

# **Concert By Artists Supported By Wagner Society & Christmas Party, 30 October 2016**

**2:00pm: Concert by Jessica Harper, accompanied by the pianist  
Bradley Gilchrist  
followed by Christmas Party**

Our last event for the year was a concert combined with our annual Christmas party, held earlier than usual because many of our members will be going to Melbourne for Opera Australia's Ring Cycle. This year, because the Goethe Institut was booked for that afternoon, we went to St Columba's Uniting Church, also in Ocean Street, Woollahra. The church itself has been deconsecrated, and it is now a performance hall. We were all very impressed by it. There was plenty of seating space, and the acoustics were excellent. The concert itself was extraordinary. It consisted of the young soprano Jessica Harper, accompanied by the pianist Bradley Gilchrist. Jessica had very recently won the Wagner Society German language singing prize at the Sydney Eisteddford. She sang a large number of works, and astonished everyone with the amazing quality of her voice, together with her vocal range and her stamina.

Afterwards we all enjoyed a delicious afternoon tea, accompanied by a glass (or two) of wine.

By Jane Mathews, President