



## **The Grange Festival announce their 2020 season**

“In all it’s a terrific show, and the only Handel production I’ve ever seen which obeys the old showbiz principle: leave your audience wanting more.” – *The Daily Telegraph* on Handel’s *Agrippina*, June 2018

The Grange Festival 2020 season, announced today on the opening night of their 2019 Festival, is set to start on 5 June 2020 with an exciting new programme of opera and dance at The Grange, Hampshire. Their residency partnership with Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra continues next year with the orchestra accompanying all productions at the 2020 Festival.

The season opens with Rossini’s *La Cenerentola* directed by Stephen Barlow and conducted by David Parry, the first of six performances of this production, while the following night Britten’s *A Midsummer Night’s Dream* directed by Paul Curran will be conducted by Anthony Kraus. Further performances of *A Midsummer Night’s Dream* fall on the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary to the day of the premiere (11 June), as well as on the summer solstice (20 June) and midsummer’s day (24 June). Francesco Cilluffo returns to The Grange Festival to conduct Puccini’s *Manon Lescaut* in a new production by Stephen Lawless. The Grange Festival’s 2020 season will also see the return of Dance@TheGrange directed by Wayne McGregor, concert performances of Lerner & Loewe’s *My Fair Lady* conducted by Alfonso Casado Trigo and directed by Guy Unsworth, and Jonathan Dove’s community opera *The Monster in the Maze* conducted by Alice Farnham and directed by Thomas Guthrie.

Artistic Director Michael Chance comments: “We present another distinctive programme, imagined for The Grange and building on our three-year legacy. We are fortunate to attract so many operatic luminaries. I feel confident that the collaborations, the opportunities for emerging singers, the celebration of eminent names, as well as the devising of insightful and penetrating productions will electrify our audiences.”

The Grange Festival International Singing Competition returns in Autumn 2019 with the Final being held at Merchant Taylors’ Hall in London on Thursday 31 October 2019. The winner of the 2017 competition, Rowan Pierce, is singing the role of Barbarina in *Le nozze di Figaro* this year.

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Public booking opens on 10 March 2020

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**5, 12, 14, 19, 27 June, 2 July 2020**

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**David Parry** conductor | **Stephen Barlow** director | **Andrew D Edwards** designer | **Josè Maria Lo Monaco** Angelina | **Nico Darminan** Don Ramiro | **Christian Senn** Dandini | **Luciano di Pasquale** Don Magnifico | **Roberto Lorenzi** Alidoro | **Carolina Lippo** Clorinda | **Maria Ostroukhova** Tisbe | **Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra**

**Rossini** *La Cenerentola*

**6, 11, 13, 20, 24 June 2020**

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**Anthony Kraus** conductor | **Paul Curran** director and set designer | **Gabriella Ingram** costume designer | **Patrick Terry** Oberon | **Vuvu Mpofo** Tytania | **Chris Darmanin** Puck | **Roberto Lorenzi** Theseus | **Angharad Lyddon** Hippolyta | **Peter Kirk** Lysander | **Dominic Sedgewick** Demetrius | **Angela Simkin** Hermia | **Eleanor Dennis** Helena | **Jonathan Lemalu** Bottom | **Graeme Danby** Quince | **Ben Johnson** Flute | **Sion Goronwy** Sung | **Adrian Thompson** Snout | **Johnny Herford** Starveling | **Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra**

*Britten A Midsummer Night's Dream*

**21, 26, 28 June, 5, 12 July 2020**

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**Francesco Cilluffo** conductor | **Stephen Lawles** director | **Adrian Linford** designer | **Elin Pritchard** Manon Lescaut | **Nicholas Lester** Lescaut | **Samuel Sakker** Des Grieux | **Stephen Richardson** Geronte | **Kamil Bien** Edmondo | **Angharad Lyddon** Musician | **Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra**

*Puccini Manon Lescaut*

**3, 4 July 2020**

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**Alfonso Casado Trigo** conductor | **Guy Unsworth** director | cast tba | **Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra**

*Lerner & Loewe My Fair Lady*

**10, 11 July 2020**

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**Wayne McGregor** choreographer

*Dance @TheGrange*

**18, 19 July 2020**

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**Alice Farnham** conductor | **Thomas Guthrie** director | **Ruth Paton** designer | **Suzi Zumpe** choral director | **Hampshire Youth Orchestra**

*Dove The Monster in the Maze*