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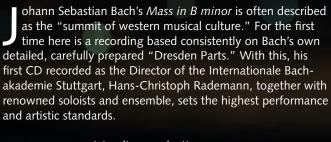
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Bach traditions ...

We are often familiar with the masterpieces of Bach in their present-day form. Our Chief Editor, Uwe Wolf, explains how material from other pieces can be discovered in these, and how Bach himself approached his works.

Traditional ...

In the latter part of our *CARUS Magazine* you will find an overview of all current new issues, plus repertoire suggestions. With the old saying, "every tradition once began as something new," we wish you much pleasure in looking through and reading our magazine.

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SHORT NOTES





CHORAL CONDUCTOR'S WORKSHOPS

Within the framework of the "Bachwoche Stuttgart," in cooperation with the International Bachakademie Stuttgart and Carus, the Arbeitskreis Musik in der Jugend invites choral conductors to attend a series of workshops to be held from 18–20 March at Stuttgart. In the first two workshops ("Meet the Composer," held in English) the Japanese composer Ko Matsushita will rehearse his own works, while the third, and final workshop ("Meet the Conductor") will be lead by Hans-Christoph Rademann.

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REGER 2016

The 100th anniversary of the death of Max Reger

will be commemorated in 1916. The Max-Reger-Institut, located in Karlsuhe, Germany, has created a website which provides an overview of the various concerts, workshops, lectures and exhibitions which will be presented in this commemorative year and will focus on the works of Reger. Among his large number of choral works, Carus has many of these available for sale in separate editions. Reger's complete organ works have been published within the Reger Edition of works (s. page 20).

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THE NUMBER

37 million

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singing. VOICE is aligned with the European Choral Association – Europa Cantat, together with various other European partners. 37 million – an impressive number representing, after all, 4.5% of the European population. The results of the study can be found in the Internet – this study also includes background information on this exciting EU-Project VOICE, which for the first time has taken into consideration those active in the choral scene, music educators and researchers from all over Europe.



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NEW TRACKS

corus music, the choir app, put to the test

his is a choir practice like no other, it's an experiment. And an experiment which evidently results in a good mood: members of the Tritonus Chamber Choir are chatting animatedly in the rooms of the Ochsenhausen Landesakademie. Today, for the first time, they are practicing together Johann Sebastian Bach's double-choir motet Fürchte dich nicht BWV 228.

"It's really been fun, having the possibility of practicing the piece with the full sound at home."

a work which the choir has not previously performed. A double-choir work has been consciously chosen, because the point of the experiment is to practice in two different groups. After the launch of corusii. , the new choir app, at the last International Frankfurt Music Fair, a conversation with choral director Klaus Brecht led to the idea of trying out the app as a practice aid. The first choir is to use the musical training aid, and the second choir is to learn the piece without the app - either with piano or CD. But probably most of the singers in the second choir arrived unrehearsed, in the expectation that they would learn their parts during the choir rehearsal. Even choir members who had spent some time practicing, using corusii . . this time admitted, "normally I wouldn't have made any

preparation for the choir rehearsal." In the experiment, the choir approached the app with great openness: "Some were sceptical, others found it very interesting, but nobody was opposed to it," was how conductor Klaus Brecht summed up the initial reactions. In case anyone was expecting a show of technological enthusiasm from the male members of the choir, the response was surprising: on the contrary, it was almost all the sopranos who volunteered when it came to choosing users of the app. And the expectations of Brecht, the conductor himself? "For me it's interesting to see how I can use something like this. I'm just plain excited."

Reactions after the preparation phase

were extremely positive. In particular the straightforward availability of the app was rated as an advantage where people have much more to juggle in their daily routine than just singing. "When you've got some free time you can take a quick listen, and you have the music right there and don't have to search for it first of all. I can use it in between doing other things more often, and I don't have to sit down at the piano specially," said an alto. And soprano Julia Dominique said: "the app has stood the

practical 'mother-and-child test' very well!" Others used it in the car more than anywhere else. "There are people who have a journey to work of half-an-

hour to an hour. They probably tend to use the recordings from the app, use the coach, so that they get used to hearing their part on the way to work," Brecht reflected, immediately coming up with a vision of the future with a twinkle in his eye: "They'd probably like the score to appear in front of them on the car windscreen, maybe like the driver of an automatically-driven truck!"

Even the singers who have practiced without the app can see a tremendous advantage in this digital tool: "Of course you can listen to the piece on YouTube or on another CD recording, but sometimes I really wanted to hear my own part standing out from the rest," said Ulrike Schmidt, an alto in



the second choir. The coach in the app, which amplifies the individual vocal lines, is a powerful argument for everyone, "precisely because I find learning the notes difficult and learn quite a lot by ear," explained Wolfram Lörz, a tenor in the first choir. "With more difficult passages I found it helpful when I could play them back more slowly," added alto Antje Licht. What was particularly convincing for many trying out the app was the choral sound: "I found my first listening to the piece super, because the recording is lovely and I always had the overall sound around me," Licht enthused.

