



13<sup>th</sup> October 2019

'Superb performance – the choir and soloists were on top form', '- a wonderful afternoon of beautiful music', 'What a treat – Brahms's Requiem performed to the highest standard', '- thoroughly enjoyed your performance of the German Requiem – please let it not be years before you put it on again!' .... these are just some of the comments we've received after last Sunday's performance, and it was indeed an exhilarating afternoon of music. The choir members really enjoyed themselves – it's a 'big' sing, requiring a lot of stamina, and a keen ear for intonation – lots of sharps and flats to negotiate – but what a joy to sing! From the applause and the comments received I infer that the audience enjoyed themselves too.

Christmas is just around the corner (although to me it seems it was only yesterday!) and that means that our next concerts are the ever popular

*Christmas with Richard C  
at the Linder Auditorium –  
Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December @ 16:30 & Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> December @ 15:00  
Siyabonga Maqungo – tenor  
the Johannesburg Festival Orchestra and  
Richard on the podium*

We are thrilled that Siyabonga is joining us again – over the years he has become very much part of our family and we look forward to welcoming him again.

This is the traditional family Christmas concert, and this year we will pay tribute to the renowned choral conductor, composer and organist Sir David Willcocks – for years Director of Music at King's College, Cambridge, and also Director of the Royal College of Music, London – who would have turned 100 on 30<sup>th</sup> December this year. The name Sir David Willcocks is synonymous with choral conducting and singing. The choir has had the privilege of singing under the baton of Sir David a couple of times. We will also feature music by Hector Berlioz and South African composer John Joubert.

You will hear all the wonderful old carols you love to sing – and some new ones! Some for you to sing together with the choir - and some for the choir to sing alone. Some with orchestra – some without. Some for orchestra alone!

**This trusted format is so popular we have already sold a lot of tickets for these two concerts, so book now to avoid disappointment.**

**Booking for this concerts is through our administrator Debbie on 082 853 9709 or [scj@worldonline.co.za](mailto:scj@worldonline.co.za) or me on 011 788 2340 or [news@symphonychoirofjohannesburg.co.za](mailto:news@symphonychoirofjohannesburg.co.za) as usual.**

**Please remember that booking is essential, it makes the collection of your tickets so much easier.**

We thank you once again for your generous support of the Choir. It is greatly appreciated!

Yours sincerely, on behalf of the Symphony Choir of Johannesburg,

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