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GEORGE FRIDERIC HANDEL

Ode for the Birthday of Queen Anne

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Composed to celebrate the birthday of Queen Anne of England, this Ode was subtitled 'Ode for the Peace' in reference to the Treaty of Utrecht which the monarch was about to sign, marking the end of the War of the Spanish Succession. Six years earlier, the twenty-two-year-old composer exploited in his sacred music what he had just learnt from Italian opera: the result was the powerful, intensely passionate *Dixit Dominus*.

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Artists

- H el ene Guilmette
Soprano
- Andreas Scholl
Countertenor
- Andreas Wolf
Bass
- Vocalconsort Berlin
Choral ensemble
- Akademie f ur Alte Musik Berlin
- Marcus Creed
Conductor

Composers

- George Frideric
Handel

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- 3. Solo "Let all the winged race with joy" (2'36)
- 4. Soli e Coro "Let flocks and herds their fear forget" (2'29)
- 5. Duetto e Coro "Let rolling streams their gladness show" (2'47)
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