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The Manoel Theatre

presents

L-Ghaqda Kantanti Lirici Maltin

and the

Manoel Theatre Orchestra

conducted by

Joseph Sammut

in a

Vocal and Intrumental Concert

at the

Manoel Theatre

21st June 1989

PROGRAMME

Semiramide Overture Rossini Nabucco Verdi Cavatina: "Sperate, o figli!" (Act I) Bass and choir La Favorita Donizetti Aria: "O mio Fernando" (Act II) Soprano Adriana Lecouvreur Cilea Aria: "La dolcissima effigi" (Act I) Tenor La Cenerentola Rossini Scena: "Nacqui all'affanno" (Act II) Mezzo soprano I Puritani Bellini Duetto: "Suoni la tromba" (Act II) Baritone and bass I Due Foscari Verdi Barcarola: "Tace il vento" (Act III) Choir Tosca Puccini Duetto: "Mario, Mario" (Act I) Soprano and tenor I Vespri Siciliani Verdi Scena ed Aria: "O tu, Palermo" (Act []) Bass I Martiri Pace Preghiera: "Laus Deo" (Act II, Finale) Bass and choir

Interval

Highlights from: La Gioconda Ponchielli

Coro d'introduzione: "Festa e pane" (Act I)

Monologo: "O monumento" (Act I)

Scena e Duetto: "Qui chiamata m'avete?" (Act III)

Romanza: "Cielo e mar" (Act II)

Balletto: "La danza delle ore" (Act III)

Romanza: "Voce di donna" (Act I) Aria: "Suicidio" (Act IV)

Barcarola: "Pescator, affonda l'esca" (Act II)



The Manoel Theatre Orchestra
Conducted by Joseph Sammut
Leader George Spiteri
Soloists:

Antoinette Miggiani, soprano
Marie Therese Vassallo, mezzo soprano
Joe Hiber, tenor
Joe Fenech, baritone
Joe Vella Bondin, bass
Cunthia Genovese, choir pianist

Members of the Gh.K.L.M choir

Sopranos: Phyllis Bajada Abram, Lydia Caruana, Miriam Cauchi,

Rose Ciantar, Catherine Gauci, Pauline Pace.

Contraltos: Janine Attard, Mary Bugeja, Josephine Falzon,

Chiara Felice, Mary Zammit.

Tenors: Samwel Bezzina, Brian Cefai, Arthur Micallef,

Jimmy Mifsud, Andrew Sapiano, Valente Saliba.

Basses: Noel Ciantar, Pio Dalli, Emanuel Falzon, Harold Mallia Zarb,

John Midolo, John Spiteri, John Vella Bondin.

Ghaqda Kantanti Lirici Maltin

The Ghaqda Kantanti Lirici Maltin (Association of Maltese Opera Singers), which is making its first public appearance in today's concert, statutorily came into being on the 20th February of this year, though discussions about its formation had been going on since July of last year when some of the leading local opera singers started meeting regularly to establish it, feeling that there was an urgent need for an association which can function as a platform of discussion to further their interests.

According to its statue, its aims are:

- 1. to encourage and raise the level of lyric singing in Malta;
- 2. to advance the musical interests of its members;
- 3. to promote activities in keeping with its members' interests.

The **Ghaqda** is run by an annually elected committee which currently is formed by Joe Fenech, **president**; Joe Vella Bondin, **secretary**; Marie Therese Vassallo, **treasurer**; and Tanya Parlato Trigona and Andrew Sapiano, **members**.

To qualify for membership, a person must be an established singer and be able to read music.

In the association there is very little distinction between soloists and choristers as those members who are capable of singing solo parts are also regular choir members when not required to sing as soloists. This evening, for example, there are members who normally sing as soloists taking part in the choir.

The setting up of the **Ghaqda** has been received with wide consensus and its future plans include a concert in September and an opera by a Maltese composer in October.

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