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Mahler's Resurrection Symphony starts with tragedy and ends with a world reborn. Imagine heaven and hell, joy and terror, Viennese waltzes and distant trumpets. It's the musical experience of a lifetime – and beyond. A super-sized RSNO, the massed voices of the RSNO Chorus and guest soloists Julie Roset and Linda Watson perform some of the most heart-lifting music ever composed, all under the direction of RSNO Music Director Thomas Søndergård.

MAHLER Symphony No2 in C Minor Resurrection [85']

Thomas Søndergård Conductor
Julie Roset Soprano
Linda Watson Mezzo-soprano
RSNO Chorus
Stephen Doughty Director, RSNO Chorus
Amy Murray BSL Performer
Royal Scottish National Orchestra

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Welcome



It is my pleasure to welcome you to the opening concert of the RSNO's 2024:25 Concert Season.

We've kept busy over the summer, performing at the Edinburgh International Festival with former Principal Guest Conductor Elim Chan and trumpet soloist Alison Balsom, touring Scottish primary schools in partnership with digital education platform Charanga, and recording for film, television, game and classical distribution. Much of our recording work must remain secret; however, the Orchestra is proud to have featured on two recent major releases: Star Wars Outlaws, a video game published by Ubisoft; and Our Gilded Veins, an album featuring the work of the same name performed by our own Katherine Bryan and For Zoe, written in memory of former RSNO cor anglais Zoe Kitson and performed by Henry Clay. We are very fortunate to have such talented soloists in our midst and it's a delight to bring them into the limelight. I recommend you listen if you haven't already.

A new Season brings new faces and I'd particularly like to recognise the appointment of Gregor Stewart as Chair of the RSNO Board. Gregor joins us tonight for the start of the 2024:25 Concert Season, succeeding Dame Susan Bruce who gave nine years of dedicated service to the Orchestra. Sue guided us through several best-selling Seasons and oversaw the appointment of Thomas Søndergård, as well as many successful international tours. We are very grateful for all of her support over the years. Recent Orchestra appointees include Kirstin Drew and Colin McKee as Second Violins and Morav Jones and Alexandre Cruz dos Santos as Double Basses. I wish them all every success in their new positions.

The Orchestra is led tonight by Thomas Søndergård, celebrating his seventh Season as Music Director. Thomas is increasingly in demand around the world, performing this year with the esteemed New York and Los Angeles philharmonic orchestras, yet it is not difficult to persuade him to return to Scotland when we have an audience like you!

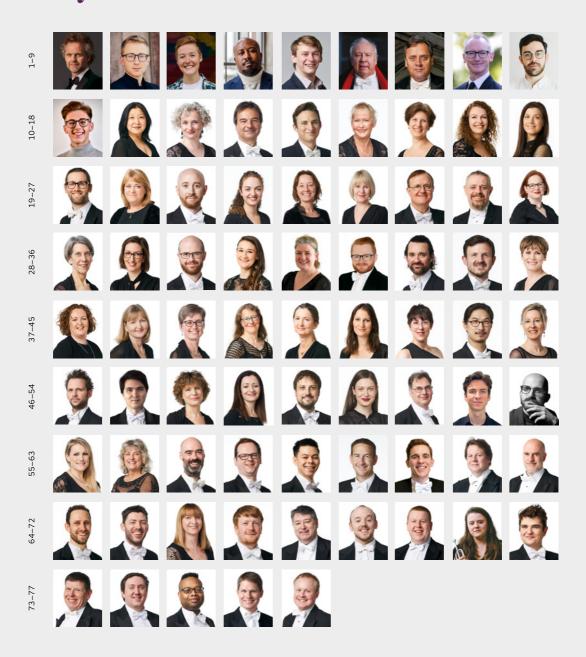
Also joining us this evening for Mahler's landmark Second Symphony are the RSNO Chorus and soloists Julie Roset and Linda Watson. The Resurrection is a piece that's a favourite of our choristers and musicians alike, and I'm sure they'll do its powerful finale proper justice.

Thank you for continuing to support the RSNO and I look forward to sharing the rest of the Season with you.