Brecht, too found only advantages in the top-quality recording by the Kammerchor Stuttgart under Frieder Bernius: "Intonation is a strong reason for practicing with the app, because you're always practicing with a choir which has excellent intonation. And the difference between practicing with the piano is the fact that the singer is always surrounded by a superb choral sound, which hopefully he or she will soon emulate. Of course this also applies to many other aspects of the music, for example, to interpretation too." Brecht does not see the interpretation on the app as an issue. "I don't regard it as problematic, because I believe that a choir which can sing a Bach motet cannot be in danger of only being able to sing an imitation of the Bernius interpretation. I could lead a rehearsal in which I conduct in complete contrast to Bernius, where I demand everything in a style other than his way of doing things. People who regularly sing in a choir are so experienced that they sing faster if I conduct faster. And in any case you do have to work on the phrasing. I don't have the

app in order to arrive at an interpretation, but to learn the notes quickly. Then I have more time to shape my interpretation. That's the purpose of the app. And at some point it melts away completely, at least in the rehearsal, because I say, now I want to phrase things differently." However, the choral singers don't

have such an open approach to the question of interpretation. One singer added: "It could be that perhaps I have the Bernius choir's performance of the work too much in my ear now."

The rehearsal begins with the last measures of the motet Fürchte dich nicht. Rehearsed with or without the app - it rattles along. Only after a few repetitions, supported by the piano, do the singers find their notes and come together. Now the motet is sung from the beginning, certainly with greater confidence. After a few measures, however, Brecht changes to an entirely new way of rehearsing: the singers using the choir app are asked to leave the rehearsal room, and to practice outside on their own those passages which they find tricky. Somewhat surprised, the singers spread out into the corridors of the former monastery. Singing together,

dispersed into isolated individual rehearsals? Is the social aspect of the choir rehearsal in danger? Brecht defends his approach: "Of course you come to rehearsals to meet people and chat, but for me learning the notes is speeded up through this kind of practicing."

Someone passing by in the corridors might think of a foyer concert now: singers, listening to smartphones, are dispersed in niches and on the staircase; sometimes snatches of a voice part are heard, sometimes the singers move their heads silently, think through a melodic line, or discuss things with another singer. This image is far from that of a conventional choir practice. After ten minutes the two choirs come together again. Both have analysed tricky passages and studied these under guidance; progress is perceptible. Section by section the motet is worked through in this way, until finally the last run-through follows. Of course, it's not ready for performance, but for a first choir rehearsal it's pretty good.



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And how does the choral director assess the rehearsal afterwards? Brecht is convinced: "The first choir was more secure. You could hear it. And the singers also grasped the overall sound." As far as intonation is concerned, he cannot measure precisely the success of the app, for of course here, each singer's individual abilities always play a large part. But Brecht sees individual study using the app as a meaningful way of saving time. "If the whole choir has the app, this would be a great opportunity to send one voice part out of the room to work on a difficult passage, and to practice something else with the others at the same time. Or the other way round. When it's just a matter of repeating, the digital coach is more patient than me. And each person can decide how to use it – sometimes slowly, sometimes fast. With ten altos, it's impossible for me to know what each one needs. The good thing is that this individual practice can take place within a rehearsal. And as well as this, for example, I can also say: 'during the rehearsal precisely note which measures you can't do, and work on this later at home with the app.""



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"In one hour I've achieved what I would in a normal rehearsal of three hours." Lörz, by profession an engineer, figured. And Claudia Schad confirmed: "Working from the scores, that is without the app, we wouldn't have achieved what we did today, that's for sure. We've definitely saved two to three rehearsals with what everyone has done at home." "This preparation requires strong motivation from individuals," Lörz added. But about the fun and motivation factors in the app, all the testers were, in fact, of one mind: "Towards the end of the rehearsals it always becomes more fun, because then you really have the feeling that you're singing as part of the choir and then you can rehearse the run through," says Schad. And Dominique enthused: "It's really been fun to practice, because you can always hear this wonderful choir. And so I've certainly practiced more than normal." Christina Rothkamm Iris Pfeiffer



The **Tritonus Chamber Choir** was founded in 1993, in a collaboration between the Landesmusikakademie Ochsenhausen and the Ochsenhausen Gymnasium. Repertoire ranges from unaccompanied choral works to oratorios and modern choral music in a wide variety of styles.

Klaus Brecht has been a lecturer at the Landesakademie Ochsenhausen since it was founded. As vocal coach, choral director and jury member, he is active both in Germany and internationally. Among other endeavors, he was co-editor of the *Chorissimo!* and *Weitersingen!* choral anthologies published by Carus-Verlag.

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OF DISTANT LANDS AND CAROLS

The latest installment in the prize winning LIEDER-PROJEKT features Christmas carols from all over the world. In addition to the songbook with over 70 carols, illustrated by Frank Walka, the range of material offered for this collection includes two

CDs and a Christmas carol anthology. The following is a discussion of this new collection with the editor, Volker Hempfling, and Barbara Mohn, who supervised completion of the project at Carus.

rof. Hempfling, a few years ago you worked very intensively on German folk songs and this resulted in two Lore-Ley choral collections which have since become widely popular. Back then, the view was an outside perspective on German-language songs. May I put a slightly provocative question? Now, is this new Christmas choral collection a German view of foreign-language songs?

Hempfling: With the two *Lore-Ley* choral anthologies we were able to contribute to liberating old songs from the negative connotations of the Nazi era.

