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After our whirlwind 50<sup>th</sup> season – celebrating five decades of remarkable achievement and glorious choral music – the Los Angeles Master Chorale charts its next 50 with a bold season of innovative new works and favorite classics starting tonight. And what better way to kick off a new year in the entertainment capital of the world than with a movie?

We're thrilled to give the Disney Hall debut of Richard Einhorn's powerful *Voices of Light / The Passion of Joan of Arc.* In addition to this evening's silent film with live musical score, this season you'll hear Bach's towering masterpiece, the *St. Matthew Passion,* and the reprisal of Tan Dun's *Water Passion After St. Matthew –* which in 2005 created one of the most talked about performances in Master Chorale history. You'll also hear the soaring music of the Renaissance, two new commissions on the theme of ascension, music by popular choral composers Eric Whitacre and Arvo Pärt, and celebrate the 20th Anniversary of Morten Lauridsen's monumental *O Magnum Mysterium* in December.

This will be a very special season for me, as I will retire in June after fifteen amazing years at the Los Angeles Master Chorale. Working alongside Artistic Director Grant Gershon has been an extraordinary adventure and the highlight of my career, and I very much look forward to witnessing the Chorale soar to even greater heights in the future as an audience member.

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# **VOICES OF LIGHT**

Sunday, October 19, 2014 — 7 pm Walt Disney Concert Hall

**Richard Einhorn** 

(b. 1952)

Los Angeles Master Chorale Grant Gershon, conductor

#### Voices of Light/The Passion of Joan of Arc

- I. Prelude
- II. Victory at Orléans (Letter from Joan of Arc)
- III. Interrogation
- IV. The Jailers
- V. Pater Noster
- VI. The Jailers Return
- VII. Torture
- VIII. Illness (Letter from Joan of Arc)
- IX. Sacrament
- X. Abjuration
- XI. Relapse
- XII. Anima
- XIII. The Final Walk
- XIV. The Burning
- XV. The Fire of the Dove
- XVI. Epilogue (Letter from Joan of Arc)

Hayden Eberhart, soprano | Claire Fedoruk, soprano | Adriana Manfredi, mezzo soprano Daniel Chaney, tenor | Abdiel Gonzalez, baritone

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#### By Thomas May

# Transparent Yet Unknowable: **THE FASCINATION OF JOAN OF ARC**

"The fashion in which we think changes like the fashion of our clothes," writes George Bernard Shaw in the lengthy preface to *Saint Joan*, the play considered by some to be his masterpiece. Shaw adds that "it is difficult, if not impossible, for most people to think otherwise than in the fashion of their own period."

Figures like Joan of Arc hold an enduring fascination because of this tension between their seeming closeness and their distance — a distance that isn't measured just by history but by their difference from ordinary patterns of social expectation. And artists in particular have been keen on bridging the gap and portraying a Joan who tells us something about the human condition as we ourselves experience it, here and now. They intensify our desire to identify with her across the centuries.

Composer Richard Einhorn describes his deep admiration for the film by Carl Theodore Dreyer, *The Passion of Joan of Arc*, which inspired him to write *Voices of Light*. The film, says Einhorn, is a work of art that makes Joan uncannily present to contemporary audiences: "Watching this film, we forget we're watching a silent film, we forget the technique and we get caught up entirely in the intensely human, passionate, tragic, yet deeply inspiring story of Joan. She truly was one of a kind." Ultimately, he views Joan as "a woman who was both extremely transparent and utterly unknowable."

Also responsible for the fascination with Joan of Arc is the fact that she is a personality rife with paradoxes. An illiterate teenager from Domrémy (where she was likely born in 1412), she gave advice to the beleaguered French monarch Charles VII. A deeply devout and chaste young woman ("Pucelle" in French), she succeeded for a time as a feared warrior and military strategist. Joan somehow combines the demeanor of a humble religious peasant with aspects of a charismatic leader, prophet, mystic and even proto-feminist.

The documentation around Joan also entails a curious paradox: the historical record has been preserved to an extraordinary degree in the form of detailed transcripts of her lengthy trial, yet all this evidence has led away from a conclusive interpretation, instead providing further fuel to the creative imagination to reinterpret what Joan means, again and again.

In Joan of Arc's story we find an archetypal scenario of the struggle between individual conscience and corrupt authority. That's one lens, at least, with which to regard the historical events. The need to "read" the Maid of Orleans in terms of our own preoccupations is undeniably reflected in the efforts of countless artists who have refashioned Joan, each time transforming the iconic figure by viewing her from a different angle.

Even while her legend was being created, what Joan of Arc signified was viewed from diametrical ends of the spectrum. To her followers and the French patriots, she represented a miraculous messenger of God's will; to the English enemy near the end of the Hundred Years' War and their Burgundian allies, Joan was a dangerous force who needed to be discredited as a heretic. Her status within the Catholic Church itself traces these extremes. Initially excommunicated and burned at the stake at Rouen in 1431, Joan was exonerated in 1456, while the local officials who had condemned her and held her in a secular prison were declared to have violated Church law. Finally, in 1920, she was canonized.

Already within a few years of her death, Joan's popularity among the French inspired religious pageant-play casting her as a divine agent. But Shakespeare, toward the end of the following century, resorted to the English propaganda about her in *Henry VI, Part 1*, depicting "Joan la Pucelle" as a scheming witch and "strumpet." Even so, the Bard's negative bias represents a distinct minority in artistic portrayals of Joan. But the various ways in which her heroism has been interpreted mirror the concerns of later ages.

Shaw himself ended up giving us an ironic (and Shavian) Joan who is a Protestant ahead of her time because she rejects ecclesiastical intervention and pursues direct, individual contact with the divine. His play, which premiered at the end of 1923, was part of a wave of renewed interest in Joan of Arc, whose sainthood had been declared just a few years before (in the wake of her "reactivation" as a significant icon during the First World War).

