

29 September 2019 - Members Report Back From Bayreuth & Other Wagner Performances Seen In 2019

Sunday 29 September 2019

12.00pm: DVD – *The Searchers of the Grail*

2.00pm: Members informally talk about this year's Bayreuth Festival and other memorable performances attended in 2019, as well as Bavarian beer, sauerkraut and sausage.

Goethe Institut, 90 Ocean Street, Woollahra

12.00pm: DVD – *The Searchers of the Grail*



A documentary by Tony Palmer. (1997) Starting with a Kirov Opera production of *Parsifal* conducted by Valery Gergiev and starring Plácido Domingo in the title role, Violetta Urmana as Kundry, Nikolai Putilin as Klingsor and Matti Salminen as Gurnemanz the film takes us to the gardens of the Villa Rufolo in Ravello, Italy, which had been a principal source of inspiration for Wagner; on to the actual stage in Bayreuth for a rare interview with Wolfgang Wagner, the composer's grandson, and finally to Hollywood and Steven Spielberg's "Indiana Jones". In an impressive way, Palmer weaves together documentary, fiction and the everlasting spell of the myth of the Holy Grail.

2.00pm: Teilenzzeit 2019 - Thoughts, views, reviews and experiences from members travelling to Wagner productions around the world

- Hugh Hallard (799): Bayreuth 2019, *Die Meistersinger von Nürnberg*, 27 August
- David May (1146) & Ross Whitelaw (527):
 - Bayreuth 2019, *Parsifal*, 26 August
 - Bayreuth 2019, *Tannhäuser*, 25 August

- Bayreuth 2019, *Tristan und Isolde*, 28 August
 - Bayreuth 2019, *Lohengrin*
- Esteban Insausti (433):
 - Nederlands Opera Amsterdam 2019, *Tannhäuser*, 10 April
 - Deutsche Oper Berlin 2019, *Rienzi*, 18 April
 - Staatsoper Unter den Linden Berlin 2019, *Die Meistersinger von Nürnberg*, 21 April
- Susan Kelly (4): Ring am Main Dusseldorf 2019, *Der Ring des Nibelungen*, May 2019