This succeeded in particular because many composers from neighboring European countries - countries which were directly affected by the National Socialist dictatorship - arranged the songs with an outsider's view of the German cultural heritage. Our choral collection Christmas Carols of the World takes a completely different approach here, we were concerned with discovering, or rediscovering, songs from other regions. In making our selection, by the way, many native speakers were extremely helpful to us - we asked composer and choral director colleagues such as John Høybye, Vytautas Miškinis,

and Damijan Močnik which songs they would suggest, and these people often arranged "their" own carols themselves. - We also invited German-speaking composers such as Wolfram Buchenberg, Christoph Schönherr, and Uwe Henkhaus to arrange Christmas carols from other countries. Naturally, this happened against the background of a thorough knowledge of a particular musical tradition, but nevertheless from a German viewpoint. And something which of course played a part was my own taste as editor, and that of my publisher's editor, Barbara Mohn. We quickly established an excellent working relationship and developed the same standards. Ultimately, our most important starting point in the choice of pieces was quality – here, the key thing wasn't whether it was easy or difficult.

In German-speaking countries there's a tremendous Christmas choral tradition. Does this also exist in other regions?

Hempfling: Great Christmas choral traditions are found first and foremost in England, but also in northern countries such as Sweden, Norway, and Denmark. However, it was not so easy to select music for the non-European part of the collection. In many places, of course, we came up against the fact that there isn't a longestablished Christian tradition. We looked for a long time in Africa, in South America and in Asia. Although in some countries there is a Christian tradition, we didn't find traditional carols in choral settings. People there take what they know from Europe.

So how did you go about finding carols from these regions?

Mohn: In Japan, for example, we had an expert contact in Ko Matsushita, a composer who is published by Carus. He explained quite clearly to us: "At Christmas time we hardly sing any Japanese carols, but mainly English or German carols, which are then sung in Japanese – such as Silent Night, for example." Japanese carols have evidently not become established as part of the choral tradition. It was similar with other regions – there are a huge number of carols, often from more recent times, but only a few choral settings of traditional songs. So to some extent, we drew a blank.

Hempfling: As far as *Silent Night* is concerned, we mustn't forget to mention that the choral collection includes a newlycomposed setting by Fredo Jung, which introduces six international languages into this carol. The arrangement can be heard on the CD sung by the Calmus Ensemble.

What were the biggest challenges and discoveries in researching the carols?

Mohn: From my perspective, with carols, it's generally always difficult to ascertain where they really come from. For example, some of the South American carols posed a real challenge – there are YouTube videos, there's music, you can sing and perform them. But when you're publishing a book it's really important to state the origin correctly, partly for copyright reasons.

Hempfling: For me the biggest challenge was to make a final selection from the mass of good material which we found. Because of space limitations, we had to leave aside a few things which would have been valuable for the choral collection. But this book of carols should not weigh too much, the singers must be able to hold it in their hands comfortably.



Prof. Volker Hempfling, church musician and choral director, conducted the Kölner Kantorei, which he founded in 1968, for 46 years, and the Domkantorei Altenberg, which he also founded, for 25 years. In June 1983 he became conductor of the Gürzenich Choir in Cologne. Volker Hempfling was Professor of Choral Conducting at the Musikhochschule in Saarbrücken and in Düsseldorf for 22 years. He is active as a music educator and jury member of several international choral competitions.

About a third of the settings have been newly composed. Which composer particularly surprised you?

Hempfling: First of all, let's stay with what we found: I was particularly surprised by the Christmas compositions of Marie-Claire Alain, one of the world's leading organists, who died in 2013. The fact that she composed so unbelievably well for choir was completely unknown to me. Amongst the newer compositions, I always find what Wolfram Buchenberg does astonishing, including the surprising encores which come right at the end of the anthology. His music

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is melodious, good to sing, and he always has super compositional ideas. In I saw three ships, for example, when the text refers to bells, he writes bell music and allows the melody to move between the parts in places. Buchenberg always has clever ideas and they often display a direct connection between words and music. And in certain ways he's also a prankster! Just look at the salsa accompaniment to the American carol Jolly old Saint Nicholas, which otherwise runs along quite "normally" in 4/4 time. You'd be more than just smiling if he presented it himself at the piano. And from a German perspective I enjoy Gunther Martin Göttsche, who always writes very upbeat, interesting settings which are good to sing and not too difficult.

Which countries or regions interest you personally the most? Do you have personal preferences here?

Hempfling: At the top of my list I'd like to mention France and Great Britain. I feel personally very close to France, because I began learning French in second grade. Back then in the German state Saarland, you had to be almost "half French," which has very often stood me in good stead over the course of my career. So II est né, Entre le bœuf, and all those beautiful, catchy French melodies were well known to me from my childhood. I'd like to mention Great Britain, because that's where many superb and important Christmas carols were written, which we've known for a long time. As well as these, I'm very fond of carols from Sweden, Norway, and Denmark, because of their special beauty. And the third region I'm especially fond of for its carols is Italy – because of the rediscovery of those wonderful Italian Christmas melodies.