But when the Danish director Carl Dreyer (1889-1968) turned his attention to Joan in the same decade, he took a completely different approach. "The year of the event seemed as inessential to me as its distance from the present," Dreyer wrote in a brief essay on *The Passion of Joan of Arc.* "I wanted to interpret a hymn to the triumph of the soul over life. What streams out to the possibly moved spectator in strange close-ups is not accidentally chosen... Rudolf Maté, who manned the camera, understood the demands of psychological drama in the close-ups and he gave me what I wanted, my feeling and my thought: realized mysticism."

To embody his vision of Joan, Dreyer chose the French actress Renée Jeanne Falconetti (1892-1946), who was mostly known for her stage work in lighter fare. The result, as Roger Ebert put it, is that "you cannot know the history of silent film unless you know the face of ... Falconetti." Even the tough-as-nails Pauline Kael suggests hers "may be the finest performance ever recorded on film."

Like Shaw, Dreyer became obsessed with the voluminous documentation of Joan's trial. He even jettisoned the screenplay by Joseph Delteil that his French producers had organized, preferring to devise titles from the court documents. Structurally, *Passion* condenses the trial (which was drawn out over more than half a year) into an implicit single day and was filmed in sequence, covering the setup of the tribunal, the trial itself, and Joan's execution. Film aficionados are familiar with the exalted status of *The Passion of Joan of Arc* as an artwork that seems to transcend the era of silent film and that seems uncannily modern by virtue of its boldly innovative techniques, such as dispensing completely with make-up for the actors and its use of unrelenting close-up shots that seem at once terrifyingly intimate and alien.

Even aside from Dreyer's tangible influence on other great directors, Einhorn has no shortage of reverence for what was achieved: "The film is timeless, immortal and it will continue to speak to people and cultures as far removed from Dreyer's time as we are from Joan's." Why? "There is the ambiguous, seductive, and slightly disturbing experience of deep religious conviction, there are the gender and gender identity issues — as relevant today as they were in 1431 — and then there is the very notion of female heroism, which Joan both embodies and challenges in so many marvelous ways."

Einhorn also praises *Passion*'s expert marriage of experimentalism with efficacy. "There is also another element to the film, namely its ability to be both uncompromising in its artistry and popular in its storytelling. *The Passion of Joan* grounds avant-garde cinema with a powerful and deeply linear narrative. It is a compelling combination which, while very often imitated since, has rarely been equaled."

Notoriously, not long after the film's Paris premiere in 1928, the original negatives burned in a warehouse fire. Dreyer's reconstruction from surviving outtake footage was subsequently destroyed in yet another fire. Various mangled and mixed versions of the film circulated — including one with an added-on score comprising a potpourri of Baroque composers that infuriated the director — until a long-hidden print of the original version mysteriously surfaced in 1981. (Incredibly, it had been stashed in the closet of a mental institution in Oslo, Norway.)

Einhorn, who has also worked as a record producer for such artists as Meredith Monk and Yo-Yo Ma (winning a Grammy for the latter's account of Bach's complete Cello Suites), recalls being overwhelmed when he first ran into *The Passion of Joan of Arc* by chance in the film archives of the Museum of Modern Art in New York in 1988. "I walked out of the screening room shattered, having unexpectedly seen one of the most extraordinary works of art that I know," he recalls.

It took Einhorn six years to wrestle down and complete his own artistic reaction. Described by the composer as "an opera/oratorio inspired by Carl Dreyer's film," *Voices of Light* was created as "a meditation on the life and personality of Joan of Arc" and can be performed in at least three different settings: as a stand-alone concert work, as part of another staging, or, as we experience it this evening, as a synchronized accompaniment to a screening of the film.

The score calls for mixed chorus, vocal soloists, pairs of flutes and oboes, strings, and a digital sampler to incorporate the sound of the church bells that Einhorn recorded on a portable DAT in Domrémy. "I felt that Joan, who so loved church bells, whose voices seemed to speak to her whenever they were ringing, would appreciate the effort," he writes. As for the Maid's own voice, Einhorn decided not to represent this through one particular soloist but to embrace her ambiguity by depicting her as "both soprano and alto singing simultaneously."

Much as Dreyer crafted his own screenplay from "found" materials, Einhorn constructed a libretto from primary sources in Latin and French. These include some Scriptural texts, writings by other medieval women or Joan's own letters (taken down in dictation), and even misogynistic doggerel to indicate chauvinist medieval views of a woman who would dare to cross-dress (as Joan did for protection — one of the charges insistently brought against her by her accusers).

Overall, the libretto represents what Einhorn calls "a patchwork of visions, fantasies, and reflections assembled from various ancient sources, notably the writings of medieval female mystics. The texts may be thought of as representing the spiritual, political and metaphorical womb in which Joan was conceived." To set these texts, he drew on practices used in early music for "the multilingual motets that I love to listen to. The notion of a work of art with simultaneous layers of text struck me as a medieval idea that was also delightfully modern." Of course the entire score and text of *Voices of Light* adds yet a further layer to the edifice of Dreyer's "silent film" and its counterpoint of facial expressions and written titles.

In terms of musical idiom, Einhorn evokes the atmosphere of the late Middle Ages by echoing plainchant and spare organum harmonies as well as through dance rhythms. But he blends this with techniques familiar from Minimalism — churning arpeggios and patterned repetitions — as well as crushing dissonances. Jean Cocteau observed that the film "seems like an historical document from an era in which the cinema did not exist." Similarly, Einhorn's score creates an impression of music uncannily in sync with Dreyer's cinematic psychology, even though he wrote it decades after the director's death.

Artistic director Grant Gershon explains that he chose *Voices of Light* to open the Master Chorale's new season because it forms one of the three works connected with the idea of a musical Passion. These works are "pillars" that create a framework for this year's programming (to be followed later in the year by Bach's *St. Matthew Passion* and Tan Dun's *Water Passion*). But in addition to the thematic connections, he became interested in performing a work "that opens up the concert experience" in novel ways. "From people I know who have been involved in performances of this piece, I was hearing how powerful *Voices of Light* is for the audience and for the musicians."

