

Thames  
PHILHARMONIC  
Choir



Mendelssohn

# Elijah

*(sung in English)*

Southbank Centre's Queen Elizabeth Hall

**Saturday 9 May 2009, 7.30 pm**

**Kathryn Harries** soprano

**Ruth Peel** alto

**Rogers Covey -Crump** tenor

**Michael Bundy** bass

Thames Philharmonic Choir

Konstanz Symphonic Choir

Thames Festival Orchestra Leader: Adrian Levine

**Conductor John Bate**

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For many years second in popularity in England only to Handel's *Messiah*, Mendelssohn's oratorio *Elijah* stands as his choral masterpiece and one of his finest works. Composed for the Birmingham Festival of 1846, just a year before his early death, it owes much to the influence of Handel's more dramatic oratorios, and also to the great choral works of J S Bach. In a work of great dramatic scope, the nearest that Mendelssohn came to writing an opera, the giant Old Testament prophet is characterised in scenes of titanic struggle with both God and his enemies, while the choir is treated to much powerful choral writing.

For this performance marking the composer's 200th anniversary year, the Choir is joined by an international lineup of soloists and a large contingent from our partner Symphonic Choir of Konstanz from the beautiful and historic city on the shores of Lake Constance on the German-Swiss border.

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