Mohn: I, too, love the English carols above all. Through the time I spent studying in England, I developed a particularly close affinity with the English choral tradition. I'm particularly interested in the Anglo-



Dr. Barbara Mohn has been an editor at Carus-Verlag since 1994 where she was Director of the Editorial Office of the Rheinberger Complete Edition from 2000 to 2008.

Saxon realm outside England. One marvelous discovery was, for example, the Canadian *Huron Carol*, written during the missionary period, but which then developed in another interesting way. I'd also like to mention a carol from Australia (*The Three Drovers*) – this is about cattle drovers who experience Christmas in the heat of summer. I find this transmission of songs through the great English-speaking world of the Commonwealth very interesting. I also like the Russian carols very much, even if getting to grips with these is initially more difficult if you don't know the language.

Which specific arrangements would you recommend in particular?

Hempfling: There are about 30 easier settings, which also lend themselves to accompaniment on piano or organ very well, and which any amateur choir will be

able to tackle. Of these, I would single out What child is this (J. Stainer). The compositions by Gustav Holst with organ accompaniment also present few difficulties for a choir, while still sounding excellent. I would also like to mention Robert Sund's song of the Star of Bethlehem (Gläns över sjö och strand); although it was originally arranged for the Calmus Ensemble, it is not difficult to sing. Two further titles which I can recommend here are the Italian Iullaby Dormi, dormi, bel bambin, charmingly arranged by Franziska Gohl, and the Swedish Jul, jul, strålande jul in a setting by Gustav Nordquist.

Mohn: There are also many super arrangements which are not too hard. Of the newer settings, I can recommend *Corramos* by Christoph Schönherr and Uwe Henkhaus' A vint-i-cinc de Desembre, or the Lithuanian Christmas carol (Vaikštinėjo povelė), which Vytautas Miškinis suggested and arranged himself. Matti Hyökki, from Finland, has arranged the melancholy *Sylvian joululaulu*, and Giacomo Mezzalira made an arrangement of *Tu scendi dalle stelle*, one of the most famous Italian carols. John Rutter's *The Holly and the ivy* and André Thomas's *African Noel* are of mid-level difficulty.

Hempfling: For more ambitious choirs, I can particularly recommend arrangements made for the Calmus ensemble by composers such as Ludwig Böhme, Juan Garcia, and Fredo Jung. These are often for more than four voices. We should also mention the Wexford Carol here, an Irish carol arranged by the Australian composer Naomi Crellin. In addition, I'd like to recommend a wonderful setting by Jonathan Rathbone (Gabriel's Message) as well as I saw three ships, a Christmas carol arranged by Wolfram Buchenberg for the group Singer Pur.

Finally, a question for the editor: what was your motivation to compile this special choral anthology?

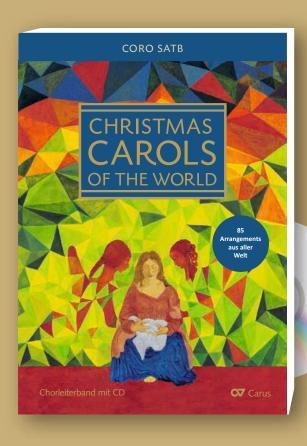
Hempfling: When you're asked, the first question is always what motivation do I have personally, and do I feel qualified to undertake this task? As far as external fac-

tors go, a strong motivation was working with the Calmus Ensemble. The settings composed for the ensemble formed the backbone for this choral anthology. The Christmas theme was also a strong motivation for me. Through being a church musician for over 50 years, not including time spent studying, I've accumulated a huge amount of material, as well as gaining an increased knowledge of musical developments occurring both at home and abroad. And what's always the case with such a project is that you work on it, and learn in the process. I find that's a marvelous side effect, that the learning never stops. Not even when the book is published, for then the work really begins - in order to communicate the pieces, you really have to get to know them in depth. ■



The artist **Frank Walka**, Illustrator of the songbook *Christmas Carols* of the World, previously illustrated the *Lullabies* and *Christmas Carols* volumes





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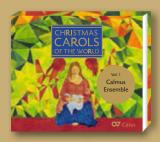
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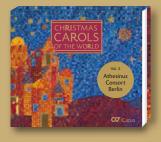
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For the tongues of angels and those seeking God

The Te Deum in the history of music

The *Te Deum*, in essence based on a meaningful combination of biblical quotations, belongs together with the *Gloria* to those timelessly beautiful early Christian hymns which have survived the centuries and in the course of the history of church music have been set to music innumerable times.

n 1893 in the monastery town of St. Gall in eastern Switzerland, a cable railway was opened which linked the monastery area with the village of St. Georgen above. The valley station of the "Mühleggbähnli" has the strange name of "Bangor." Those familiar with Ireland may know that Bangor is a port to the east of Belfast but what has that to do with St. Gall? In Bangor there was once a large monastery which was destroyed by the Vikings in the 9th century. From Bangor Abbey, missionaries travelled to various areas of Europe and founded monasteries there. These included the monk Gallus around 600; he is regarded as the founder of the monastery of St. Gall, which soon became a centre for the cultivation of liturgical singing. Perhaps Gallus also brought the famous hymn "Te Deum laudamus" to St. Gall – at any rate, the first written source of the text is the Antiphonary of Bangor (680-689); we can therefore assume that the Te Deum was used in the Celtic-Christian liturgy of the monks of Bangor Abbey.

