

new work of opera

Hymnus

'Helping music, helping world!'

Dear sir, dear madam

Let me present you the story of a profound music – a new work of opera called Hymnus - wherein an unbelievably strong story is waiting to be discovered. It finds a synergy between the greatest artist, institutions and humanitarian organizations that act together for the people and the world.

I am writing to you about the new opera Hymnus and the story of the world composer Stefano Pellegrino Amato, whose music puts him amongst opera's greatest geniuses. I met the Italian maestro Pellegrino Amato and his Hymnus when I was playing in the Slovenian opera orchestra. Maestro Stefano Pellegrino Amato was the conductor in Maribor, where in 2001 he presented Hymnus. Unfortunately the work was never recorded because of an aneurysm and a stroke he suffered at the end of 2003. Although he wrote one of the greatest operas, his music is unknown. Because of his health he is alone and totally dependant on the help of other people and in particular his brother.

However, his story and music made me write my first letter to maestro Riccardo Mutti about the opera Hymnus and then I created the initiative "Helping music, helping world", which I would like to present to you. Helping opera music can help people. Different artistic institutions and humanitarian organizations like UNICEF, the Red Cross, can meet and join together in the initiative "Helping music, helping world". Listening to opera Hymnus makes us aware about our lives, about others, about uniqueness of human kind. It fill us with deep emotions. And not only that. Performing Hymnus is a way to gather funds for those who need help and care. People who will listen to this live music will be contributed to others. Hymnus, which is dedicated to the people, so reflects in our every day life and can help children, those who need help. It can also help to composer to start writing more music.

After all, we all share beautiful planet Earth, where we are all capable of creating some of the most beautiful things in the Universe. Some among us show us the way through speechless works. You can call them composers, painters, writers, ... you can feel them among the letters, you can feel them in the master pieces of the architecture, you can find them when listening to the magic flows of piano concerts, opera's and symphony works, when trying to understand the Universe... James Joyce, Albert Einstein, Sergei Rachmaninov, Jorn Utzon, Giacomo Puccini, Pietro Mascagni, Stefano Pellegrino Amato ...

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I invite you to visit <http://www.hymnus.org> where you will be able to find more information about Hymnus and "Helping music, helping world". You are kindly invite to register on the page and listen to some live recordings of the first and only performance from Maribor. We would greatly appreciate any feedback you have to offer. Hopefully together we will be able to increase awareness of this and in so doing make the world a better place.

My best wishes for 2009.

Yours, sincerely

Matej Mertik,

musician