

AUSTRALIAN BRANDENBURG ORCHESTRA MEDIA RELEASE

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3 **Sydney** city concerts, **Penrith** and churches in **Paddington, Wahroonga & Mosman**
AND NEW in 2005 - church venues in **Newcastle & Parramatta**

With the angelic voices of **TOBIAS COLE & JANE SHELDON**
and **GEOFFREY BURGESS** on oboe d'amore

Christmas concerts to unveil one of music's greatest secrets

"The web of intrigue and the lingering mysteries that surround Allegri's famous choral masterpiece **Miserere** have the makings of a best selling novel," says Artistic Director **Paul Dyer**.

"The action would take place in the echoing choir stalls of the Sistine chapel," he says, "and the storyline would be ripe with ancient manuscripts, papal politics, threats of excommunication, the thrilling voices of the castrati, and music so divine that it even inspired the precocious 14 year old Mozart to secretly and illegally transcribe the music after attending mass."

"The sublime **Miserere** forms the soaring centerpiece of our 2005 **Noël! Noël!** Christmas concerts, using a rare version that has recently been constructed using manuscripts obtained from the Vatican and British Library. This will enable us at last to enjoy the work as it might have been performed by the magnificent papal choir who had total and exclusive use of the work for centuries," says Paul.

The reconstruction using these ancient manuscripts reveals a thrilling new dimension to a work that has become one of the most popular choral works of all time, largely thanks to illegal transcriptions.

The **Miserere** is just part of a wonderful program that includes Victoria's **Ave Maria**, music by JS Bach and Palestrina and traditional carols which always set the ambiance for the festive season.

Over the last 6 years the Brandenburg's sell-out Christmas concerts have found a special place in the festive traditions of Sydney-siders because they are "an exquisite gift for the soul – pure joy", according to **Paul Dyer**, "time to stop and reflect on ourselves and this special time of year."

Three unique and impressive artists join forces with the Brandenburg Ensemble and Choir for **Noël! Noël!** in 2005. "We have two voices from the heavens in the ethereal young soprano **Jane Sheldon** and **Tobias Cole**, the sublime countertenor who will take over the title role in Opera Australia's revival of **Julius Caesar** in 2006," says Paul. "I also welcome as soloist on the oboe d'amore **Geoffrey Burgess**, a pioneer for Australian early music players on the world scene."

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NOËL! NOËL! 2005

BRANDENBURG ENSEMBLE, BRANDENBURG CHOIR, PAUL DYER, director

With guest soloists: **TOBIAS COLE** countertenor **JANE SHELDON** soprano, **GEOFFREY BURGESS** oboe d'amore

PROGRAM

VICTORIA Trad.	Ave Maria This is the Truth (Tobias Cole)
PALESTRINA	Alma redemptoris
ALLEGRI	Miserere – 1638 Abbellimenti version, Vatican manuscript (Jane Sheldon)
JS BACH	Concerto for Oboe d'Amore in A major (Geoffrey Burgess)
JS BACH	Chorale "Eine stimmer" from Cantata 30
JS BACH	Aria "Kimmt, ihr angefochtenen Sünder" from Cantata 30
GRUBER	Stille Nacht (Tobias Cole)
WADE	O Come all ye faithful
Trad.	The Coventry Carol (Tobias Cole, George Liakatos, Alex Freeman)
GOSS.	See, amid the winter's snow

CITY CONCERTS

Bookings City Recital Hall Box Office (02) 8256 2222 or Ticketek (02) 9266 4800

Sat	10 Dec	City Recital Hall, Angel Place	5.00pm
Fri	16 Dec	City Recital Hall, Angel Place 2 Concerts	6.30pm and 8.30pm
	Tickets	Adults \$67.50 - \$25.00 / Conc. From \$21.90 / Children from \$12.50	

PENRITH CONCERT

Bookings (02) 4721 8832

Tues	13 Dec	Joan Sutherland Performing Arts Centre	7.00pm
	Tickets	Adults \$35 / Conc. \$28 / Child \$16	

CHURCH CONCERTS

Bookings (02) 9328 7581

Sun	11 Dec	NEWCASTLE – Christ Church Cathedral	3.00pm
Wed	14 Dec	PARRAMATTA – St Patrick's Cathedral	7.00pm
	Tickets	Adult \$35 / Conc. \$28 / Children (<18) \$16	
Sat	17 Dec	WAHROONGA – Knox Grammar School Chapel	4.30pm
Sun	18 Dec	MOSMAN – Blessed Sacrament Church	6.00pm
Mon	19 Dec	PADDINGTON – St Francis of Assisi	7.00pm
	Tickets	Adult \$46.50 / Conc. \$36.50 / Children (<18) \$18.50	

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