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PAUL DYER CREATES HANDEL SHOWCASE
FOR HIS DREAM VOCAL COMBINATION,
MARIANA AND FERNANDO

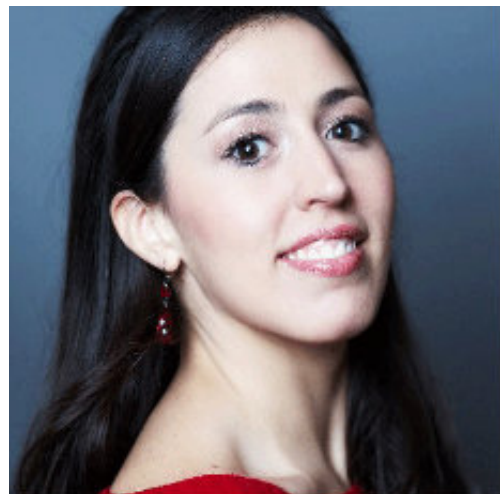
HANDEL: HEAVEN AND HARMONY

**Arrival of the Queen of Sheba to open 2015 season & herald
the arrival of performers on the cusp of stardom from
Argentina and Portugal**

**“Argentine soprano Mariana Flores and Portuguese tenor
Fernando Guimarães are two of the hottest young talents
working in the early music arena in 2015,” says Paul
Dyer AO, Artistic Director of the Australian Brandenburg
Orchestra.**

“Their outstanding vocal purity and on-stage chemistry will totally
spellbind Australian audiences, as they have done together
around Europe.”

“I’ve had my eye on Mariana and Fernando as their careers have
gathered momentum,” says Paul, “and have been so keen to
work with them that I’ve programmed a concert that totally
capitalizes on their talents, special bond and charisma. They’ve
performed over 100 concerts together throughout Europe since
they first met and became friends just six years ago.”



Mariana Flores (Argentina)
soprano



“There is something magical about this combination. Mariana has a clear toned authority and sensual edge which melds superbly with Fernando’s formidable technique and matinee idol looks. I can’t wait to bring this dream pairing to the Brandenburg stage.”

They will make their Australian debuts, alongside the **Brandenburg Choir** and **Australian Brandenburg Orchestra**, in an all-Handel concert that pays great tribute to the patron saint of music and musicians, St Cecilia.

Handel: Heaven and Harmony embraces all that is thrilling about music and life, the glorious, the sensual and the romantic. It includes the great choral masterpiece **Ode for St Cecilia’s Day**, the seldom heard, but glorious cantata **Look down, harmonious Saint**, a singularly perfect love duet, and one of Handel’s ‘greatest hits’, **Arrival of the Queen of Sheba**.

Mariana Flores (Argentina) soprano
Fernando Guimarães (Portugal) tenor
Brandenburg Choir
Australian Brandenburg Orchestra
Paul Dyer AO artistic director/conductor

AN ALL HANDEL PROGRAM

Sinfonia “Arrival of the Queen of Sheba” from *Solomon* HWV 67
Cantata “Look down, harmonious Saint” HWV 124
Ode For St Cecilia’s Day HWV 76
Duet “Tra amplessi innocenti” from *Cecilia, volgi un sguardo* HWV 89

“Handel is the greatest
composer that ever lived.
I would uncover my head and
kneel on his grave”
Beethoven

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Fernando Guimarães (Portugal)
tenor

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