Indeed, Einhorn has enjoyed a stunning success with *Voices of Light* since it was introduced two decades ago. There have been more than 250 performances around the world (though, the composer wistfully points out, not yet in Paris or Dreyer's native Copenhagen). Given the many different interpretations he's encountered over the years, what does Einhorn single out as the biggest challenge his score poses? "The music is deceptively simple. I spent a great deal of time removing notes and paring the texture down to the absolute essentials. As a result, *Voices of Light* requires musicians with tremendous focus and concentration, who are prepared to sing or play a single tone with passion and precision."

He adds: "The best performances are those that are direct, musically accurate and expressive without being sentimental or cloying... There are a lot of different colors in *Voices of Light*, from chant to Baroque opera to verismo, and a good performance understands these idiomatic shifts and understands how to find the internal consistency."

— Thomas May, program annotator for the Los Angeles Master Chorale, writes about the arts and blogs at memeteria.com.

## Voices of Light, The Passion of Joan of Arc

## GRANT **GERSHON**

The Kiki & David Gindler ARTISTIC DIRECTOR

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Now in his fourteenth season as Artistic Director, Grant has led more than 100 performances with the Chorale at Disney Hall. In addition to conducting acclaimed performances of the classics, he has expanded the choir's repertoire significantly by conducting a number of world premieres: Iri da iri by Esa-Pekka Salonen, the national anthems by David Lang, Inscapes and Plath Sonas by Shawn Kirchner; Los Cantores de las Montañas by Gabriela Lena Frank; Mugunghwa: Rose of Sharon by Mark Grev: You Are (Variations) by Steve Reich; Requiem by Christopher Rouse; City of Dis by Louis Andriessen; Sang by Eve Beglarian; A Map of Los Angeles by David O; Spiral XII by Chinary Ung; Dream Variations by Andrea Clearfield; Music's Music by Steven Sametz; Voici le soir by Morten Lauridsen; Messages and Brief Eternity by Bobby McFerrin and Roger Treece; Broken Charms by Donald Crockett; Rezos (Prayers) by Tania León.

#### Other appearances:

LA Philharmonic, LA Chamber Orchestra, St. Paul Chamber Orchestra, Santa Fe Opera, Houston Grand Opera, Minnesota Opera, Utah Opera, Juilliard Opera Theatre, Lincoln Center, Zankel Hall, Teatro Colón and music festivals in Edinburgh, Vienna, Helsinki, Ravinia, Rome, Madrid and Aspen; world premiere performances of The Grapes of Wrath by Ricky Ian Gordon and Ceiling/Sky by John Adams

#### Other current assignments:

Resident Conductor at LA Opera; made his Santa Fe Opera debut in 2011 conducting Peter Sellars' new production of Vivaldi's Griselda; led the world premiere performances of Daniel Catán's Il Postino with LA Opera in September 2010 and on tour in Santiago, Chile in 2012; led LA Opera performances of La Traviata in 2009, Madame Butterfly in 2012, Carmen in 2013 and upcoming Florencia en el Amazonas in 2014; conducted La Traviata at Wolf Trap in 2013; conducted The Gospel According to the Other Mary with LAMC and the Chicago Symphony Orchestra at the Ravinia Festival in 2013

#### Previous assignments:

Assistant Conductor for the LA Philharmonic, Berlin Staatsoper, Salzburg Festival, Festival Aix-en-Provence

Member of: USC Thornton School of Music Board of Councilors, Chorus America Board of Directors

On disc: Two Grammy Award®nominated recordings: Sweeney Todd (New York Philharmonic Special Editions) and Ligeti's Grand Macabre (Sony Classical); Górecki: Miserere (Decca), A Good Understanding (Decca), Glass-Salonen (RCM), You Are (Variations) (Nonesuch) and Daniel Variations (Nonesuch) with the Master Chorale; The Grapes of Wrath (PS Classics)

#### Prepared choruses for:

Claudio Abbado, Pierre Boulez, Gustavo Dudamel, Lorin Maazel, Zubin Mehta, Simon Rattle, Esa-Pekka Salonen, James Conlon

#### On film/ty: PBS Great

Performances production and DVD of Il Postino, released October 16. 2012; vocal soloist in The X-Files (I Want to Believe); conducted choral sessions for films I Am Legend, Charlie Wilson's War, Lady in the Water and License to Wed; accompanied Kiri Te Kanawa and José Carreras on The Tonight Show



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On disc: with Music Director Grant Gershon includes Górecki: Miserere, Nico Muhly's A Good Understanding (Decca); Philip Glass' Itaipú and Esa-Pekka Salonen's Two Songs to Poems of Ann Jäderlund (RCM); and Steve Reich's You Are (Variations) and Daniel Variations (both on Nonesuch); Shostakovich's Orango, DVD release of Verdi's Requiem and The Gospel According to the Other Mary with Gustavo Dudamel and the LA

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On film: Motion picture soundtracks with Grant Gershon include Lady in the Water, Click and License to Wed; soundtracks with Paul Salamunovich include A.I. Artificial Intelligence, My Best Friend's Wedding, The Sum of All Fears, Bram Stoker's Dracula and Waterworld

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## Voices of Light, The Passion of Joan of Arc

## SOLOISTS



## HAYDEN EBERHART

SOPRANO

Seasons with Chorale: 6

Hometown: Dallas, Texas

**Education:** Graduate Certificate and MM in Vocal Arts from USC; BA in music from Pomona College

**Previous LAMC solos:** Respighi Lauda per la Natività, Vaughan Williams Mass in G minor, Brahms Ein Deutsches Requeim, Gabriel Lena Frank's Los Cantores de las Montañas

Guest artist appearances: Handel Messiah, Monteverdi Magnificat with Pasadena Master Chorale; Mozart Coronation Mass, Beethoven 9th Symphony with LA Daiku; Mozart Vesperae Solennes de Confessore, Mozart Requiem and Haydn Theresienmesse with Pomona College Choir and Orchestra

