt vom ird'schen Tun,  
Zur Jungfrau betet, zu der Jungfrau Sohn!  
Des Himmels Scharen selber knieen nun  
Mit Lilienstäben vor des Vaters Thron,  
Und durch die Rosenwolken wehn die Lieder  
Der sel'gen Geister feierlich hernieder.

O heil'ge Andacht, welche jedes Herz  
Mit leisen Schauern wunderbar durchdringt!  
O sel'ger Glaube, der sich himmelwärts  
Auf des Gebetes weißem Fittig schwingt!  
In milde Tränen löst sich da der Schmerz,  
Indes der Freude Jubel sanfter klingt.  
Ave Maria! Wenn die Glocke tönet,  
So lächeln Erd' und Himmel mild versöhnet.

### **Vorwärts**

Lass das Träumen, lass das Zagen,  
Unermüdet wandre fort!  
Will die Kraft dir schier versagen,  
'Vorwärts' ist das rechte Wort.

Darfst nicht weilen, wenn die Stunde  
Rosen dir entgegenbringt,  
Wenn dir aus des Meeres Grunde  
Die Sirene lockend singt.

Vorwärts, vorwärts! Im Gesange  
Ringe mit dem Schmerz der Welt,  
Bis auf deine heisse Wange  
Goldner Strahl von oben fällt,

### **Ave Maria!**

Ave Maria! Sea and heaven are resting,  
From every tower echoes the sound of bells,  
Ave Maria! Leave off your earthly endeavours,  
Pray to the Virgin, to the Virgin's son,  
The hosts of Heaven themselves are now  
kneeling  
With staves of lilies before the Father's throne,  
And through the rosy clouds the songs  
Of the blessed spirits waft solemnly down  
[towards earth].

Oh holy devotion, which marvellously penetrates  
Every heart with a quiet shiver!  
Oh holy faith that soars towards heaven  
On the white wings of prayer!  
There pain dissolves into mild tears,  
While the rejoicing of happiness rings out more  
gently.  
Ave Maria! When the bell sounds,  
Earth and heaven smile, reconciled.

### **Onward**

Leave off dreaming, leave off hesitating.  
Wander on tirelessly!  
When your strength is nearly failing,  
'Onward' is the right word.

You must not tarry when the hour  
Brings you roses;  
When from the depths of the sea  
The siren tempts you.

Onward, onward! In song  
Wrestle with the pain of the world,  
Until upon your burning cheek  
Falls a golden beam from above.

Bis der Kranz, der dichtbelaubte,  
Schattig deine Stirn umwebt,  
Bis verklärend überm Haupte  
Dir des Geistes Flamme schwebt.

Vorwärts drum durch Feindes Zinnen,  
Vorwärts durch des Todes Pein,  
Wer den Himmel will gewinnen,  
Muss ein rechter Kämpfer sein!

### **Gondoliera**

O komm zu mir, wenn durch die Nacht  
Wandelt das Sternenheer,  
Dann schwebt mit uns in Mondespracht  
Die Gondel übers Meer.  
Die Luft ist weich wie Liebesscherz,  
Sanft spielt der goldne Schein,  
Die Zither klingt und zieht dein Herz  
Mit in die Lust hinein.  
O komm zu mir, wenn durch die Nacht  
Wandelt das Sternenheer,  
Dann schwebt mit uns in Mondespracht  
Die Gondel übers Meer.

Dies ist für sel'ge Lieb' die Stund,  
Liebchen, o komm und schau,  
So friedlich strahlt des Himmels Rund,  
Es schläft des Meeres Blau.  
Und wie es schläft, so sagt der Blick,  
Was nie die Zunge spricht,  
Das Auge zieht sich nicht zurück,  
zurück die Seele nicht  
O komm zu mir, wenn durch die Nacht  
Wandelt das Sternenheer,  
Dann schwebt mit uns in Mondespracht  
Die Gondel übers Meer.

Until the wreath, thick with leaves,  
Weaves about and shadows your brow.  
Until your head is transfigured  
By the flame of the spirit hovering above it.

Onward then through the foe's battlements,  
Onward through the pain of death,  
Those who wish to win [entrance to] Heaven  
Must be true warriors!

