



Esplanade
Presents

Voices
A Festival of Song

A SINGPHONIC CHRISTMAS

by Die Singphoniker (Germany)

★★★★★

"A vocal celebration of
sublime ensemble sound"
— *Fono Forum*

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"Outstanding"
— *Gramophone*



8 Dec 2023, Fri, 7.30pm
Esplanade Concert Hall

(2hrs, including 20mins intermission)



A Singphonic Christmas

Trad./ Arr.: Ludwig Thomas
Thomas Weelkes (1576-1623)
Max Beckschäfer (*1952)
Franz Schubert
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Zoltan Kodaly (1882 - 1967)
Johann Sebastian Bach
Arr.: M. Honselmann (*1991)

O Tannenbaum / O Christmas Tree
Hark, all ye lovely saints above
Il fé degli occhi porta
Sehnsucht
Im Gegenwärtigen Vergangenes
Frühlingsgesang
Veni Emanuel
Wir singen Dir in Deinem Heer

INTERMISSION

Gioacchino Rossini (1792-1868)
Johann Sebastian Bach (1685 - 1750)
Trad. / Arr.: Ludwig Thomas (*1957)
M: Adolphe Adam (1803-1856)
Arr.: Ludwig Thomas
Trad. / Arr.: Gerhard Weinberger (*1948)
M/T: M. Tormé, R. Wells
Arr.: Martin Carbow (*1965)
M/T: J. Styne, T: S. Cahn
Arr.: Chr. M. Schmidt

La notte del santo natale
Wie soll ich Dich empfangen
Es wird scho glei dumpa
O Holy Night

Freu Dich Erd´ und Sternenzelt
Chestnuts roasting on an open fire

Let it snow

With Voices Festival Choir:

M/T: Peter Cornelius (1824-1874)
Chorale: Ph. Nicolai (1556-1608); Arr. Andrew Sims
M/T: Johnny Marks
Arr.: Johannes Euler (*1989)

Die Könige / The Kings

Rudolph, the red-nosed reindeer

www.singphoniker.de | Johannes Euler (countertenor), Daniel Schreiber & Henning Jensen (tenors),
Marlo Honselmann (bass-baritone), Florian Drexel (bass), Berno Scharpf (piano)



About Die Singphoniker

Die Singphoniker belongs to an exclusive group of internationally renowned vocal ensembles—a status they have maintained for over 40 years. They possess an extensive repertoire ranging from the renaissance to the contemporary, encompassing both popular and classical music, as well as secular and sacred works. Their concerts blend varying musical styles to create an exciting and harmonious experience, establishing the Die Singphoniker as a benchmark within the German vocal scene.

Die Singphoniker have regularly performed in concert series and at major music festivals in Germany, Europe, Asia and America and have produced nearly 40 award-winning CD recordings showcasing the ensemble's artistic excellence and adaptability.

Die Singphoniker have a knack for successfully infusing lighter works with depth and heavier pieces with a touch of delicacy. Their unique sound has been described as warm, finely balanced and powerful. From the deepest bass to the highest tenor, they seamlessly blend the diverse facets of the male voice into a cohesive whole. Their passion for music making resonates with the audience, creating an irresistible musical connection.





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About Voices Festival Choir

This evening, Die Singphoniker is joined by Esplanade's Voices Festival Choir (VFC), an auditioned choir featuring avid youth choristers aged 17 – 26 from all over Singapore.

The programme was initiated in 2022 with the goal of inspiring youth choristers by introducing them to fresh aspects of choral singing and fostering connections between young practitioners and established professional groups. It is hoped that this initiative facilitates the transfer of expertise from our accomplished artists to the next generation, encouraging them to keep on the artform, and fuelling their appetite for further learning experiences in the future.

Under the guidance of Singaporean choral music educators Cherie Chai, Choy Siew Woon, Dawn Yin, Low Xu Hao, Terrence Toh and Yong Chee Foon, collectively known as MI6, the VFC underwent a week of educational workshops and rehearsals in preparation for the festival.

The VFC will star in their own showcase on 9 Dec 2023, Sat, 5pm at the Esplanade Concourse, and will also join the London Community Gospel Choir (LCGC) for an evening of gospel singing at Voices of Hope on 10 Dec 2023, Sun, 5pm at the Esplanade Concert Hall.

Tonight, they are thrilled to share the stage with Die Singphoniker, performing a rendition of the popular Christmas carol, Rudolph The Red-nosed Reindeer and Peter Cornelius' Die Könige.



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**Join Die Singphoniker for a meet-and-greet
session after the performance.**

**CDs will be available for purchase at the
Concert Hall foyer after the show.**



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