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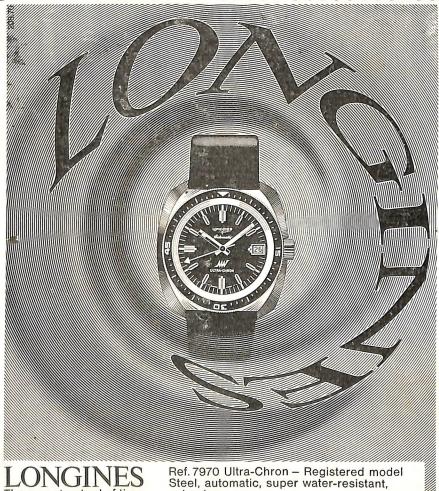
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Conductor - JOSERH SAMMUT

THURSDAY 27th MAY 1971

### PROGRAMME



#### PART I

OVERTURE

ROSSINI

#### **TANCREDI**

Although the opera "Tancredi" is not so well known as the "Barbiere di Siviglia", "Cenerentola" and others, the overture to this opera is, as all other overtures, played often. The opera was first produced in Venice in 1813, on a libretto by R. Rossi.

GLORIA

VIVALDI

# Soprano ANTOINETTE MIGGIANI Mezzo Soprano RACHEL FLORIDIA

Born probably in Venice, circa 1685, Vivaldi was a violinist, a composer and also a priest, nicknamed "The red priest" from the colour of his hair. Pupil of Ligrenzi, and long in charge of music at an orphange-conservatory in Venice, he wrote more than 250 concertos with various solo instruments, as well as a great number of operas, church music and oratorios. The Gloria is not a mass, as its title might suggest, but it is one of the many church compositions mainly for organ and choir (and later on adapted for the orchestra) written by Vivaldi, and meant to be sung alone.

#### INTERVAL

#### PART II

#### FIRST PERFORMANCE IN MALTA

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#### Soprano ANTOINETTE MIGGIANI

#### Tenor AURELIO MICALLEF GRIMAUD

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INNO DELLE NAZIONE

VERDI

#### Tenor ANDREW SAPIANO

"Inno Delle Nazione" by Verdi (1813-1901) is remarkable for the fact that its text is by Arrigo Boito, and its finale consists of "an apostrophe" to England, France and Italy, set to a contrapuntal combination of "God Save the Queen", "La Marseillaise". and Novaro's "Inno Di Mameli".

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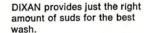
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