**Opera roles/performances:** Rosina in Barber of Seville, Marie in The Daughter of the Regiment, Olympia in The Tales of Hoffman, Serpetta in La Finta Giardiniera, Zerlina in Don Giovanni, Emmie in Albert Herring

Recordings and media: Górecki: Miserere with LAMC; The Gospel According to the Other Mary and DVD Verdi: Messa da Requiem with the LA Phil

**Performs regularly with:** LA Master Chorale Chamber Singers, Orange County Opera

**Tours:** with LAMC and LA Phil to London, Paris, Lucerne and New York to perform John Adams' *The Gospel According to the Other Mary* 

Film/TV credits: include The Conjuring, Frozen, Godzilla, Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles, Shameless



## CLAIRE FEDORUK

Soprano

Seasons with Chorale: 12

Hometown: Eugene, Oregon

Education: BM from Pacific Lutheran University; MM from the Eastman School of Music; DMA in Historical Performance from University of Southern California

Previous LAMC solos: David Lang's the little match girl passion, Britten's A Ceremony of Carols, Monteverdi's Vespers of 1610, Bach's St. John Passion, Distler's Weinachtsoratorium, Reich's Tehillim, Andriessen's De Stijl; Handel's Messiah; J.S. Bach's Weinachtsoratorium

Guest artist appearances: Corona del Mar Early Music Festival with The Concord Ensemble (soloist & ensemble); Eugene Concert Choir & Oregon Mozart Players; Disney Hall, Los Angeles Philharmonic; Tesserae Early Music Ensemble; OCHSA; Bach Collegium San Diego; Gravitacîon; Pasadena Master Chorale

Recordings and media: Górecki: Miserere, A Good Understanding, You Are (Variations) and Daniel Variations with LAMC; Grammy-winning Padilla II, Sun of Justice with Los Angeles Chamber Singers; numerous film and video game soundtracks, the most recent being a soprano solo for X-Men: Days of Future Past

Performs regularly with: Natur Early Music Ensemble, Musica Angelica, Los Angeles Chamber Singers, Long Beach Camerata

Other positions: Associate Professor of Musicology at Azusa Pacific University; designing two online musicology courses for the MM in Music Education



## ADRIANA MANFREDI

MEZZO SOPRANO

Seasons with Chorale: 13

Hometown: Costa Mesa, California

**Education:** Oberlin College; California Institute of the Arts (CalArts)

Previous LAMC solos: Bach's B Minor Mass and St. Matthew Passion; Britten's A Ceremony of Carols; Haydn's Lord Nelson Mass, Handel's Messiah, Lang's the little match girl passion

Guest artist appearances: Los Angeles Philharmonic; Boston Court, Opera Pacific; Los Angeles Chamber Singers; Jacaranda Series; Skirball Cultural Center, Ravinia Festival

**Opera roles/performances:** The Frog/Woodpecker in Janáček's *The Cunning Little Vixen*; Cherubino in Mozart's *Le nozze di Figaro* 

Tours: Helmuth Rilling; Bachakademie Festival Ensemble Stuttgart/Berlin; JVC Japan (Osaka, Tokyo)

Other positions: Classical Voice Conservatory at Orange County School of the Arts (OCSA), California State Summer School for the Arts (CSSSA)

Film/TV credits: Frozen, X-Men: Days of Future Past, Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles, Godzilla, Wreck-It Ralph (off-camera singer)



## DANIEL CHANEY

TENOR

Seasons with Chorale: 10

Hometown: Malta, Montana

**Education:** University of Denver's Lamont School of Music, French Horn Major

Previous LAMC solos: Pérotin Sederunt Principes, Respighi Lauda per la Nativitá, Monteverdi Vespers of 1610, Weill Kiddush, James Newton Mass, Bach St. John Passion, Handel Messiah, Rachmaninoff All-Night Vigil, Haydn Harmonie Mass and Mass in the Time of War, Ricky Ian Gordon Suite From the Grapes of Wrath

Guest artist appearances: San Luis Obispo Mozart Festival, Roger Wagner Chorale, LA Bach Festival soloist in Bach's *Christmas Oratorio*; Tribute to Ernest memorial concert, Stravinsky's *Renard*, Lindberg's *Graffiti*, The Alchemist in *Candide* and Bernstein's *Chichester Psalms* with the LA Phil

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Recordings and media: Featured soloist in Orango by Shostakovich, James Newton Mass; A Good Understanding and Górecki: Miserere with LAMC

Film/TV credits: Oscar and Lucinda, Lady in the Water, Charlie Wilson's War, Watchmen, Medium, Frozen, Godzilla, X-Men: Days of Future Past



## ABDIEL GONZALEZ

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Seasons with Chorale: 7

Hometown: Vega Baja, Puerto Rico Education: BA in Music from La Sierra

University

Previous LAMC solos: Chinary Ung's Spiral XII, Handel's Messiah and Messiah Sing-Along, Bach's St. Matthew Passion, Vaughan Williams' Five Mystical Songs and Fantasia on Christmas Carols, Maestro Dinner, Copland's The Boatman's Dance and The Dodger, Senor and Junkman in Candide, Newton's Mass, Frank's Los Cantores de las Montañas (World Premiere), Shostakovich's Orango, Beethoven's Choral Fantasy, Roger Wagner's Western Songs

Guest artist appearances: Handel's Messiah, Orff's Carmina Burana, Fauré's Requiem, Duruflé's Requiem, Stravinsky's Pulcinella and Renard, Haydn's Creation, Mozart's Requiem and Mass in C minor, Bach's St. Matthew Passion and St. John Passion, Vaughan Williams' Fantasia on Christmas Carols and Five Mystical Songs, Lizst's Via Crucis, Brahms' Ein Deutsches Requiem, and Britten's War Requiem

#### Opera roles/performances:

Papageno in Die Zauberflöte, Enrico in Lucia di Lammermoor, Shrike in Miss Lonelyhearts, Mercutio in Roméo et Julliette, Pandolfe in Cendrillon, Anthanaël in Thaïs, Morales in Carmen, Guglielmo in Cosí fan Tutte, King Melchior in Amahl and the Night Visitors, Pirate King in The Pirates of Penzance

Film/TV credits: Modern Family, Parks and Recreation, NCIS:LA, Jane the Virgin, Earth, 2012, The Sorcerer's Apprentice, Winnie The Pooh, Wreck-It-Ralph, This Is The End, Pacific Rim, Percy Jackson 2: Sea of Monsters, Romeo and Juliet, Frozen, The Muppets Most Wanted, Legends of Oz: Dorothy's Return, Godzilla and Kitchen Sink

## RICHARD EINHORN

#### COMPOSER

Richard Einhorn's unique music has been described as "hauntingly beautiful", "sensational", and "overwhelming in its emotional power". He is one of a small handful of composers who not only reaches a large, world-wide audience, but whose music receives widespread critical praise for its integrity, emotional depth, and craft.

