



# Christmas with Opera Holland Park premieres tonight at 7pm

A virtual festive concert with a twist

## Press Release

Presented by Petroc Trelawny, **Christmas with Opera Holland Park** is a new film featuring the company's principals and chorus in the beautiful interior of Leighton House, Kensington, and outside Holland House in the centre of Holland Park, on the site where the theatre stands in the summer.

Music from lieder and chansons to popular seasonal songs contrast with readings by the actor Philip Jackson and the author Kathy Lette, and a festive cocktail recipe from Chief Executive and Director of Opera, James Clutton. Meanwhile the Opera Holland Park Chorus gathers at Holland House to sing a selection of traditional carols. The film will be free to view, with a request for donations of warm clothing and other essentials for Refettorio Felix, a charity with whom OHP works closely throughout the year.

Soloists involved include Julien Van Mellaerts, Ross Ramgobin and Elizabeth Karani (Count Almaviva, Figaro and Susanna in OHP's upcoming 2021 production of *The Marriage of Figaro*). Also featured are Hannah Pedley and Robert Murray. The pianist in Leighton House is Stuart Wild, and the chorus master in Holland Park is Richard Harker.

Christmas with Opera Holland Park was filmed and edited by Simon Wall and will be available to watch on demand on the company's YouTube and Facebook channels from 7pm on 17 December, when OHP will be hosting an #OHPChristmas watch party on social media.

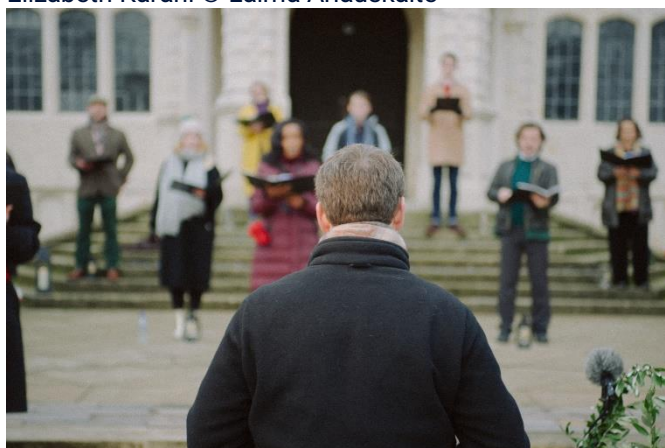
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Ross Ramgobin © Laima Arlauskaite



Julien Van Mellaerts, Robert Murray, Hannah Pedley and Elizabeth Karani © Laima Arlauskaite



Chorus Master Richard Harker with the Opera Holland Park Chorus in Holland Park © Laima Arlauskaite



### **Notes to Editors**

For a preview of the film visit: <https://youtu.be/3O1xgebvljM> (7pm embargo)

Watch the trailer: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UeuRZiNVx0Q&feature=youtu.be>

The film will be premiered publicly at the following link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nlwAaCwiBqU>

To download images from the film visit:

<https://www.dropbox.com/sh/unhx4dw888gk083/AABP9L5MnVJ6PZrWrDZYZGJ3a?dl=0>

### **2021 Season**

Opera Holland Park's 2021 Season with resident orchestra City of London Sinfonia will open on 1 June with new productions of Mozart's *Le nozze di Figaro*, Janáček's *The Cunning Little Vixen* and Mascagni's *L'amico Fritz*, and a revival of the company's celebrated 2018 staging of Verdi's *La traviata*. The season will mark the company's 25-year anniversary in 2021. More information about the theatre including performance dates, casting and information about the company's redesigned theatre, will be announced in mid-January.

For more information visit <https://operahollandpark.com/news/a-breath-of-fresh-air-announcing-our-2021-season>

### **OHP Inspire**

Opera Holland Park's International Opera Award-winning education and outreach project, *Inspire*, is continuing to work throughout the current health crisis with local partners including Age UK, using digital technology to reach isolated communities.

### **Website and social media**

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[www.youtube.com/operahollandpark](https://www.youtube.com/operahollandpark)

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