### **Gondola Song**

Oh come to me, when the legion of stars  
wanders through the night!  
Then, in the glory of moonlight,  
the gondola will gently float with us over the sea!  
The air is as soft as love's teasing,  
the golden glow is playing gently.  
The zither sounds and draws your heart  
along with it into joy.  
Oh come to me, when the legion of stars  
wanders through the night!  
Then, in the glory of moonlight,  
the gondola will gently float with us over the sea!

This is the hour of blissful love!  
My darling, oh come and see!  
The heavenly vault is glowing so peacefully,  
the blueness of the sea is sleeping!  
And as it sleeps, [our] glances speak  
what [our] lips never dare to say.  
[Our] eyes do not retreat,  
our souls do not shrink back.  
Oh come to me, when the legion of stars  
wanders through the night!  
Then, in the glory of moonlight,  
the gondola will gently float with us over the sea!

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**Joseph Haydn** (1732-1809)

# Trumpet Concerto

## in E flat Major



**FIRST PERFORMANCE**

Vienna, 28 March 1800

**DURATION** 13 minutes

- 1. Allegro**
- 2. Andante cantabile**
- 3. Allegro**

The closing years of Haydn's long and highly productive composing career reached their climax in the two great choral works *The Creation* and *The Seasons*. Having spent much of his working life in Eisenstadt, in the service of the Esterházy family, Haydn now lived for most of the year in Vienna, moving to Eisenstadt only for a short period each summer. It was while writing *The Creation* that Haydn composed both his last work for the stage, the incidental music for *The Patriot King, or Alfred and Elvida* by the English playwright Alexander Bicknell, and his last major orchestral work, the Trumpet Concerto in E flat Major.

The inspiration for the Trumpet Concerto was a newly modified instrument, the keyed trumpet, created by Anton Weidinger, a friend of Haydn and trumpeter of the Imperial Court Orchestra in Vienna. Before 1800, a trumpet was simply a coiled tube of brass about eight feet long (about twice as long as the standard modern instrument), starting with a mouthpiece at one end and flaring into a bell at the other, with none of the valve machinery in the middle that characterises the modern instrument. It was capable of playing the 'natural' notes of the overtone series, which has large intervals at the low end and progressively smaller ones as pitch gets higher, so that the trumpeter could play scales, instead of just bugle-call notes, only by cultivating the trumpet's very highest notes. (In the early 18th century, composers such as Bach wrote fabulous, florid trumpet parts in the extreme high register of the instrument, but by Haydn's day this art of 'clarino' playing was largely confined to royal courts and monasteries.)

The orchestral trumpeter of the Classical period principally cultivated only about ten notes – the notes of a major chord at the bottom and half of a major scale at the top. The parts they played were simple, if not dull, consisting of fanfare

figures and notes thrown in for added emphasis and volume. It is remarkable, in retrospect, how little dissatisfaction there was with this state of affairs. It was generally accepted that the trumpet had only ten notes, just as it was accepted that the timpani had only two, and no one expected either instrument to be melodic. Weidinger's modifications to the natural trumpet (in which keys, operated by the player's left hand, were added, covering holes which could each raise the pitch a semitone) allowed the instrument to be played chromatically throughout its entire register.

Haydn responded to the capability of the instrument like a gleeful child with a new toy. At the outset of the Concerto he indulges in a little teasing, letting the trumpet join the orchestra in the opening tutti for a few notes, all of them playable on the natural trumpet. Only with the first solo entrance does he break new ground, with the trumpet running up the scale from its written middle C, playing notes not possible on the natural trumpet. From then on the trumpet sings, slides around chromatically, skips and jumps, and every now and then plays a fanfare figure, as if Haydn wants to remind us that this newfangled thing really is a trumpet. A short fanfare serves as a coda, but Haydn left no cadenza – doubtless that was Weidinger's privilege.

The slow movement is in A flat Major, a pastoral movement as amiable as the stag in *The Creation*, and very much reflects the

lyrical abilities of the trumpet. The music pulls towards the remote key of C flat Major, surely for Weidinger's benefit and for those members of the audience who realised that they were hearing the impossible – notes that could not previously have been played on a trumpet. The Concerto ends with a brilliant rondo, witness both to Haydn's unfailing powers of invention and to the technical prowess of Weidinger.

Although the Concerto was written in 1796, it was not performed until 1800, and one might well infer that Weidinger needed the four years to work out how to negotiate the more difficult passages.