Alistair Mackie

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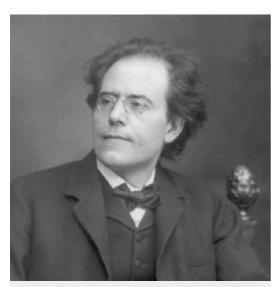
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Gustav Mahler (1860-1911)

Symphony No2

in C Minor Resurrection



FIRST PERFORMANCE
Berlin, 13 December 1895 **DURATION** 85 minutes

- Allegro maestoso. Mit durchaus ernstem undfeierlichen Ausdruck [With serious and solemn expression throughout]
- 2. Andante moderato. Sehr gemächlich [At a very leisurely pace]
- 3. In ruhig fliessender Bewegung [With calmly flowing motion]
- 4. Urlicht [Primal Light]. Sehr feierlich, aber schlicht [Very solemn, yet simple]
- 5. Im Tempo des Scherzo: Wild herausfahrend [Storming forwards]

Mahler's Second Symphony (1888-94) comes with a nickname, 'Resurrection' - the name of the hymn the chorus sings at the end of the colossal finale. But what kind of resurrection did Mahler have in mind? The last two movements both have texts dealing with matters of faith and doubt, the meaning of life, how belief in a God of Love can be reconciled with the fact of human suffering. Add to that the fact that the first movement is unmistakably a gigantic funeral march, and the Second Symphony can be read as a journey from darkness and death through to light and affirmation of life and love. But Mahler stressed that he wasn't thinking in conventional religious terms: 'Behold, this is no judgment. There is no punishment and no reward. An overwhelming love illuminates our being. We know and are.' Whatever Mahler may have thought about 'God' (and that seems to have fluctuated wildly), it seems he never really doubted the transcendent power of love.

From the very start it's clear this Symphony has a story to tell. A tremolo stab, low growls from cellos and basses, then the music quickly settles into a steady march. Mahler revealed that he imagined watching a dead hero being carried to his grave, and asking, 'Why did you live? Why did you suffer? Is it all nothing but a huge, dreadful joke?' There are lighter, more hopeful interludes, but the funeral tread always returns, until it is finally snuffed out with a furious, despairing gesture. Mahler knew his Shakespeare; was he thinking of Macbeth's 'Out, out, brief candle'?

The next two movements are shorter. The second is, according to Mahler's original programme, 'a memory – a shaft of sunlight from out of the life of this hero', echoing the Austrian rural dance music with which Mahler had a lifelong love-hate relationship. After

this, the sinister, sarcastic humour of the third movement comes as a shock. For Mahler it was 'like the swaying of dancing figures in a brightly lit ballroom, into which you peer from the dark night outside ... from which you perhaps start away with a cry of disgust'. That 'cry of disgust', played by the full orchestra, is unmistakable, after which the music dwindles into deep, deathly bell-like sounds on gong, harps and low horns. More despair – or so it seems.

But then comes a wonderful contrast: the contralto sings the first line of the folk poem *Urlicht* (Primal Light), followed by quietly dignified hymn-like winds. An anguished central section climaxes with the words 'I am from God and will return to God', then warmth and light return, with a beautiful final sigh on the word *Leben* – Life. But the final movement then storms in with a return of the 'cry of disgust' from the third movement. Gradually a new stillness comes over

the music, with distant horn-calls and stirrings of life from woodwind and strings. A woodwind chant recalls the medieval plainsong Dies irae - Day of Wrath. Then an apocalyptic march section (with offstage bands) builds to an aweinspiring climax as Mahler paints a vivid, quasimedieval picture of the dead arising for the Day of Judgment. A moment of stillness, then more offstage fanfares are heard, enriched with woodwind birdsong. Then the chorus enters: 'Rise again, yes, you shall rise again', and later, climactically, 'Cease to tremble! Prepare yourself to live!'. Soprano and contralto soloists recall and develop the simple faith of *Urlicht*. Finally chorus, full orchestra and organ lead to the thrilling apotheosis to Mahler's own words, 'What you have overcome shall carry you to God'. The Symphony culminates in massive brass calls and the triumphant chiming of gongs and bells.

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Urlicht (Primal light)

From Des Knaben Wunderhorn

O Röschen roth!

Der Mensch liegt in größter Noth!

Der Mensch liegt in größter Pein!

Je lieber möcht' ich in Himmel sein!

Da kam ich auf einen breiten Weg:

Da kam ein Engelein und wollt' mich abweisen.

Ach nein! Ich ließ mich nicht abweisen:

Ich bin von Gott und will wieder zu Gott!

Der liebe Gott wird mir ein Lichtchen geben,

Wird leuchten mir bis in das ewig selig Leben!