The text could, however, be considerably older, and might have its origins in an ancient Spanish liturgy for Easter Eve. What is striking is the close relationship of the first part to the Catholic Eucharistic Prayer for the celebration of Mass; the subsequent christological section then takes as its theme Christ's victory over death and his ascension to heaven (this is where the reference to Easter occurs). A prayer of

intercession follows, leading into a series of psalm quotations. The history of settings begins with a single Gregorian melody, which survives in several variants, the structure of which recalls the fourth psalm tone in places. This concise, characteristic Gregorian melody is not only found as the cantus firmus in numerous polyphonic *Te Deum* versions from the Renaissance, it has also left its traces in many settings from later stylistic periods. This tradition is shown extremely clearly in two Te Deum versions by Franz Liszt, written in 1853 (S 24 for men's choir and organ) and 1859 (S 27 for mixed voice choir, brass, timpani and organ). In his

endeavors to preserve the dignity of the liturgy by maintaining links to tradition, he constantly remained very close to the old Gregorian melody, which he set in different rhythms and sometimes wove into a choral setting for several voices. Variety was also provided by the flexible use of instruments, which both support as well as occasionally accentuate, but frequently have rests in certain sections.

From the Gregorian melody, Michael Praetorius derived the musical material for his *Te Deum deutsch* in the translation by Martin Luther ("Herr Gott, dich loben



wir"). Luther also arranged the Gregorian melody for use in German. Praetorius's setting is structured as a "trialog" of three four-part choirs, each with the full text, but following the Venetian tradition these can also be partly played by instruments. The cantus firmus is always in the upper part; a loosening of this, as well as accentuation reflecting the content of the text, brings rhythmic-melodic creative development to the middle parts. The choirs repeatedly combine to produce climactic twelve-part textures, in between these interacting in more relaxed combinations in a great variety of ways.

NEW



Anton Bruckner (1824–1896)

Te Deum

Soli SATB, Coro SATB, 2 Fl, 2 Clt, 2 Fg, 4 Cor, 2 Tr, 3 Trb, Tuba, Timp, 2 Vl, Va, Vc, Cb, Org / 25 min ed. Ernst Herttrich

■ Carus 27.190, full score, vocal score, choral score, complete performance material

The Carus edition has drawn upon the two authoritatively recognized sources, the autograph score and the first edition, in a careful consideration of the readings. Thus the musical text offered here can claim to be as close as possbile to the composer's intention. An arrangement of the *Te Deum* for soli, choir, brass quintet and organ is in preparation.

In liturgical terms, the *Te Deum* has long held an established place in the monastic divine offices: it concludes the early morning part of the office (the Matutin, or matins) on Sundays and feast days outside Lent. As well as this, the *Te Deum* soon became the splendid celebratory concluding hymn at festive masses.

For Giuseppe Verdi, however, who turned to the text as an old man in the late 1890s, it was the sad, indeed terrifying messages of the text about Christ, the coming judge of the world, and the individual, in need of mercy, which predominated. His Te Deum, symphonically scored with choir and large orchestra, therefore turned out to be very dramatic in places; the apprehensive insecurity of human beings in the face of a God barely comprehensible in his omnipotence is also expressed in frequent changes of mood. In the unaccompanied choral intonation, Verdi quoted from the old Gregorian theme; furthermore in central passages he used stylized psalm-like declamation, out of which he then immediately elaborated large symphonic development features.

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart made his Salzburg *Te Deum* of 1769 flow into a splendid double fugue, yet he maintained the eloquent style of his Salzburg Masses, close to the text in every respect. The Salzburg complement of strings, without violas, is joined by four trumpets and timpani.

By contrast, Felix Mendelssohn Bartholdy's

"little" *Te Deum* of 1846 is entirely indebted to the old Anglo-Saxon a cappella tradition. The work was originally published in England with the original translation of the text. Mendelssohn seems to have drawn the inspiration for this beautiful, well-crafted work on his visits to England in 1829 and 1832, where he studied earky music and was probably also able to hear music by Purcell and his contemporaries sung within the Anglican liturgy.

One of the high points in the composition history of the Te Deum text was of course Anton Bruckner's setting, completed in 1884. Bruckner's monumental symphonic style, with its angular orchestral motifs, its often almost excessive motivic repetitions and its constant alternation between mystic contemplation and unbridled ecstasy enables in an almost ideal way the subtly differentiated highlighting of all the nuances of the old text - admittedly in the light of a Romantically-charged theology of the 19th century; but for all that, it is no less valid than the more modest versions of earlier epochs. Gustav Mahler described Bruckner's work with the words: "for the tongues of angels, those seeking God, tortured hearts and souls purified in the fire." Michael Wersin



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Michael Praetorius (1571–1621)

Te Deum (German) (Herr Gott, dich loben wir) Coro SATB/SATB/SATB, Bc / 10 min ed. Adalbert Schütz

■ Carus 1.540, full score

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart (1756–1791)

Te Deum KV 141

Coro SATB, 2 Ctr, 2 Tr, Timp, 2 VI, Bc, [3 Trb] / 11 min

■ Carus 40.046, full score, vocal score, choral score, complete performance material

Felix Mendelssohn Bartholdy (1809–1847)