For a number of reasons, the keyed trumpet never became an orchestral instrument. Trumpets with valves instead of keys were invented a few years after Haydn's death in 1809, but did not start to make headway into orchestras for nearly a generation. They did not become standard in orchestras until about 1840. In that interval the whole idea of a trumpet concerto, so common in the Baroque era, was much neglected. Haydn's Trumpet Concerto lay forgotten until the 20th century, when it was heard again in a broadcast made in 1928 by the virtuoso trumpeter George Eskdale and the New Queen's Hall Orchestra.

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# Christopher Hart

## Trumpet



RSNO Principal Trumpet Christopher Hart studied at the Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama and at the Royal Academy of Music in London before joining the RSNO in 2016.

He has since performed all over the world as Guest Principal Trumpet with the London Symphony Orchestra, Philharmonia Orchestra, London Philharmonic Orchestra, Orchestra of the Royal Opera House and BBC Symphony Orchestra under such esteemed conductors as Sir Simon Rattle, Sir Antonio Pappano, Sir Mark Elder, Vladimir Ashkenazy, Vladimir Jurowski, Sakari Oramo and Gianandrea Noseda.

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**Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart** (1756-1791)  
**Great Mass in C Minor**  
K427/417a



**FIRST PERFORMANCE**

Salzburg, 26 October 1783

**DURATION** 60 minutes

Mozart married Constanze Weber at St Stephen's Cathedral in Vienna on 4 August 1782. Back in Salzburg, his father Leopold, who did not approve of the match, sent a belated blessing.

On 3 January 1783 Mozart mentioned in a letter to his father a vow he had taken to compose a Mass setting in gratitude for his marriage, which he was halfway through.

That August, following a delay partly caused by the birth of the Mozarts' first child, the young married couple travelled to Salzburg to visit Leopold and Mozart's sister Nannerl. They took with them the Mass, which even though still not complete was performed at St Peter's Abbey in Salzburg on 26 October, with Constanze as one of the soprano soloists – indeed, the most prominent and virtuosic, presumably (as much as anything else) to show off her vocal skills to her husband's family.

In fact, for whatever reason, Mozart did not go on to complete the Mass in C Minor, though it remains a very substantial torso. As such, it has attracted musicologists to, as it were, fill in the blanks.

The first edition was prepared in 1840 by the composer and publisher Johann Anton André, who had purchased a substantial quantity of Mozart's scores (including the autograph manuscript of the Mass) from Constanze in 1799.

When the first edition of Mozart's entire works was published between 1883 and 1910, a completion of the Mass was undertaken by Alois Schmitt and Ernst Lewicki; this became the standard performing edition until relatively recently.

Starting with a new edition by the distinguished scholar H C Robbins Landon in 1956, various subsequent attempts have been made to

**1. Kyrie**

**2. Gloria**

*Gloria in excelsis*

*Laudamus te*

*Gratias agimus tibi*

*Domine Deus*

*Qui tollis*

*Quoniam tu solus*

*Jesu Christe*

*Cum Sancto Spiritu*

**3. Credo**

*Credo in unum Deum*

*Et incarnatus est*

**4. Sanctus**

*Sanctus Dominus*

*Hosanna in excelsis*

**5. Benedictus**

*Benedictus qui venit*

correct earlier errors and to incorporate the small amounts of newly discovered material emanating from Mozart himself (sketches, formerly missing orchestral parts and so on).

The edition (1988) by the mathematician and musicologist Richard Maunder (1937-2018) performed tonight has been one of the most successful, as in the case of his similar work on another incomplete Mozart masterpiece, the Requiem K626.

Mozart himself made further use of some of the material from the Kyrie and Gloria of the Mass in his biblical cantata  *Davide Penitente*  (The Penitent David) K469, first performed in the Burgtheater in Vienna in 1785.

Those movements in the sources either entirely or in part missing are the remaining sections of the Credo following the first two, whose orchestration is in itself incomplete, and all of the Agnus Dei. Reconstruction of some missing elements in the Sanctus and Benedictus is also necessary.

Maunder's approach (as with those of several of his colleagues) was to flesh out missing choral parts or orchestration within the movements that

Mozart himself wrote. Other musicologists have sought speculatively to create entire missing movements by borrowing material from the composer's other Mass settings, or from sketches for other pieces, necessarily involving a certain amount of new composition in Mozartian style.

