



# THE MONTEVERDI 450 PROJECT

## AN ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

**From April to October 2017 an international cast of soloists, together with members of the Monteverdi Choir and the English Baroque Soloists, will perform Monteverdi's most influential works in concerts at prestigious halls and theatres across Europe and the USA. The programme will include a selection of his greatest *Madrigals*, his *Vespers* and, most important, the surviving trilogy of operas.**

In all of these performances the orchestra will take centre stage and form an integral part of the storytelling process. Their interaction with the singers will propel us headlong into a vivid world of love, loss, anger and hope. It is Monteverdi's talent for communicating these elemental emotions, the driving force in all his works, that makes them so powerfully appealing to today's audiences.

*"I do hope you will join me on this voyage of rediscovery – to experience quite how beautiful, poignantly human and modern these works are – and perhaps even help me and my musical collaborators to realise this venture through your generosity."*

**Sir John Eliot Gardiner**, Artistic Director

## SUPPORT US

As a registered charity without public subsidy, we rely entirely on the generosity of our Individual, Corporate and Trust and Foundation supporters to continue our work now and in the future.

However you wish to be involved, your contribution will be recognised and valued as part of a collective effort by a group of passionate supporters who are crucial to sharing the work of the Monteverdi Choir & Orchestras with audiences around the world.

For more information about Monteverdi 450 and how you can support us in this great undertaking, please contact Clemency Horsell, Relationships Manager, on +44 (0)20 7719 0120 or [clemency@monteverdi.org.uk](mailto:clemency@monteverdi.org.uk).



# THE MONTEVERDI 450TH ANNIVERSARY CIRCLE

**We invite you to join the Monteverdi 450th Anniversary Circle to support our year-long celebration of Claudio Monteverdi's birth in 2017.**

The Monteverdi 450th Anniversary Circle is a group of philanthropic benefactors who have decided to make a significant financial commitment to support our highly anticipated tour of Monteverdi's seminal works: his three surviving operas *L'Orfeo*, *Il ritorno d'Ulisse in patria* and *L'incoronazione di Poppea*, a selection of his *Madrigals*, and his *Vespers*.

The Monteverdi 450 project will feature world-class singers and musicians, using authentic techniques and beautifully crafted period instruments, to bring these works to life with all the energy and brilliance for which the Monteverdi ensembles are renowned. Patrons of the Monteverdi 450th Anniversary Circle will take pride in the knowledge that their gift will help make this prestigious project a reality, while also consolidating the company's ongoing sustainability.

*"I've loved Monteverdi's music forever, but it never spoke to me in such a visceral way until I heard John Eliot Gardiner's Monteverdi Choir. When the Monteverdi Choir and English Baroque Soloists perform, it is never just a concert. For them, the music truly lives and is vital to their lives – and we listen, and believe them, and are satisfied."*

**Judith Scheide**, The New York Community Fund – The Scheide Fund

To discuss how you can become a part of the Monteverdi 450th Anniversary Circle, please contact Clemency Horsell, Relationships Manager, on +44 (0)20 7719 0120 or [clemency@monteverdi.org.uk](mailto:clemency@monteverdi.org.uk) to arrange a confidential meeting with our General Director Dr Rosa Solinas.

**With grateful thanks to our current Monteverdi 450th Anniversary Circle patrons.**



# MONTEVERDI 450 TOUR IN 2017

The tour takes place from April to October 2017, with performances in the UK, Italy, Spain, Germany, Austria, Switzerland, France, and USA, at prestigious venues and festivals, including Teatro La Fenice, Philharmonie de Paris, Festival d'Aix-en-Provence, Berliner Festspiele and Lucerne Festival.

For updates on our tour schedule, please visit [www.monteverdi.co.uk](http://www.monteverdi.co.uk) or to subscribe to our newsletter, email [marketing@monteverdi.org.uk](mailto:marketing@monteverdi.org.uk).

## ABOUT MONTEVERDI CHOIR & ORCHESTRAS

The three Monteverdi ensembles – the Monteverdi Choir, the English Baroque Soloists and the Orchestre Révolutionnaire et Romantique – are a leading force on the international music scene. World-class musicians and singers of many nationalities come together to share in the distinctive vision of our Artistic Director, John Eliot Gardiner, in groundbreaking projects that span eight centuries of musical masterpieces. We believe passionately in nurturing future generations of players and singers and developing emerging talent. Through our Apprentices Programme we place young musicians alongside experienced professionals, offering them opportunities to perform at the highest level as both ensemble members and soloists.

*“They represent British excellence on their tours abroad, and it is a great privilege to be Patron of such wonderful ambassadors for our country.”*

**HRH The Prince of Wales**, Patron, Monteverdi Choir & Orchestras

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