O little red rose!
Man lies in greatest need!
Man lies in greatest suffering!
How much rather would I be in Heaven!
I came upon a broad road.
There came an angel and wanted to block my way.
Ah no! I did not let myself be turned away!
I am from God and will return to God.
Dear God will grant me a small light,
Will light my way to eternal, blissful life!

Im Tempo des Scherzo (In the tempo of the scherzo)

The first eight lines are from the poem *Die Auferstehung* (The Resurrection) by Friedrich Gottlieb Klopstock (1724-1803). Mahler himself added the remainder of the text, from 'O glaube'.

Aufersteh'n, ja aufersteh'n wirst du, Mein Staub, nach kurzer Ruh! Unsterblich Leben Wird der dich rief dir geben.

Wieder aufzublüh'n wirst du gesät! Der Herr der Ernte geht Und sammelt Garben Uns ein, die starben.

O glaube, mein Herz, o glaube: Es geht dir nichts verloren!

Dein ist, was du gesehnt! Dein, was du geliebt, Was du gestritten!

O glaube:

Du wardst nicht umsonst geboren! Hast nicht umsonst gelebt, gelitten! Was entstanden ist, das muß vergehen! Was vergangen, auferstehen! Hör' auf zu beben! Bereite dich zu leben!

O Schmerz! Du Alldurchdringer!
Dir bin ich entrungen!
O Tod! Du Allbezwinger!
Nun bist du bezwungen!
Mit Flügeln, die ich mir errungen,
In heißem Liebesstreben,
Werd' ich entschweben
Zum Licht, zu dem kein Aug' gedrungen!
Sterben werd' ich, um zu leben!

Aufersteh'n, ja aufersteh'n wirst du, Mein Herz, in einem Nu! Was du geschlagen, Zu Gott wird es dich tragen! Rise again, yes, you shall rise again, My dust, after a short rest! Eternal life Will be given you by Him who called you.

To bloom again are you sown!
The lord of the harvest goes
And gathers the sheaves,
Us who have died

O believe, my heart, oh believe, Nothing will be lost to you!

Everything is yours that you have desired! Yours, what you have loved, what you have struggled for.

O believe.

You were not born in vain, Have not lived in vain, suffered in vain! What was created must perish, What has perished must rise again! Cease to tremble! Prepare yourself to live!

O Sorrow, all-penetrating!
I have been wrested away from you!
O Death, all-conquering!
Now you are conquered!
With wings that I won
In the passionate strivings of love
I shall mount
To the light to which no sight has penetrated!
I shall die. so as to live!

Arise, yes, you will arise from the dead, My heart, in an instant! What you have overcome shall carry you to God!



In memory of **Dorothy Rathband**

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Julie Roset

Soprano



As the First Prize winner at Operalia 2023 and Grand Winner of the 2022 Metropolitan Opera Laffont Competition, Julie Roset has quickly established herself as one of the finest coloratura sopranos of her generation. Her performances as Zémire in Zémire et Azor by André Grétry at Paris' Opéra Comique in 2023 garnered unanimous acclaim.

Highlights of Roset's 2024/25 season include debut appearances with both the RSNO and Orchestre de Paris in Mahler's Symphony No2 conducted by Thomas Søndergård and Esa-Pekka Salonen respectively, her debut in Copenhagen with the Danish National Symphony Orchestra as Belinda in concert performances of Dido and Aeneas under Geoffrey Paterson, and a first appearance at Vienna's Musikverein in Messiah with Lautten Compagney Berlin and the Arnold Schoenberg Chor conducted by Erwin Ortner. On the opera stage, she returns to the Opéra Comique as Timna in Rameau's Samson, and to the Teatro Real Madrid in choreographed performances of Rameau's Les Indes galantes with Cappella Mediterranea.

Roset's 2023/24 season included her debut at the Opéra de Paris as Amour in a new staging by Sir David McVicar of Charpentier's Médée under William Christie, staged performances of *Die Schöpfung* at the Opéra de Lorraine with Music Director Marta Gardolińska, and a return to the Festival d'Aix-en-Provence as the Angel in Rameau's *Samson*.