Notable features of the Maunder edition include additional parts for trombones, trumpets and timpani in the Gloria; additional parts for horns and viola in the Et incarnatus est, to which he adds the tempo marking *Andante ma sostenuto*; additional choral parts in the Sanctus; and again a viola part and additional choral parts in the Hosanna in excelsis. Maunder argues cogently for all of these in the introduction to his full score.

The Mass is scored on a substantial scale, with four soloists, double SATB choir, flute (only used in the Et incarnatus est), two each of oboes, bassoons, horns and trumpets, three trombones, timpani, organ continuo and strings. Even in incomplete form, the piece is the longest and most magnificent of Mozart's Mass settings, showing in many places the impact of works by Baroque masters such as Handel and Bach that Mozart had been studying.

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### **Kyrie**

Kyrie eleison,  
Christe eleison,  
Kyrie eleison.

### **Gloria**

Gloria in excelsis Deo.  
Et in terra pax hominibus bonae voluntatis.  
Laudamus te. Benedicimus te.  
Adoramus te. Glorificamus te.  
Gratias agimus tibi propter magnam gloriam tuam.  
Domine Deus, Rex coelestis, Deus Pater omnipotens.

### **Kyrie**

Lord, have mercy.  
Christ, have mercy.  
Lord, have mercy.

### **Gloria**

Glory to God in the highest.  
And on Earth peace to people of good will.  
We praise You. We bless You.  
We worship You. We glorify You.  
We give You thanks for Your great glory.  
Lord God, heavenly king, God the Father almighty,

Domine Fili unigenite, Jesu Christe.  
Domine Deus, Agnus Dei, Filius Patris.  
Qui tollis peccata mundi,  
miserere nobis.  
Qui tollis peccata mundi,  
suscipe deprecationem nostram.  
Qui sedes ad dexteram Patris,  
miserere nobis.  
Quoniam tu solus sanctus. Tu solus Dominus.  
Tu solus Altissimus, Jesu Christe.  
Cum Sancto Spiritu  
in gloria Dei Patris. Amen.

### **Credo**

Credo in unum Deum,  
Patrem omnipotentem,  
factorem coeli et terrae,  
visibilium omnium, et invisibilium.  
Et in unum Dominum Jesum Christum,  
Filium Dei unigenitum.  
Et ex Patre natum ante omni saecula.  
Deum de Deo, lumen de lumine,  
Deum verum de Deo vero.  
Genitum, non factum,  
consubstantialem patri:  
per quem omnia facta sunt.  
Qui propter nos homines,  
et propter nostram salutem  
descendit de caelis.  
Et incarnatus est de Spiritu Sancto  
ex Maria Virgine: Et homo factus est.

### **Sanctus**

Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus,  
Dominus Deus Sabaoth.  
Pleni sunt coeli et terra gloria tua.  
Hosanna in excelsis.

### **Benedictus**

Benedictus qui venit in nomine Domini.  
Hosanna in excelsis.

Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son.  
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father.  
You, Who take away the sins of the world,  
have mercy on us.  
You, Who take away the sins of the world,  
receive our prayer.  
You, Who sit at the right hand of the Father,  
have mercy upon us.  
For You alone are holy. You alone are the Lord.  
You alone, O Jesus Christ, are most high.  
With the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

### **Credo**

I believe in one God,  
The Father almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth, and  
of all things visible and invisible.  
And I believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only begotten Son of God.  
Born of the Father before all ages.  
God of God, Light of Light,  
true God of true God.  
Begotten, not made,  
of one being with the Father:  
By whom all things were made.  
Who for us and  
for our salvation  
came down from heaven.  
And He became flesh by the Holy Spirit  
of the Virgin Mary: And was made man.

### **Sanctus**

Holy, Holy, Holy  
Lord God of hosts.  
Heaven and earth are filled with Your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.

### **Benedictus**

Blessed is He who comes in the name of the  
Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.



