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# France's Opera Singer of the Year 2007

"The tone of an angel and the virtuosity of the Devil" La Terrasse, France

# PHILIPPE JAROUSSKY sings Handel & Vivaldi

Australian debut for one of the world's most divine voices in French Passion & Italian Masters SYDNEY - City Recital Hall, Angel Place from 20 to 28 July 2007

"Countertenor **Philippe Jaroussky** is the hottest new opera star to emerge in the new millennium," says **Paul Dyer**, Brandenburg Artistic Director.

"He already has a massive cult following in Europe and he is young, ferociously gifted, handsome, seductive and commanding. Just search for him on **You Tube** and try to resist his charms!"

This year Philippe was crowned France's **Opera Singer of the Year** at the **Victoires de la musique classique** Awards, edging out beloved French mega-stars, only three years after winning the 'revelation' award for the best new artist.

The **French Passion and Italian Masters** concerts feature a unique program that starts with rarely heard Italian songs and instrumental works dating from the early 1600s and concludes with music from masters of the late baroque, Vivaldi and Handel.

"It is uncommon for me to perform Monteverdi and Vivaldi in the one concert," says Philippe, but these are both composers with whom he has an affinity and have led him to great career highlights.

"The first time I sang in **The Coronation of Poppea** by Monteverdi I was 21 years old and had never performed on stage before," he says. "It was a bit crazy and a very intense adventure!"

Philippe is now in his late twenties and has already achieved pop star status at home. His latest CD **Vivaldi Heroes** has officially gone gold. Industry bible **Gramophone** on reviewing the disc said "Jaroussky weaves sweetly melodic magic" and described his voice as "phenomenally beautiful".

"Get ready Sydney," says Paul Dyer, "Jaroussky is on his way!"

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## FRENCH PASSION and ITALIAN MASTERS

PHILIPPE JAROUSSKY Guest soloist, countertenor (FRANCE)
AUSTRALIAN BRANDENBURG ORCHESTRA

**PAUL DYER** director

## **PROGRAM**

Valente Improvisation on Gallardia Napolitana

Ferrari Aria: Amanti, io vi so dire (Ciaconna, Libro III)

Merula Ciaconna a due violini, Op.12 D'india Aria: *Piangono al pianger mio* Falconieri *La suave melodia y su corrente* 

Rossi Sonata sopra l'Aria di Ruggiero (Libro III) Monteverdi Madrigale a voce sola: *Si dolce è il tormento* 

Anon Improvisation on Folias Antiguas

Stradella Excerpts from the oratorio San Giovanni Battista:

Sinfonia to Part I

Aria: Soffin pur rabbiosi fremiti

Sinfonia to Part II

Aria: Lo, per me non cangerci

**INTERVAL** 

Vivaldi Concerto for strings in D minor RV 128

Vivaldi Aria: *Vedro con mio diletto* from the opera *Giustino*Vivaldi Aria: *Se in ogni quardo* from the opera *Orlando finto pazzo* 

Handel Concerto grosso in A major, Op6 No11

Handel Recit & Aria: Stille amare from the opera Tolomeo

Handel Aria: Venti, turbini from the opera Rinaldo

## CONCERT DETAILS

City Recital Hall, Angel Place SYDNEY Fri 20, Sat 21, Wed 25, Fri 27 & Sat 28 July @ 7pm

Tickets range from \$24 (Under 30) to \$103 Booking fees apply.

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