Richard Einhorn's *Voices of Light*, described as an "opera with silent film" has been hailed as "a great masterpiece of contemporary music" and "a work of meticulous genius." The piece has been performed over 200 times, selling out such venues as the Brooklyn Academy of Music's Next Wave Festival; Avery Fisher Hall; Kennedy Center (with the National Symphony); the Esplanade in Singapore; the Barbican (with the London Symphony); and the Sydney Opera House in Australia. The Sony Classical CD of *Voices of Light*, featuring the vocal group Anonymous 4, was a Billboard classical bestseller, earning



Einhorn the distinction of being one of only a few living composers to have made "the charts." *Voices of Light* has attracted national media attention including articles in the *Wall Street Journal*, segments on *All Things Considered* and *Performance Today*, and an extended profile on CBS television network's magazine show, *CBS Sunday Morning*. Marin Alsop conducted *Voices of Light* four additional times with the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra in 2012.

Einhorn has written opera, orchestral and chamber music, song cycles, multimedia events, film music, and dance scores. The wildly popular *Red Angels* for New York City Ballet, with choreography by Ulysses Dove, was featured on *Live From Lincoln Center* on PBS and is in the New York City Ballet's permanent repertory. In 2012, *The Shooting Gallery*, a multimedia collaboration with filmmaker Bill Morrison premiered at the Brooklyn Academy of Music's Next Wave Festival. In 2010, Einhorn's 90-minute oratorio about Charles Darwin, *The Origin* (original films by Bill Morrison), was broadcast in its entirety by WCNY-TV in Syracuse, NY, and received its European premiere in early 2012. Other notable works include *The Spires, The City, The Field*, a 9/11 memorial premiered by the Albany Symphony under David Allan Miller; *A Carnival of Miracles*, commissioned by Anonymous 4 and premiered to a sold-out crowd at *New Sounds Live*; and *My Many Colored Days*, an orchestral commission from the Minnesota Orchestra. Upcoming new works include a chamber opera based on Bernard Malamud's *The German Refugee*, and a new multimedia work for orchestra and film. Richard Einhorn's extensive film music catalog includes scores for the Academy Award-winning documentary short *Educating Peter* (HBO); Arthur Penn's thriller *Dead of Winter* (MGM), starring Mary Steenburgen; and *Fire-Eater* directed by Pirjo Honkasalo, for which Einhorn won the Jussi (Finnish Academy Award) for Best Musical Score.

Born in 1952, Richard Einhorn graduated *summa cum laude* in music from Columbia University, where he studied with, among others, Vladimir Ussachevsky, Jack Beeson, and Mario Davidovsky. Before turning his attention exclusively to composition, Einhorn worked as a record producer for such artists as Meredith Monk, the New York Philharmonic, and the Philadelphia Orchestra. His production of the Bach Cello Suites with Yo-Yo Ma won a Grammy for Best Instrumental Performance.

Einhorn has received numerous awards and grants from Meet the Composer, NYSCA, NEA, the New York State Music Fund, and many others. Current projects include **HeLa**, a new collaboration with filmmaker Bill Morrison based upon the extraordinary story of Henrietta Lacks' "immortal" life through her body's cells, an oratorio/requiem for the victims of violence in the Ukraine, and a multi-media work commemorating the 100th anniversary of Grand Canyon National Park. Einhorn is also a well-known advocate for persons with serious hearing losses and serves on the board of the Hearing Loss Association of America. He lives in New York with his daughter Miranda and wife Amy Singer.

## 11TH ANNUAL MAESTRO & FRIENDS ONSTAGE DINNER

JUNE 17, 2014

# LAMC's most generous supporters gathered for the 11th Annual Maestro and Friends Onstage Dinner.

Guests of the event were treated to an elegant and exclusive dinner onstage at Walt Disney Concert Hall and an enchanting performance led by LAMC Artistic Director Grant Gershon at the piano along with four talented singers from the Master Chorale. This event, a favorite among LAMC supporters, is offered exclusively to donors of the Master Chorale at the \$6,500 level and above.

Photo captions: 1. Dinner guests gather on-stage beneath the majestic pipe organ of Walt Disney Concert Hall. 2. LAMC Artistic Director Grant Gershon, on piano and mezzo-soprano Janelle DeStefano enthrall guests during an intimate performance. Other LAMC singers included Zanaida Robles, soprano, Jon Lee Keenan, tenor and Vincent Robles, baritone.

## Artistic Director's Circle Welcomes New Members Priscilla and Curtis Tamkin

Priscilla and Curtis Tamkin have long been great supporters of the arts throughout Los Angeles and across the Music Center campus. All of us at the Los Angeles Master Chorale are especially grateful for an extremely generous gift received this past season from the Tamkins in honor of the Chorale's 50th Anniversary milestone. With this gift the Tamkins have pledged support towards developing concert programs over the next three seasons. Says Grant Gershon: "I am honored to have Priscilla and Curt join our Artistic Director's Circle with this commitment to the artistic growth of the Los Angeles Master Chorale. I see this as a partnership which will help the Master Chorale continue to make phenomenal music now and in the future."