Te Deum

(German/English) Soli SATB, Coro SATB, [Org] / 7 min ed. Günter Graulich

■ Carus 40.167, full score

Franz Liszt (1811–1886)

Te Deum I S 27

Coro SATB (TTBB), 2 Cor, 2 Tr, 2 Trb, Timp, Org / 6 min ed. Michael von Hintzenstern

■ Carus 40.092, full score, choral score, parts

Te Deum II S 24

Coro TTBB, Org / 9 min ed. Michael von Hintzenstern

■ Carus 40.802/50, full score, choral score

Giuseppe Verdi (1813–1901)

Te Deum

Coro SATB/SATB, 3 Fl, 2 Ob, Eh, 2 Clt, BClt, 4 Fg, 4 Cor, 3 Tr, 4 Trb, Timpani, Cassa, 2 Vl, Va, Vc, Cb / 15 min

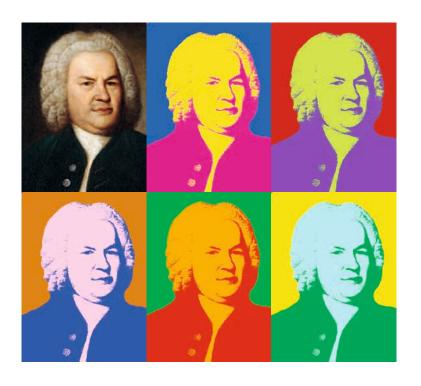
■ Carus 27.194, full score, vocal score, choral score, complete performance material

organ arrangement:

Coro SATB/SATB, Org by Zsigmond Szathmáry

■ Carus 27.194/45, full score, vocal score, choral score

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IN ANOTHER GUISE

Recycling and borrowing in Bach's works

sn't it surprising - the fact that Johann Sebastian Bach's oratorios and masses are based to a large extent on parody, that they were originally composed to a quite different text, does not diminish the fascination which they exert. Of course, when the timpani notes we are all so familiar with from the Christmas Oratorio are suddenly followed by the choir singing "Tönet, ihr Pauken," this is a revelatory moment. And despite that, for us, each timpani beat is closely associated with the Christmas acclamation "Jauchzet, frohlocket" - not only because we've always known it like that, but also because, freed from that all-too-obvious link to the emphatic "hammering" invitation, it perhaps even gains something in artistic value.

A musical journey to explore the precursors of famous major works is always exciting and illuminating. And we do not always need to return to the birthday cantatas with their rather modest poetry. Bach's masses re-use many sections from his own sacred vocal works – both the so-called

"Lutheran masses" BWV 233–236 (with borrowings from the cantatas BWV 17, 40, 67, 72, 79, 102 136, 138, 179 and 187) as well as Bach's "opus ultimum," the *Mass in B minor*. While Bach's Lutheran masses are performed rather

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infrequently, some movements from them are perhaps better known today in their original cantata form than in the transformed guise as a movement in a mass. But it is quite the opposite with the *Mass in B minor*. While this is one of Bach's most frequently-performed works, many of its precursors now lead rather a shadowy existence. Here, Bach's choice of material for reuse in the *Mass in B minor* can be regarded as a guide to finding that which is very

special in the wealth of his cantatas; it has long been assumed that in his opus ultimum Bach combined the best of his church music and at the same time perhaps also wanted to place it in a larger, more universal context. There are borrowings or parallel arrangements from BWV 11 (Agnus Dei), 12 (Crucifixus), 29 (Gratias), 46 (Qui tollis), 120 (Et expecto), 171 (Patrem omnipotentem), and 215 (Osanna). Audiences will prick up their ears at well-known movements in another guise heard in concerts, as will choral singers at the first rehearsals!

As well as these borrowings from the cantatas, it is well known that Bach's Mass in B minor made use in parts of previously existing sections of the Ordinary of the mass: the Missa of 1733 and the splendid Sanctus of 1724, also a separate work (the new Carus CD of the Mass in B minor contains a recording of this version of the Sanctus, which differs in many details; the music is also available: Carus 31.232/50). Before Bach made the Missa into the first part of the Mass in B minor in 1748, he made use of it in another Latin

Christmas music setting at the beginning of the 1740s: the magnificent (how could it be otherwise with such a foundation?) and far too seldom heard Cantata *Gloria in excelsis Deo* BWV 191 (Carus 31.191) with a direct borrowing and two Latin-Latin parodies of movements from the "Gloria" of the *Mass in B minor*.

Bach's practice of parody not only draws our attention to the special treasures amongst his output of cantatas, but also serves as a means of enabling missing compositions to be recreated. In the process we can take advantage of the fact that Bach took pains to adapt parody texts to fit his existing compositions - and in Christian Friedrich Henrici, alias Picander (1700-1764) he found a master at this art of writing poetry. As these parody texts had to match the original exactly in terms of meter and structure, we can perhaps now identify which piece of music was used as a basis from the meter of the poem. There are now all sorts of theories and speculations about this, but a whole series of clear parody relationships can be established beyond reasonable doubt.

