

**LHF 2025**

**Opening Concert**

**March 7th 7pm**

**St George's, Hanover Square**

**L!f** London  
Handel  
Festival

2hrs 20mins (including one 20 minute interval after part I)

### **Arcangelo performers**

Critically-acclaimed ensemble Arcangelo opens the London Handel Festival 2025 in style with its debut performance as Principal Ensemble in Residence, under the direction of Jonathan Cohen in his debut as Artistic Adviser. The massed orchestral and choral forces are joined by a star-studded line-up of international soloists to perform one of Handel's most inventive, unique, and inspiring works.

Based on the imaginative poetry of John Milton, Handel's *L'Allegro, il Penseroso ed il Moderato* is a breathtaking collision of darkness and light, innocence and experience: a celebration of the wonders of nature and the mysteries of life, and a superbly apt work with which to introduce a significant new chapter in the story of the London Handel Festival.

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### **Programme**

#### ***L'Allegro, il Penseroso ed il Moderato* HWV 55**

The list of movements and libretto are available in the Festival Programme, on sale at the concert

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### **Arcangelo**

#### **Director / Harpsichord**

Jonathan Cohen

Adam Plachetka

Carmen Lavada

Johnson-Pájaro\*

Daniel Edgar

#### **Soprano**

Rachel Nicholls

#### **Violin I**

Zefira Valova (leader)

Agata Daraskaite

James Toll

#### **Viola**

Elitsa Bogdanova (principal)

Thomas Kettle

Jaume Pueyo Solà\*

#### **Soprano**

Paulina Francisco

Davina Clarke

Leo Appel\*

#### **Tenor**

Stuart Jackson

#### **Violin II**

Charlotte Spruit (principal)

Beatrice Philips

#### **Cello**

Jonathan Manson (principal)

Martin Egidi\*

#### **Bass**

<b>Double Bass</b> Ismael Campanero Nieto	Neil Brough (principal) Paul Sharp	<b>Altos</b> Judy Louie Brown David Clegg Christopher Field Angharad Rowlands
<b>Flute</b> Georgia Browne	<b>Timpani</b> Adrian Bending	
<b>Oboe</b> Rachel Chaplin (principal) Sarah Humphrys	<b>Lute</b> Sergio Bucheli	
<b>Bassoon</b> Inga Maria Klaucke (principal) Francisco Javier Sánchez Castillo*	<b>Organ/Carillon</b> Tom Foster	<b>Tenors</b> Christopher Bowen John Bowen Jeremy Budd Samuel Jenkins
<b>Horn</b> Ursula Paludan Monberg	<b>Sopranos</b> Helen Lacey Daisy Livesey Emilia Bertolini Charlotte Trepess Emma Walshe Molly Quinn	<b>Basses</b> Malachy Frame Hugo Herman-Wilson Tom Lowen Andrew Tippin
<b>Trumpet</b>		

\*Arcangelo New Ensemblist 2024-26

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