



Handel's Messiah by St. Petersburg Tchaikovsky Theatre of Ballet Orchestra and Dubai Opera Festival Chorus this December

UAE, Dubai, 21 April 2019: In the UAE Year of Tolerance and 260 years after his death, Dubai Opera presents Handel's best loved oratorio Messiah in its entirety for one performance only on December 8. The concert will be performed by the St. Petersburg Tchaikovsky Theater of Ballet Orchestra and the Dubai Opera Festival Chorus. The brilliant new local choir and internationally-renowned orchestra will combine to perform this most famous oratorio in a festive treat for the whole family, bringing together 200 musicians and voices for a spectacular occasion.

The Dubai Opera Festival Chorus comprises some 150 voices all based in the UAE and was specially-created earlier this year to appear in the BBC Proms Dubai, which they did to great critical acclaim with a performance of Beethoven's Ninth. For many choirs around the world, Handel's Messiah is another piece at the heart of the choral repertoire and a performance is regularly a high point of the year. For this special event, the recently formed Dubai Opera Festival Chorus will come together with the St. Petersburg Tchaikovsky Theater of Ballet Orchestra, conducted by Andrei Danilo, immediately after their run of festive Nutcracker performances for a show certain to deliver great emotional impact and uplifting messages in the UAE's Year of Tolerance.

Since its triumphant premiere in Dublin in 1742, Messiah has remained Handel's most frequently performed work and is a favourite with audiences around the world. Composition of the complete 260-page oratorio, began on August 22, 1741, and was composed in just 24 days, when Handel finished the final orchestration on September 14, 1741.

Jasper Hope, Dubai Opera Chief Executive, commented: "A beloved festive tradition, Handel's celebrated oratorio — with its spectacular "Hallelujah!" chorus — provides a moment during the busy season to experience reflection, renewal and joy and I am delighted we are able to present this wonderful piece of music with a combined force of 200 local and international voices and musicians during the UAE's Year of Tolerance."



Tickets are on sale from 21 April and are available at www.dubaiopera.com starting from AED175, with an Early bird discount of 20% available on VIP and Platinum until 5 May.

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Note to Editors

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