Bach's missing compositions which can be partially reconstructed in this way include his *St. Mark Passion* (Carus 31.247). Only the text survives of the Passion itself, but straight away several movements display such a similarity to movements in the *Funeral ode* BWV 198, that it is almost beyond doubt that the corresponding movements are based on that model. Two further movements can be reconstructed from other cantatas and for the (numerous) chorales, movements in Bach's oeuvre can similarly be found. But the Passion story – the heart of the

Passion - is missing, and cannot be reconstructed. Here, too, it is worth looking at the models. The Funeral ode survives complete and is one of J. S. Bach's most outstanding vocal works, not only in the quality of the individual movements, but as a complete whole per se, including the exquisitely scored accompagnati which were not incorporated into the Passion. It is one of his most richly colored and impressive compositions of all, characterized by the sound of gambas and lutes, as well as the woodwinds, especially the flutes - up to the death knell in the flutes and pizzicato strings in the alto accompagnato. And scarcely any other cantata serves up three such magnificent and varied choral movements: the opening tombeau in dotted rhythms, a large choral fugue in the middle, and the unique, dance-like final chorus with its constantly surprising choral unisons. The text by Johann Christoph Gottsched on the death of the Electress Christiane Eberhardine is not really suitable for church services, but it is on another literary level from some of the birthday cantatas and is suitable for concert performance at any time. Thus here is a plea for a revival of the precursors! Uwe Wolf



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	FUNERAL ODE BWV 198	ST. MARK PASSION BWV 247
CHORUS	1. Lass, Fürstin, lass noch einen Strahl	1. Geh, Jesu, geh zu deiner Pein
ARIA	5. Wie starb die Heldin so vergnügt	9. Mein Heiland, dich vergeß ich nicht
ARIA	3. Verstummt, verstummt, ihr holden Saiten	17. Er kommt, er kommt, er ist vorhanden
ARIA	8. Der Ewigkeit saphirnes Haus	24. Mein Tröster ist nicht mehr bei mir
CHORUS	10. Doch Königin, du stirbest nicht	46. Bei deinem Grab und Leichenstein
	Other models	
ARIA	Heil und Segen (BWV 120/4, possibly via BWV 120a/3)	19. Falsche Welt
ARIA	Merkt und hört, ihr Menschenkinder (BWV 7/2)	42. Welt und Himmel, nehmt zu Ohren



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FRAGMENT AND COMPLETION

Mozart's C minor Mass and Requiem

The main focus of Mozart's church music fell on the mass. No two of his mass settings are alike, for Mozart avoided clichés and repeatedly found surprising solutions for this genre, even in works composed only a short while apart.

Among his mass settings we have to pay special attention to the C minor Mass K. 427 and the Requiem K. 626. They are not only among Mozart's most beautiful works, but also his most mysterious. At the time that he was in love with Constanze, Mozart apparently vowed to compose a mass if he should marry her, despite the massive resistance from her family to the marriage. We do not know what prevented him from completing the work. The Credo comes to an end after the first two movements, and even these have been handed down incomplete. The original scores of the Sanctus-Hosanna and the Benedictus are lost, and the Agnus Dei was never composed. Parts of the work were apparently performed on 23 October 1783 at St. Peter's in Salzburg – with Constanze as soprano soloist, though she could hardly have mastered the difficult part (in contrast to St. Stephan's Cathedral, women were allowed to perform in

St. Peter's) – Mozart probably added the missing movements from some of his older Masses in C major. The completion by Robert D. Levin, premiered at Carnegie Hall in New York on 15 January 2005, makes use of Mozart's sketches for the C minor Mass, and draws ideas from the cantata Davide penitente K. 469, written two years later from material borrowed from the C minor Mass. Richard Maunder, in his arrangement of the C minor Mass, added wind and brass instruments to the Credo sketches.

The genesis of Mozart's Requiem is embroidered with legends and anecdotes. Divested of its mystery, the story of the Requiem is as follows: Count Franz von Walsegg-Stuppach was an amateur musician who enjoyed posing as a composer. Lacking skills of his own, he commissioned works from other masters for his own exclusive use. When he received a new composition, he pasted over its title page or wrote the work out afresh and had it performed by musicians in his retinue. The Count had lost his young wife on 14 February 1791. Wishing to honor her memory, he commissioned Mozart to write a Requiem in commemoration of her death. The burdens of



the composition and performance of *La Clemenza di Tito* and *Die Zauberflöte*, and an acute infection led to the collapse and death of the composer following a short illness.

Mozart, who had already received half of the generous fee in advance, left his wife in considerable debt. Constanze saw herself compelled to deliver the work on schedule and turned to Mozart's friends, asking them to complete the fragment. After two failed attempts, the task passed to Mozart's pupil Franz Xaver Süßmayr, who completed the *Requiem* in the form known today, using working materials that are no longer extant, and perhaps oral instructions from the composer. Today the Süßmayr version is still the best known, and it is doubtless the one with the closest historical ties to

Mozart. However, there is no overlooking certain compositional shortcomings in the sections he completed or added afresh. Thus, with the 1991 edition by Robert Levin, Carus also offers both a reconstruction of the work Mozart left behind and a new completion of it which more faithfully reflects the characteristics of Mozart's personal style than his contemporaries would have been capable of. In Richard Maunder's reconstruction of the *Requiem* the orchestration has been reworked throughout using parts of *Die Zauberflöte* and *La Clemenza di Tito* as the primary models.