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# Brenda Rae

## Soprano



American soprano Brenda Rae's recent European highlights include a long-awaited return to Oper Frankfurt as Lulu – a role she debuted in William Kentridge's production at English National Opera – in Nadja Loschky's new production, under Thomas Guggeis, as well as Aminta in Jan Philipp Gloger's new production of *Die schweigsame Frau* for Staatsoper Unter den Linden under Christian Thielemann. She returned to the role of Gilda *Rigoletto* both for Deutsche Oper Berlin under Michele Spotti and Opernhaus Zürich, and returned to the title role in Claus Guth's new production of *Semele* conducted by Gianluca Capuano at the Bayerische Staatsoper. At Opéra Bastille she most recently performed the title role *Lucia di Lammermoor* under Aziz Shokhakimov and Ophelia *Hamlet* conducted by Thomas Hengelbrock, and at the Wiener Staatsoper she continued her reign as the Queen of the Night *Die Zauberflöte* and latterly as Amina *La Sonnambula* under Giacomo Sagripanti. Brenda debuted at the Glyndebourne Festival as Armida *Rinaldo*, which was part of the BBC Proms and released on DVD by Opus Arte. More

recent seasons have brought debuts for the Royal Ballet & Opera and Salzburg Festival as the Queen of the Night, as well as her return to the Teatro Real Madrid in the title role in Christopher Alden's new production of *Partenope* under Ivor Bolton.

Brenda made her US operatic stage debut at the 2013 Santa Fe Opera Festival as Violetta *La traviata* and has since returned as Norina *Don Pasquale*, both Mme Vladimirescu and Mme Herz *The Impresario*, Cunegonde *Candide* and Lucia *Lucia di Lammermoor*. Her continued collaboration with Harry Bicket brought her house debut at the Lyric Opera of Chicago as Ginevra *Ariodante*, and performances as Semele *Semele* on tour with The English Concert to London, Paris and New York. At the Metropolitan Opera, Brenda has returned as both Zerbinetta *Ariadne auf Naxos*, conducted by Marek Janowski, and Ophelia (Brett Dean's *Hamlet*) under Nicholas Carter.

An experienced recitalist, Brenda is a regular guest at the celebrated Schubertiade in Schwarzenberg and at Wigmore Hall in London.

This season at the Teatro Real and Palau de la Música Catalana, Brenda sings the role of Petra in the world premiere of Francisco Coll's setting of Ibsen's *An Enemy of the People*. At the Grand Théâtre de Genève she embraces the surreal world of Frank Zappa's *200 Motels*, making its Swiss premiere.

Unfortunately Mojca Erdmann, the advertised soprano for these concerts, is unwell. The RSNO is extremely grateful to Barbara Rae for stepping in at short notice.

# Katie Coventry

## Mezzo-soprano



Scottish mezzo-soprano Katie Coventry returned to the Salzburg Landestheater for the 2024/25 season, where her roles included Hänsel *Hänsel und Gretel* and Marchesa Melibea *Il viaggio a Reims*. She had started the 2023/24 season there with her role debut as Rosina in *The Barber of Seville*. Other roles included Orlofsky *Die Fledermaus*, Cecilio *Lucio Silla* and Daisy in Stuart MacRae's *Anthropocene*.

In 2022/23 Katie made her debut at the Royal Danish Opera covering the role of Offred in Paul Ruder's *The Handmaid's Tale*. Katie also made her debut with the Royal Liverpool Philharmonic Orchestra singing the solo line in *Scott of the Antarctic* under Andrew Manze, as well as her debut with English Touring Opera as Orsini *Lucrezia Borgia* and covering Sesto *Giulio Cesare*.

In 2021/22 Katie made her debut at Nederlandse Reisopera as Sesto in a production which transferred to the Handelfestspiele Göttingen. Later that season, she made her delayed debut with the Hallé Orchestra as Kate Pinkerton *Madama Butterfly* before returning to the Glyndebourne Festival to cover Ruggiero Alcina, stepping in for three performances and marking her Glyndebourne stage debut. She also appeared with the RSNO in Vaughan Williams' *Sinfonia Antartica*.

As a previous Harewood Artist, Katie has a close relationship with English National Opera. She made her ENO debut as Edith *The Pirates of Penzance* and in 2017 made her role debut there as Cherubino *The Marriage of Figaro*.

On the concert platform, Katie has performed in the Mozart Requiem at the Royal Albert Hall and Cadogan Hall, Duruflé Requiem at Southwark Cathedral, Haydn *Nelson Mass* at Riga Dom and numerous oratorios at St James' Piccadilly and St Martin-in-the-Fields.

