

Craig Hella Johnson



AUSTRALIA
Sydney Opera House
Gala Festival Concert
July 2018

Featuring a
Jake Runestad world premiere



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WELCOME MESSAGE



I look forward to the participation of many fine Australian singers to join with singers from the United States for our Sydney Opera House concert.

As a part of our Gala Concert, we will sing the world premiere of a wonderful new work by Jake Runestad, composed especially for this occasion and for this gathering of choirs in Sydney! This concert will be a true ‘happening’ and will be a celebration of the power of choral music. There is nothing quite like coming together with choirs from around the world for an unforgettable shared musical experience.

Once again I will plan a program that will be a diverse collection of pieces and one that will be well suited to the participating singers. It is always one of my favorite parts of this process -- shaping a program that fits the time, location and context and the various strengths and interests of the participating ensembles.

We will sing in a loving and passionate way speaking to the good in the world giving voice to that which unites humanity.

I look forward to working with you all

Craig Hella Johnson

Artistic Director & Conductor



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CRAIG HELLA JOHNSON

Craig Hella Johnson brings unparalleled depth of knowledge, artistic sensitivity, and rich imagination to his programs. He has earned a reputation as one of the finest choral conductors in the United States. Beloved by audiences, lauded by critics and composers, and revered by vocal and instrumental musicians, Johnson is known for

crafting musical journeys that create deep connections between performers and listeners. Johnson is the Artistic Director and founder of Conspirare. In 2015, Johnson and Conspirare were awarded a Grammy® for Best Choral Performance for *The Sacred Spirit of Russia*. In 2013, Johnson was appointed Music Director of the Vocal Arts Ensemble in Cincinnati. Johnson is also Conductor Emeritus of the Victoria Bach Festival, where he previously served as conductor and Artistic Director from 1992-2015.

Johnson was Director of Choral Activities at the University of Texas at Austin (1990-2001) and remains an active educator, teaching and giving workshops statewide, nationally, and internationally at conferences and universities. In fall 2012 he became the first Artist in Residence at the Texas State University School of Music. As composer, arranger, and music editor, Johnson works with G. Schirmer Publishing and Alliance Music Publications; his works have sold thousands of copies.

Johnson's accomplishments have been recognized with numerous awards including Chorus America's Michael Korn Founders Award for Development of the Professional Choral Art. The Texas Legislature named him the Texas State Musician for 2013. Johnson studied at St. Olaf College, the Juilliard School, and the University of Illinois, and earned his doctorate at Yale University. Under the auspices of a National Arts Fellowship, he was a student of Helmuth Rilling at the International Bach Academy in Stuttgart, Germany.

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SYDNEY FESTIVAL 2018

SATURDAY, JULY 14

- *Afternoon combined rehearsal with Craig Hella Johnson*
- Welcome dinner

SUNDAY, JULY 15

- *Combined rehearsal with Craig Hella Johnson*

MONDAY, JULY 16

- *Sectional rehearsals*
- *Combined rehearsal with Craig Hella Johnson at the Sydney Opera House*

TUESDAY, JULY 17

- *Combined rehearsal with Craig Hella Johnson*
- *Gala Concert at Sydney Opera House under the direction of Craig Hella Johnson*

*** Itinerary subject to change.*

*** Confirmation of performances is dependent upon early receipt of performance information: biographies, pictures, recordings and repertoire*

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SYDNEY FESTIVAL PARTICIPATION PACKAGE AUD350 PER SINGER

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