## THANK YOU!!

The generous underwriting of tonight's *Voices of Light* performance by The Lloyd E. Rigler-Lawrence E. Deutsch Foundation continues the long tradition of philanthropy that extends from the founding of the Los Angeles Music Center and the Los Angeles Opera to the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts in Washington DC, the Metropolitan Opera, and the late New York City Opera. Carrying on that tradition today is Mr. Rigler's nephew, James Rigler, who, as the foundation's president and the executive producer of Classic Arts Showcase, maintains its rigorous commitment to free and unfettered access to the greatest recorded performances of all time. The Los Angeles Master Chorale is proud to count itself among the many beneficiaries of the Rigler-Deutsch Foundation's unwavering support for the performing arts.

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## LIBRETTO

## **Richard Einhorn**

#### PRELUDE

[Exclamavit autem voce magna...] «Deus aeterne, qui absconditorum es cognitor, qui nosti omnia antequam fiant, tu scis quoniam falsum testimonium tulerunt contra me; et ecce morior, cum nihil horum fecerim quae isti malitiose composuerunt adversum me.»

Thronus...flammae ignis, Rotae eius ignis accensus. Fluvius igneus rapidusque egrediebatur a facie eius; Millia millium ministrabant... Et decies millies centena millia assistebant... Iudicium sedit, et libri aperti sunt. [She cried out in a loud voice] "Everlasting God, who knows things hidden and all things before they happen, you know they have borne false witness against me; and see! I die, although I am innocent of everything their malice has invented against me." Daniel 13:42

[His] throne..was ablaze with flames, His wheels were a burning fire. A swift river of fire came forth from his countenance A thousand thousand waited upon him Ten thousand times a hundred thousand stood by. The court sat, and the books were opened. Daniel 7:9





#### VICTORY AT ORLEANS (letter from Joan of Arc)

Jehanne...la Pucelle vous fait savoir des nouvelles de par decha que en VIII jours elle a cachie les Angloix hors de toutez les places quilz tenoient sur le revire de Loire par assaut et autrement ou il en eu mains mors et prins et lez a desconfis en bataille[...]le frere du conte de Suffort et Glasias mors.

Je vous promectz et certifie[...]en toultes les villes quy doibvent estre du sainct royaume[...]quy que vyenne contre.

Car Dieu, le Roy du ciel, le veult, et cela est révélé par la Pucelle...

\*all words sung by Joan of Arc are in italics

Jehanne...the Maid sends you news from these parts: that in one week she has chased the English out of all the places that they held along the Loire river, either by assault or otherwise, in which encounters many English were killed and captured and she has routed them in a pitched battle. A brother of the Earl of Suffolk's and Glasdale were killed.

I promise and assure you [that we will take possession] of all the cities that must belong to [our] holy realm ... in spite of all opposition!

So God King of Heaven, wills it; and so it has been revealed by the Maid...

#### INTERROGATION

HOMASSE!

Hee! quel honneur au femenin Sexe!... Par qui tout le regne ert desert,

Par femme est sours et recouvert.

Virtutem...mysterium secretarum et admirandarum visionum a puellari aetate...essem usque ad praesens tempus mirabili modo in me senseram ...

#### HOMASSE!

Une fillete... A qui armes ne sont pesans...

Et devant elle vont fuyant Les ennemis, ne nul n'y dure.

«Velis aut nolis haec erit tuum. Ego scio quid elegi»

Ex nemore canuto puella eliminabitur ut medelae curam adhibeat.

Non induetur mulier veste virili, nec vir utetur veste feminea: abominabilis enim apud Deum est qui facit haec.

#### Masculine Woman! (*Medieval slur directed at women*) Oh! What an honor for the feminine sex!... This entire realm, once lost by [wretched men], restored and saved by a woman again. *Ditié de Jehanne d'Arc by Christine de Pizan, 1429, one of the earliest known feminist writers.*

From my girlhood to the present time, in a wondrous fashion I have felt in myself the power and mystery of secret and wonderful visions... *St. Hildegard of Bingen, mystic, poet, and composer from the early 12th century.* 

Masculine Woman!

A little girl [...] Upon whom arms and armor weigh lightly; [...] Before her all foes take off at a run, Of them none remains, not even a one. Ditié Christine de Pizan

"Whether or not you wish it, this will be yours. I know what I have chosen." Na Prous Boneta, 14th century French heretic who was burned at the stake.

Out of an oak forest a girl will be sent forth to bring healing. Ancient prophecy of Merlin thought to refer to Joan of Arc's mission.

A woman shall not wear the clothes of a man Nor a man the clothes of a woman. For abominable in the eyes of God are those who do so. Deuteronomy 22:5

#### THE JAILERS

Tant y a feme scet bon taire

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Feme a un cuer par heritage Qui ne puet estre en un estage.

Or est sauvage, or est privee; Ore veult paiz, or veult meslee;

Femme engine en poi d'ure Dount un[e] tere tout ploure.

Que qui aime et croit fole fame Gaste son temps, pert corps et ame.

Ore vous ai dit de lur vies, Fuoums de lur cumpaignies. Ore vous ai dit de lur vies, Fuoums de lur cumpaignies.

Tant y a feme scet bon taire

Ore vous ai dit de lur vies, Fuoums de lur cumpaignies. When it comes to women, men, hold your tongue!

When it comes to women, men, hold your tongue!

A woman's heart is just not able To chart a course that's firm or stable

Now she's wild, now she's demure; Now wants peace, then starts a war;

The schemes she quickly engineers Can drown a countryside in tears

Who loves and trusts mad womankind Damns soul and body, wastes his time

Now that I've told you of womankind, Let's flee and leave them far behind! Now that I've told you of womankind, Let's flee and leave them far behind!

When it comes to women, men, hold your tongue!

Now that I've told you of womankind, Let's flee and leave them far behind!

The Vices of Women late 13th century misogynist poem



#### PATER NOSTER

Pater Noster, qui es in caelis, Sanctificetur nomen tuum. Adveniat regnum tuum. Fiat voluntas tua, Sicut in caelo et in terra.