As a concert performer, Roset's recent debuts include concert performances of Il re pastore at the Salzburg Festival with the Mozarteum Orchestra conducted by Adam Fischer, Christmas Oratorio with the Stavanger Symphony Orchestra under Ottavio Dantone, Acis and Galatea with l'Orchestre Philharmonique de Radio France under Leonardo Garcia Alarcón, a curated programme of baroque arias entitled Elemental with ensemble Twelfth Night at New York's Carnegie Hall and Mendelssohn's Elijah with Ensemble Pygmalion. She has formed strong connections with ensembles including Alarcón's Cappella Mediterranea, and Le Concert de la Loge with Julien Chauvin

On disc Roset can be heard in her solo recording of works by Handel entitled Salve Regina, with the Millennium Orchestra on the Ricercar label. Other recent recordings include Sigismondo d'India's Lamenti e Sospiri with Capella Mediterranea on Ricercar, Brabant with Holland Baroque on Pentatone and Dido and Aeneas with Les Argonauts on Aparté.

Roset began her vocal studies at an early age, joining the Conservatoire du Grand Avignon, and went on to graduate with honours from the Haute Ecole de Musique de Genève. She was awarded her artist diploma in Opera Studies from the Juilliard School in 2022.

Linda Watson

Mezzo-soprano



Linda Watson is an American dramatic soprano. She has performed worldwide, including at the Vienna State Opera, La Scala Milan, Metropolitan Opera New York and Bayreuth Festival. She focused on dramatic roles by Wagner and Richard Strauss, as well as Turandot. She was awarded the title *Kammersängerin* in Germany in 2004 and in Austria in 2020.

Watson began her stage career as a mezzosoprano at Theater Aachen in 1992, followed by an engagement at the Aalto Theatre in Essen in 1995, combined with a guest contract at Leipzig Opera, where she performed Wagner roles such as Brangäne in *Tristan und Isolde* and Venus in *Tannhäuser*. She became a member of the Deutsche Oper am Rhein in 1997. The same year she appeared as Venus at the Vienna State Opera, and a year later as Kundry in *Parsifal* at the Bayreuth Festival, conducted by Giuseppe Sinopoli. From 2000 to 2005 she appeared as Ortrud in *Lohengrin* at Bayreuth.

From 2006 to 2010 she sang all three Brünnhilde roles in *Der Ring des Nibelungen* at Bayreuth, and also performed them in the new production at the Vienna State Opera, earning a GRAMMY Award nomination. She subsequently appeared as Brünnhilde at many of the world's great opera houses.

She added more dramatic roles to her repertoire, including Isolde, Elektra, and both the Dyer's Wife and the Nurse in Strauss' *Die Frau ohne Schatten*. The credibility of her portrayals and her vocal bravura led to engagements worldwide, in Munich, Berlin, Paris, Madrid, Barcelona, Milan, Florence, Bologna, Amsterdam, Los Angeles and New York.

Watson has worked with conductors including Claudio Abbado, Leonard Bernstein, Daniele Gatti, Valery Gergiev, Daniel Barenboim, James Levine, Zubin Mehta, Kent Nagano, Sir Antonio Pappano, Esa-Pekka Salonen, Philippe Jordan, Riccardo Chailly, Axel Kober and Christian Thielemann.

In 2013 and 2014 she returned to the ensemble of the Deutsche Oper am Rhein to perform Isolde, Marschallin, Elektra, Ariadne and Brünnhilde.

At La Scala, Watson appeared in the 2020/21 and 22/23 seasons as Herodias in Salome. In 2023 she sang Amme in the San Francisco premiere of David Hockney's production of *Die Frau ohne Schatten* under Sir Donald Runnicles.

Watson is a professor of voice at the Music and Arts University of the City of Vienna, and performs masterclasses worldwide.









In memory of Tom Bruce-Jones

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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.

Following his acclaimed debut for Royal Danish Opera (Kafka's Trial), he has since returned to conduct Die Walküre, Elektra, Le nozze di Figaro, Il barbiere di Siviglia, La bohème, 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.

His discography covers a broad range of repertoire, including Carl Nielsen (Royal Danish Orchestra, Naxos Records); Poul Ruders (Arhus Symphony, Norwegian Radio, Royal Danish Opera (Kafka's Trial), Da Capo and Bridge Records); Sibelius symphonies and tone poems with BBC NOW and Prokofiev and Richard Strauss with the RSNO, Linn Records; Lutosławski and Dutilleux concertos with cellist Johannes Moser and Rundfunk Sinfonieorchester Berlin (Pentatone); and Vilde Frang's celebrated debut recording (WDR Köln, EMI).

