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West Australian
Symphony Orchestra

WASO CHORUS SINGS: SACRED

SPIRITUAL TIME-TRAVEL

Sunday 9 November, 2.30pm
St Mary's Cathedral

TODAY'S PROGRAM

C. Hubert H. PARRY *I Was Glad* (5 mins)
Giovanni Pierluigi da PALESTRINA *Sicut Cervus* (3 mins)
Samuel Sebastian WESLEY *Blessed Be the God and Father* (8 mins)
Camille SAINT-SAËNS arr. **Stewart SMITH**
The Carnival of the Animals: Aquarium, Le cygne & Volière (9 mins)
Roxanna PANUFNIK *Salve Regina* (4 mins)
Louis VIERNE *Messe Solennelle* (24 mins)
Perry JOYCE *Ubi Caritas* (4 mins)
Edward ELGAR *Great is the Lord* (10 mins)

Hugh Lydon conductor
Jonathan Bradley organ
Stewart Smith organ
Sebastian Jennings treble
WASO Chorus

This concert does not contain an interval.

WELCOME

It is an absolute delight to be conducting the WASO Chorus in concert for the first time as Chorus Director.

When I was initially asked to construct a program for this performance, I was told that I could select one other instrument to complement the organ. Immediately, my mind went to the most extreme possibility: the second instrument should be another organ!

My musical journey began as a chorister at Westminster Cathedral, where the choir would perform seven services a week in an acoustic very similar to the one here at St Mary's Cathedral. Almost all the pieces that are included in today's program are works that I sang as a boy Treble or Alto at the Cathedral.

The cornerstone of this afternoon's concert, Vienne's *Messe Solennelle*, was a piece that I had the privilege of singing several times during my five years as a chorister, and I was fortunate enough to record it in 1996. Whilst the melodies of each movement are relatively easy to sing along to, this is a rhythmically complex work, showing interplay between the two organs and the choir, who are located in three different parts of the building.

This spatial arrangement allows the cathedral's architecture to also become part of the performance. I know that many members of the audience will not have heard this work before, and I hope they enjoy this new sonic experience. We are also lucky to be joined by two of the finest organists in Australia; Jonathan Bradley and Stewart Smith bring a level of musical excellence to each of the accompanied works in this concert.

Songs from the entire spectrum of music history have been chosen to complement this masterwork of French Sacred choral music; for example, 2025 is Palestrina's 500th anniversary, and his motet *Sicut Cervus* is perfectly suited for the cathedral's acoustic.

At the other end of history, it is exciting to include works by both Roxanna Panufnik and Perth's own Perry Joyce; both pieces showcase the evolution of sacred choral music since Palestrina was writing Renaissance Polyphony.

Thank you for joining us today. I hope this concert leaves a lasting impression and inspires a deeper appreciation for sacred choral music.

Hugh Lydon, WASO Chorus Director.

WASO CHORUS ON STAGE

SOPRANO

Anna Börner
Chika Brinkman
Annie Burke
Genevieve Cappi
Alinta Carroll
Clara Connor
Kathie Drake
Ceridwen Dumergue
Sophie Dwyer
Fay Edwards
Bronwyn Elliott
Marion Funke
Lesley Goodwin
Ro Gorell
Kylie Grima
Deborah Jackson-Porteous
Joanna Killgore
Gillian King
Mia Lewsen
Natasha Meyers
Sue Nightingale Hingston
Cassidy Shelton

Sarah Shneier
Simin Soyer
Willow Springate
Kate Sugars
Therese Sundblad
Catherine Wade
Alicia Walter
Margo Warburton
Charmaine de Witt

ALTO

Marian Agombar
Llewela Benn
Helen Brown
Patsy Brown
Sheila Byfield
Cindy Choi
Sue Coleson
Catherine Dunn
Kaye Fairbairn
Jenny Fay
Dianne Graves
Emma Lejonberg
Lynne Naylor
Deborah Pearson
Deborah Piesse
Neb Ryland
Pallas Sarney
Lucy Sheppard
Louise Spicer
Moir Westmore
Julia Woo
Jacquie Wright

TENOR

Chris Bedding
David Collings
Nick Fielding
Alan Harvey
Patrick Melling
John Murphy
Christopher Ryland
Sim Taylor
Arthur Tideswell
Stephen Turley
Malcolm Vernon
Brad Wake

BASS

Justin Audcent
Michael Berkeley-Hill
Charlie Bond
Ken Gasmier
Stephen Hastings
Nicholas Hockley
Brendon Jones
Francis Joseph
Benjamin Lee
Adam Lynch
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