





PROGRAMME



12.00pm: DVD - Global Wagner - From Bayreuth to the World - a film by Axel Brüggemann.

2.00pm: In conversation with Anthony Negus and Carmen Jakobi, moderated by Robert McFarlane, continuing the briefing on Melbourne Opera's Ring Cycle.

3.30pm (approx) REFRESHMENTS





ROBERT MACFARLANE tenor

Robert Macfarlane studied at the Elder Conservatorium in Adelaide and subsequently at the Hochschule für Musik, Leipzig 'Felix Mendelssohn-Bartoldy' with Prof. Dr. Jeanette Favaro-Reuter, as recipient of the prestigious Thomas Elder Overseas Scholarship. He undertook extensive study of the Baroque repertoire with tenor Howard Crook and has also studied and performed with world-renowned accompanist Malcolm Martineau. Robert Macfarlane was the winner of the Adelaide Critic's Circle award for best individual performance in 2012 (Bach St. John Passion), a finalist in the Lortzing Competition in Germany in 2013. and winner of the Royal Melbourne Philharmonic Aria competition in 2009.

Robert is also the winner of the Richard Wagner Society of Victoria's 2020 Young Artist Award, which enabled him to travel to Bayreuth and attend the Bayreuth Festival in 2022. Robert continues his association with Melbourne Opera this year as he performs the role of Mime in both *Das Rheingold* and *Siegfried* for the company.

WHAT'S COMING UP NEXT?

A talk at the Goethe Institut by **Peter Bassett** - A new look at the *Ring* on **March 12** preceded by DVD *Richard Strauss - at the end of the rainbow*

Late March through April 3 cycles of **Der Ring des Nibelungen** by Melbourne Opera at the Ulumbarra Theatre in Bendigo.

AGM and concert to celebrate **Richard Wagner's birthday** at Robert Mitchell's Ampico Towers on **May 21**

DONATIONS TO WSNSW

Your Society has a number of recurrent philanthropic projects for which we seek your help. One such project is the **Jane Mathews AO Scholarship**, named in honour of our former President, Justice Jane Mathews AO.

The Society joined with **PACIFIC OPERA** to establish a \$5,000 annual scholarship to help young potential Wagnerians. It also forges stronger ties between our two organisations.

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CARMEN JACOBI director
Born in Freiburg Germany of a
German mother and French father,
she read Modern Languages at
Freiburg University, Drama at the
Sorbonne, Paris, and trained at the
Sherman Theatre Cardiff and Welsh

She was Associate Director on Alan Privett's and Anthony Negus's legendary Der Ring des Nibelungen for Longborough Festival Opera 2013. Carmen has directed opera including Die Tote Stadt, Tristan und Isolde at Longborough, a semistaged *Die Walküre* Act 1 for the

inaugural gala of Festival Theater Hudson NY; *Il Trovatore*, *Un Ballo in Maschera* and *Don Giovanni* for Winslow Hall Opera; John Harbison's *Full Moon in March* at the London Festival of American Music; the world premiere of Nicola LeFanu's *Dream Hunter* in Wales and London; Nicola LeFanu's *Dawnpath* for Cardiff Festival, Wales; for Royal Welsh College of Music & Drama, Cardiff: Luciano Berio's *Recital 1*, Dimitris Maramis's *The Women of Troy* – a chamber opera, Handel's *Tirsi Clori e Fileno*.

In the theatre she has recently directed a production of *Farinelli and the King* by Claire van Kampen for SouthWest Shakespeare, Arizona, and Strindberg's *Miss Julie* for the Goethe Theater Frankfurt, Germany.



ANTHONY NEGUS conductor

As Music Director at Longborough Festival Opera in the UK, Anthony Negus has established himself as a highly perceptive and sensitive conductor of Wagner, exemplified by the highly acclaimed *Ring* cycles in 2013, *Tannhäuser* (2016), *Tristan und Isolde* (2017), *Der fliegende Hollander* (2018), also *The Magic Flute*, and *Ariadne auf Naxos*. In 2017 The London Wagner Society presented him with the Reginald Goodall Award for his devotion to the works of Richard Wagner.



In 2021, Die Walküre dominated Anthony's year: year: at Longborough in June 2021, ENO December 7, 2021, for Melbourne Opera in February 2022, all critically acclaimed and enthusiastically received. The association with Melbourne Opera began in 2018 with *Tristan und Isolde* (Green Room Award for Best Conductor), followed by *Der fliegende Holländer*, *Fidelio* and *Das Rheingold*.

Guest appearances: Lübeck for *Parsifal* and *Holländer*, Glyndebourne for a performance of *Die Meistersinger*, Wellington Festival *Parsifal*. Particular highlights of his 35 years with Welsh National Opera were *Tristan*, *The Valkyrie* with Goodall, *Pelleas* with Pierre Boulez, and conducting *Parsifal*. He has conducted more than 150 performances of a wide repertoire for WNO, especially Mozart.

Anthony read music at Christ Church Oxford, and gained opera conducting experience at the Else Mayer-Lismann Opera Workshop and the London Opera Centre. He studied conducting with Franco Ferrara in Sienna, and with George Hurst in the UK, and made his conducting debut in Wuppertal with d'Albert's *Tiefland*, and he worked at Bayreuth and Hamburg.

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