«Filia mea dulcis michi; filia mea, delectum meum, templum meum; filia delectum meum, ama me: quia tu es multum amata a me, multum plus quam tu amas me.

«Et postquam ego colcavi me in te; modo colca te tu in me.

«lsta est mea creatura.»

Pater Noster, qui es in caelis Sanctificetur nomen tuum Adveniat regnum tuum Fiat voluntas tua, Sicut in caelo et in terra.

et sentiebam dulcedinem divinam ineffabilem.

«Et postquam ego colcavi me in te; modo colca te tu in me.

«Ista est mea creatura.»

«Filia mea dulcis michi; filia mea, delectum meum, templum meum; filia delectum meum, ama me: quia tu es multum amata a me, multum plus quam tu amas me."

«Et postquam ego colcavi me in te; modo colca te tu in me.

«Ista est mea creatura.»

Our Father, who art in Heaven Hallowed be Thy Name Thy Kingdom Come Thy will be done In Earth as it is in Heaven. *Matthew* 6:9-6:10

"My daughter, sweet to me; my daughter, my beloved, my temple; my daughter, my beloved, love me, since you have been much loved by me, much more than you love me.

"And after I have laid myself in you, now lay yourself in me."

"This is my creature." Blessed Angela of Foligno 13th century mystic and penitent

Our Father, who art in Heaven Hallowed be Thy Name Thy Kingdom Come Thy will be done In Earth as it is in Heaven. *Matthew* 6:9-6:10

And I felt an ineffable divine sweetness.

"And after I have laid myself in you, now lay yourself in me.

"This is my creature."

"My daughter, sweet to me; my daughter, my beloved, my temple; my daughter, my beloved, love me, since you have been much loved by me, much more than you love me.

"And after I have laid myself in you, now lay yourself in me.

"This is my creature." Blessed Angela of Foligno



#### THE JAILERS RETURN

Tant y a feme scet bon taire!

Tant y a feme scet bon taire!

Femme est dehors religiouse, Dedanz poignaunt e venimose;

A soy sera d'aucun complainte, Ir se fait moult juste et moult sainte.

Femme engendre bataille e guere, Exile gent de gaste tere;

Femme ard chasteus e prent citez Enfudre tours e fermetez.

Ore vous ai dit de lur vies, Fuoums de lur cumpaignies! Ore vous ai dit de lur vies, Fuoums de lur cumpaignies. When it comes to women, men, hold your tongue!

When it comes to women, men, hold your tongue!

On the outside she's religious, On the inside keen and venomous;

She will not tolerate complaint, She's lady justice and a saint.

Woman fosters strife and wars, And exiles men from ruined shores;

Castles she burns, cities defeats Destroys the towers and the keeps.

Now that I've told you of womankind, Let's flee and leave them far behind! Now that I've told you of womankind, Let's flee and leave them far behind! *The Vices of Women late 13th century misogynist poem* 

#### TORTURE

Glorioses playes...

Et desiderabam videre vel saltem illud parum de carne Christi quod portaverant clavi in ligno.

Glorioses playes...

...ostendit cor suum perforatum quasi ad modum portulae unius parvae laternae ... quod ex ipso corde exiverunt radii solares. Imo solaribus radiis clariores...

Glorioses playes...

...«non est aequum, velle solum de melle meo gustare, et non de felle: si perfecte vis mecum uniri, mente intenta recogita illusiones, opprobria, flagella, mortem, et tormenta, quae pro te sustinui.»

Glorioses playes...

Glorious wounds... Marguerite d'Oingt, early 14th century visionary and poet. And I longed to see at least that little bit of Christ's flesh that the nails had fixed to the

wood. Blessed Anaela of Foliano

Glorious wounds... Marguerite d'Oingt

He showed [her] his heart, perforated like the openings in a small lantern...From his very heart issued forth rays of the sun – no — brighter than the sun's rays... Na Prous Boneta

Glorious wounds... Marguerite d'Oingt

..."It is not fair to wish to taste only of my honey, and not the gall. If you wish to be perfectly united with me, contemplate deeply the mockery, insults, whippings, death and torments that I endured for you." *Blessed Margarita, disciple of St. Umiltà, 14th century.* 

Glorious wounds... Marguerite d'Oingt

#### ILLNESS (Letter from Joan of Arc)

Jehanne la Pucelle vous requiert de par le Roy du ciel,[...]vous puis que ne guerroiez plus ou saint Royaume de France,[...]et sera grant pitié de la grant bataille et du sang qui y sera respendu de ceux qui y vendront contre nous.

#### SACRAMENT

O feminea forma, O soror Sapientie, quam gloriosa es quoniam fortissima vita in te surrexit, quam mors nunquam suffocabit.

O maledetti! O grande indignazione!

Fuge, fuge speluncam antiqui perditoris et veniens veni in palatium regis.

...car plus est adjoustee foy au mal de tant comme le bien y est plus auttentique...

Jehanne the Maid begs you on behalf of the King of Heaven, make war no longer in the holy Kingdom of France, ...and a pitiful thing will be that great battle and the blood that will be shed therein by those who come there against us.

O feminine form, O sister of Wisdom How glorious you are for in you has arisen the mightiest life that death will never stifle. *St. Hildegard of Bingen* 

O cursed ones! O great indignation! St. Umiltà of Faenza, great 14th century Italian mystic.

Flee, flee the cave of the ancient destroyer and come, coming into the palace of the king. *St. Hildegard of Bingen* 

...evil is rendered more believable by putting it together with good to make it more respectable...