A participant in the Salzburg Festival's Young Singer Project in 2018, Katie is a graduate of the Royal College of Music International Opera School, where she studied with Tim Evans-Jones as an Independent Opera Voice Scholar. She was a finalist in the inaugural Grange Festival International Singing Competition, the winner of the 2017 Joaninha Award and is an Independent Opera Voice Fellow.

# Edgardo Rocha

## Tenor



Two roles have become cornerstones of Rocha's repertoire: Don Ramiro in *La Cenerentola* and Almaviva in *Il barbiere di Siviglia*. Rocha has sung Don Ramiro notably at the Grand Théâtre de Genève, Vienna State Opera, Seattle Opera, Opéra de Monte-Carlo and Elbphilharmonie Hamburg. A career highlight was a world tour of *La Cenerentola* with mezzo-soprano Cecilia Bartoli celebrating the 200th anniversary of Rossini's masterpiece. As Almaviva, Rocha has appeared at the Vienna State Opera, Los Angeles Opera, Opéra National de Paris, Teatro Real Madrid, Palau de les Arts Reina Sofía, Bayerische Staatsoper, Semperoper Dresden, Opernhaus Zürich, Teatro San Carlo di Napoli, Salzburg Festival and on tour through Switzerland with Opéra de Monte-Carlo.

Edgardo Rocha is one of today's foremost interpreters of the bel canto repertoire, praised for his warm timbre, lively coloratura and brilliant high notes. Since making his European debut in the title role of *Gianni di Parigi* by Donizetti at the Festival della Valle d'Itria di Martina Franca, he has been a frequent guest at the world's leading opera houses and festivals, including the Opernhaus Zürich, Grand Théâtre de Genève, Bayerische Staatsoper, Vienna State Opera and Salzburg Festival.

In the 2025/26 season, he makes his role debut as Nemorino, first at Stadttheater Gießen and later at the Vienna State Opera, in Otto Schenk's celebrated production of *L'elisir d'amore*. The performances this weekend mark Rocha's RSNO debut.

Recent highlights include his debut as Florestano in Paër's rarely performed *Leonora* at the Chicago Opera Theater, as well as the title role in *La clemenza di Tito*, first at Salzburg's Mozartwoche in a staging by Rolando Villazón and later with the Washington Concert Opera under Antony Walker.

A frequent guest at the Vienna State Opera, Rocha has performed Don Ottavio *Don Giovanni*, Ferrando *Così fan tutte*, Ernesto *Don Pasquale* and Lindoro *L'italiana in Algeri* as well as Almaviva and Don Ramiro. At the Grand Théâtre de Genève, Rocha has been a central figure in Donizetti's Tudor Trilogy, debuting the title role in *Roberto Devereux* and reprising Percy Anna Bolena and Robert Dudley *Maria Stuarda*.

Rocha's versatility has also led him into French repertoire, with roles including Nadir *Les pêcheurs de perles* at Opéra de Nancy, Gérard *Lakmé* at Opernhaus Zürich, Lyonel in Halévy's *Léclair* at the Grand Théâtre de Genève and Léopold in Halévy's *La Juive* at the Bayerische Staatsoper.

Born in Rivera, Uruguay and educated in piano, choral and orchestra conducting at the Montevideo University School of Music, Rocha studied singing with Alba Tonelli, Beatriz Pazos and Raquel Pierotti. After moving to Italy in 2008, he continued his studies with the tenor Salvatore Fisichella and the Rossini tenor Rockwell Blake.

# Andreas Landin

## Baritone



Andreas Landin was born in Sweden and educated in Stockholm and at the Opera Academy at the Royal Opera in Copenhagen. In his early career he specialised in contemporary music and has sung more than 30 contemporary opera roles, many of them composed directly for him. He has also performed numerous oratorios and art songs by contemporary composers. Church music has always been a large part of his repertoire, and he has sung most of the Classical and Baroque oratorios.

In recent years he has begun to perform the mainstream opera repertoire, and has sung roles including Scarpia in Puccini's *Tosca*, Harlequin in Richard Strauss' *Ariadne auf Naxos* and the title role in Verdi's *Macbeth*. Future projects include the title role in Mozart's *Don Giovanni* and Don Pizarro in Beethoven's *Fidelio*.

He made his RSNO debut earlier this month in Vaughan Williams' *Songs of Travel*.





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