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 Margrethe II, Queen of Denmark.

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 the USA, 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 increasingly recorded soundtracks for film, television and video games, with notable titles including Horizon: An American Saga (Warner Bros), Life on Our Planet (Netflix), Star Wars Outlaws (Ubisoft), Avatar: Frontiers of Pandora (Meta Quest VR) and The Woman King (Sony Pictures). The Orchestra records at its bespoke in-house facility, Scotland's Studio, 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, reaching over 68,000 people in 2023.

On Stage

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Susannah Lowdon
Veronica Marziano

Gillian Risi Carole Howatt Helena Rose Fiona Stephen Elizabeth Bamping

SECOND VIOLIN

Emily Davis
GUEST PRINCIPAL
Marion Wilson
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Anne Bünemann
Robin Wilson
Harriet Hunter
Paul Medd
Sophie Lang
Kirstin Drew
Nigel Mason
Colin McKee

Stewart Webster

John Robinson

Seona Glen

VIOLA Tom Dunn

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Felix Tanner
Atico Razera
Susan Buchan
Beth Woodford
Claire Dunn
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Alison Wells
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TROMBONE

Dávur Juul Magnussen PRINCIPAL Hannah Stell Alastair Sinclair PRINCIPAL BASS TROMBONE Owen Pickering

TUBA

John Whitener

TIMPANI

Paul Philbert PRINCIPAL Tom Hunter

OFF-STAGE TIMPANI & PERCUSSION

Alastair Kelly

PERCUSSION

Simon Lowdon
PRINCIPAL
Stuart Semple
Julian Wolstencroft
Peter Murch

OFF-STAGE PERCUSSION

John Poulter Martin Willis

HARP

Elizabeth McNulty Mary Reid

ORGAN

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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 and, most recently, Amsterdam and Prague. 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.

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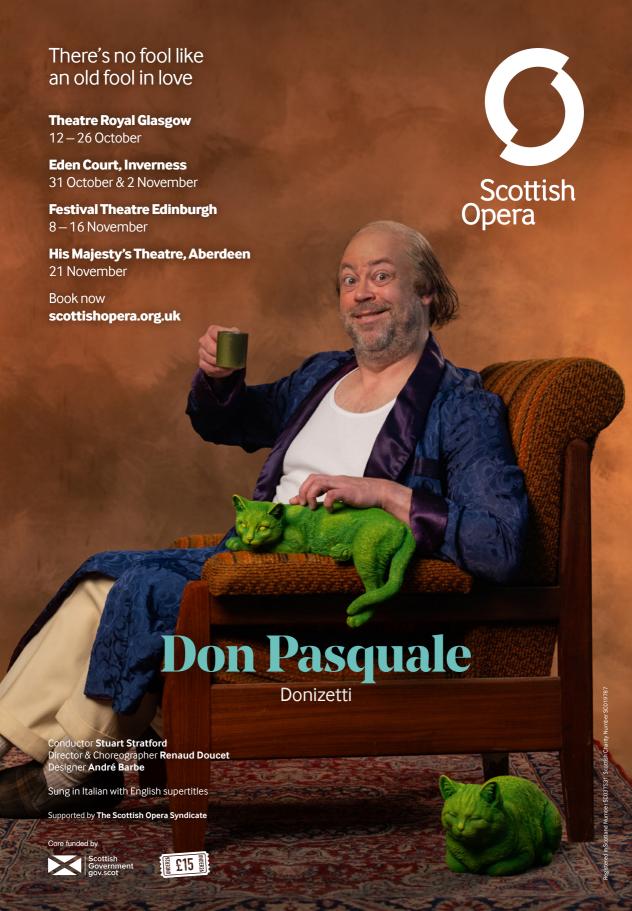
Stephen Doughty was appointed Chorus Director of the RSNO Chorus from the start of the 2022:23 Season. Since his arrival the Chorus has seen an influx of new members, and an abundance of varied and critically acclaimed performances, including Verdi's Requiem, Britten's War Requiem, Bruckner's E Minor Mass and the Scottish premiere of Sir James MacMillan's Christmas Oratorio. Prior to this appointment, Stephen's 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 the 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. He was Musical Director of Edinburgh Bach Choir until the end of last season and was Organist and Director of Music of St John's Episcopal Church, Edinburgh for 18 years. He has been Musical Director of the Garleton Singers since 1994, 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 a recent one with the RSNO Chorus.

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

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