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International Handel Singing Competition
11 March 2026

INFORMATION SHEET

This year's judging panel includes director Stephen Langridge, soprano Sophie Bevan, violinist Rachel Podger, conductor Jonathon Heyward, and artist manager Ben Rayfield — as well as you, the audience, who will help decide the Audience Prize.

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Finalists

Wenlan He, Soprano

Da tempeste il legno infranto, *Giulio Cesare*, HWV 17

With Ravish'd Ears, *Alexander's Feast*, HWV 75

O thou bright sun...With darkness deep..., *Theodora*, HWV 68

Un pensiero nemico di pace, *Il Trionfo del Tempo e del Disinganno*, HWV 46a

Michael Ronan, Bass-baritone

Nel mondo e nell'abisso, Riccardo Primo, *Re d'Inghilterra*, HWV 23

Io di Roma il Giove sono - *Agrippina* HWV 6

Invida sorte avara, *Ariodante*, HWV 33

Turn not, O Queen, thy face away, *Esther*, HWV 50a

Why do the nations so furiously rage together?, *Messiah*, HWV 56

Jane Burnell, Soprano

O sleep why dost thou leave me, *Semele*, HWV58

Dunque I lacci d'un volto...Ah crudel, *Rinaldo*, HWV7

Tornami a vagheggiar, *Alcina*, HWV34

Tim Morgan, Countertenor

Stille amare, *Tolomeo re d'Egitto*, HWV 25

Furibondo, *Partenope*, HWV 27

Alma del gran Pompeo, *Giulio Cesare*, HWV 17

O Lord whose mercies numberless' from *Saul*, HWV 53

Nancy Holt, Mezzo-soprano

Guilt trembling spoke my doom, *Susanna*, HWV 66

Dissembling, False, Perfidious Hercules!...Cease, Ruler of the Day to Rise, *Hercules*, HWV 60

Dopo notte, *Ariodante*, HWV 33

Performers

Orchestra

Orchestra of the Age of Enlightenment

Conductor / Harpsichord

Steven Devine

Violin

Margaret Faultless

Claire Holden

Andrew Roberts

Alice Evans

Huw Daniel

Rebecca Livermore

Christiane Eidsten Dahl

Holly Harman

Viola

Max Mandel

Annette Isserlis

Cello

Andrew Skidmore

Richard Tunnicliffe

Bass

Cecilia Bruggemeyer PAC

Oboes / Recorder

Alex Bellamy PAC

Sarah Humphrys

Bassoon

Zoe Shevlin

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