From The Quarrel of the Rose Christine de Pizan



#### ABJURATION

Exaudi, Deus omnipotens, preces populi Puelle agentis secundum opera que sibi dixeras	Hear, Almighty God, the prayers of your peopleof the girl acting according to the works which you had spoken of to her. Prayer commissioned by King Charles VII pleading for Joan's freedom from imprisonment, 1431.
Si quis in me non manserit, mittetur foras sicut palmes, et arescet, et colligent eum, et in ignem mittent, et ardet.	Those who do not remain in me will be discarded like branches: they will wither. So they will be gathered up, thrown on the fire, and burnt. John 15:6, recited to Joan of Arc by Father Erard during her trial, at the confrontation in front of St. Ouen.
«Domine, istud quod facio, non facio nisi ut inveniam te.»	"Lord, that which I do, I do only to find you." Blessed Angela of Foligno
«Depone animos.»	"Renounce your purpose." From The Passion of St. Perpetua, a history of an early Christian martyr.
Une femme — simple bergiere — Plus preux qu'onc homs ne fut à Romme!	a woman — a simple shepherdess — More valiant even than Rome's worthiest! Ditié Christine de Pizan
Ne universos nos extermines.	Destroy us not all together. <i>St. Perpetua</i>
Benedicite, ignis et aestus, Domino;	Fire and heat, praise the Lord! Daniel 3:66
«Depone animos.»	"Renounce your purpose." St. Perpetua
N'y a si forte Resistance qui à l'assault De la Pucelle ne soit morte.	No force is there so strong — Try as they might to resist the attack Of the Maid — it dies in vain before long.
Hester, Judith, et Delbora, Qui furent dames de grant pris,[]	One hears of Esther, Judith and Deborah, Who were ladies of great courage
Mains miracles en a pourpris.	and worth; [] Through them God performed miracles on Earth,
Plus a fait par ceste Pucelle.	But he fulfilled even more through this Maid. Ditié Christine de Pizan



#### «Depone animos.»

...eadem hora mittemini in fornacem ignis ardentis. Et quis est Deus qui eripiet vos de manu mea? Benedicite, ignis et aestus, Domino;

«Domine, istud quod facio, non facio nisi ut inveniam te. Inveniam te postquam id perfecero!»

"Renounce your purpose." St. Perpetua

...The same hour you will be thrown into a furnace of burning fire. And who is the God who will snatch you from my hand? Fire and heat, praise the Lord! Daniel 3:15 and 3:66

"Lord, that which I do, I do only to find you. May I find you after I have completed it!" Blessed Angela of Foligno

#### RELAPSE

Karitas habundat in omnia de imis excellentissima super sidera atque amantissima in omnia quia summo regi osculum pacis dedit.

#### ANIMA

...anima eius amore fluens et languens.

...est ceste Ame cheue d'amour en nient.

...mens eius insane suspensa ex vehementi cupidine...

...per solum Amorem aeternum trahitur in aeternitatem Amoris

...anima eius amore fluens et languens.

...est ceste Ame cheue d'amour en nient.

...anima eius amore fluens et languens ...per solum Amorem aeternum trahitur in aeternitatem Amoris ...anima eius amore fluens et languens ...per solum Amorem aeternum trahitur in

aeternitatem Amoris

#### Love

overflows into all things, From out of the depths to above the highest stars; And so Love overflows into all best beloved, most loving things, Because She has given to the highest King The Kiss of Peace. St. Hildegard of Bingen

...The Spirit flowing and melting with love. There are Seven Manners of Loving Beatrice of Nazareth, 13th century.

...This Soul has fallen from love into nothingness. Marguerite Porete, 14th century member of the Free Spirit movement who was burned at the stake.

...The Spirit madly possessed by violent desire...

...Only through everlasting Love is it drawn into the eternity of Love. ...The Spirit flowing and melting with love. *Beatrice of Nazareth* 

...This Soul has fallen from love into nothingness. Marguerite Porete

...The Spirit flowing and melting with love...Only through everlasting Love is it drawn into the eternity of Love...The Spirit flowing and melting with love...Only through everlasing Love is it drawn into the eternity of Love. Beatrice of Nazareth

#### THE FINAL WALK

[Exclamavit autem voce magna...] «Deus aeterne, qui absconditorum es cognitor, qui nosti omnia antequam fiant, tu scis quoniam falsum testimonium tulerunt contra me; et ecce morior, cum nihil horum fecerim quae isti malitiose composuerunt adversum me.»

#### THE BURNING

Dominus condit sibi unum ignem dicendo sic: «vides hunc ignem; qualiter totam materiam et substantiam lignorum convertit in suam naturam, eodem modo natura divinitatis convertit in se animas quas sibi vult...»

Rex noster promptus est suscipere sanguinem innocentum. Sed nubes super eundem sanguinem plangunt. Unde angeli concinunt et in laudibus sonant. Gloria Patri et Filio et Spiritui sancto. Rex noster promptus est Suscipere sanguinem innocentum. Sed nubes super eundem sanguinem plangunt.

Jehanne, Jehanne!

[She cried out in a loud voice] "Everlasting God, who knows things hidden and all things before they happen, you know they have borne false witness against me; and see! I die, although I am innocent of everything their malice has invented against me." Daniel 13:42

The Lord made for her a fire, saying: "You see this fire; as it changes all the matter and substance of wood into its own nature, even so, Divine Nature changes into itself the souls it wants for itself..." Na Prous Boneta

Our king is swift to receive the blood of innocents. But over the same blood the clouds are grieving. Hence the angels sing and resound in praises Glory to the Father, The Son and The Holy Ghost. Our king is swift to receive the blood of innocents. But over the same blood the clouds are grieving. *St. Hildegard of Bingen* 

Joan, Joan!





#### THE FIRE OF THE DOVE

Ah! Jehanne, Jehanne! Ah! Joan, Joan! Oh! Oh! ...valde beatus fuisti cum Verbum Dei te in ...vou were greatly blessed when the Word igne columbe imbuit. (ubi tu quasi aurora illuminatus es...) ...valde beatus fuisti cum Verbum Dei te in ...vou were greatly blessed when the Word of God steeped you in the fire of the dove.

of God steeped you in the fire of the dove. (where you were illumined like the dawn...)

St. Hildegard of Bingen

igne columbe imbuit.

#### **EPILOGUE** (Letter from Joan of Arc)

Car Dieu le Roy du ciel le veult, et cela est So God King of Heaven, wills it; and so it révélé par la Pucelle...

has been revealed by the Maid...

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