Missa in C minor K. 427

Soli SSTB (Levin) / SATB (Maunder), Coro SATB/SATB, Fl, 2 Ob, 2 Fg, 2 Cor, 2 Ctr, 3 Trb, Timp, 2 Vl, Va, Bc

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CROSSING BOUNDARIES

Max Reger's choral works

2016 marks the 100th anniversary of Max Reger's death – a great opportunity to explore his multifaceted output, which has often been underrated. Since 2008 the scholarly-critical edition of his works is now being researched and prepared by the Max-Reger-Institut, and the first series in this edition, the complete organ works, has just been completed. His considerably more extensive vocal output, of which

many separate editions have already been published by Carus, will be made available in critical editions in the next series. Susanne Popp, Director of the Max-Reger-Institut and the Reger Complete Edition, describes Reger's journey as a choral composer. As a dazzling intermediary, he moved between the Protestant and Catholic worlds, the secular and sacred, and between highly complex and simpler music.

ndoubtedly Max Reger was a demanding composer; shoddiness and simple folksiness were deeply anathema to him. Twice his collaborations with amateur choirs broke down because of this: he found the unreliable rehearsal attendance and the repertoire of the University Choral Association at St. Pauli in Leipzig, which he conducted, unbearable. This was a men's choir organized by a fraternity at Leipzig University, one for which, according to Reger, socializing together was more important than singing. While he preferred Brahms and Bach, the "sly ones" and the "old men" loved patriotic songs. Later, as court Kapellmeister at Meiningen, Reger endeavored to raise the motley Meininger Singverein to a high level, but these men were also "scandalously slovenly, lazy at attending rehearsals" (22.11.1912, to Duke Georg II of Saxony). At the same time Reger, as an expert orchestral psychologist, must have enthused the professional musicians to rehearse intensively. A glance at his works leads us to suppose that he lacked the feeling for what an amateur chorus could achieve, as his part-writing was often so chromatic and treated so instrumentally in the contrapuntal passages. Equally, there are extremely simple pieces which any church choir can master, showing that his work defies narrow categorization.

In comparison to the chamber music, to piano and organ works and even songs, Reger turned to the field of choral music relatively late on, but still in a systematic fashion: in November 1898 and January 1899 he wrote two sets of five and eight folk song arrangements for men's choir (WoO VI, 6 and 7), followed in the same year by two collections with six and eight folk song arrangements for mixed choir (WoO VI, 10 and 11, Carus 52.901 and 52.902); only later did he write original compositions for these combinations of voices. He regarded the choral

settings of Johannes Brahms as exemplary, but it seemed to be other types of song which enabled him to discover his own choral style: he took many melodies from the then-popular choral collection *Troubadour* by August Reiser, but

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set them much more elaborately, with independent parts combining to produce a modulation-rich harmony, whereby he sometimes placed the folk song melody in a few verses in the middle voices. Reger later defended the skilfully achieved equality of the voices with his "very strongly pronounced aversion [...] to the popular Liedertafelei [singing societies]" (14.7.1900 to Wilhelm Lamping).

While the first original original pieces for men's choir op. 38 were based on texts from the Troubadour collection, Reger went a step further in the Opus 39 settings for mixed choir (Carus 40.265) and chose poetry by contemporaries, such as the poem Schweigen by his friend Gustav Falke: this depicts the natural events of the silence of night taking over from the noise of the day and the moods evoked by this in a dynamically swelling and subsiding composition, rich in modulations. The composer rejected the accusation of intentional complication; it wasn't "love of work" which had led him, "but love for the text and the duty to give this beautiful text a beautiful musical setting" (5.6.1900, to Emil Krause).

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In his Weiden period (1898 to 1901) the Catholic Reger won over large circles of Protestant music directors with his major organ works, including seven Fantasias on Protestant chorales. The high standing which church music enjoyed in the Lutheran tradition and the superior training Protestant organists experienced through their preparations for the demands of playing Bach enabled Reger to become an intermediary between the

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faiths. Firstly, in 1899, he turned to sacred folk songs for male voice and mixed choruses, suitable for all confessions. Then his work with the editors of the periodical Monatschrift für Gottesdienst und kirchliche Kunst bore various fruits. Even in this "functional music" Reger followed his ideal of sublime part-writing and interesting harmonies, and demonstrated an ability to interpret the text in the style of Bach's chorale settings. But he also composed a chorus in December 1899 for Catholics with Mariä Himmelsfreud' WoO VI/12. Although this was included in the collection Marienlob, it went against the Cecilian stylistic ideals because it was too chromatic and too emotional; for this reason the organ works written shortly afterwards were not taken up in the church repertoire.

Other genres came to the fore during his Munich period, but the arrangement of Hugo Wolf's Sechs geistliche Chöre for male voices may have stimulated him to compose for choirs once again. His move to Bach's city of Leipzig in 1907 brought an unpleasant collaboration with the Pauliner Choir. Only after this irritation ended did his intensive involvement with the tradition of Bach and Brahms give the impetus to write new choral compositions: for the first of the motets op. 110 Mein

Odem ist schwach (Carus 52.110/10). he compiled biblical texts in 1909, giving individual expression to the different sections with varying motifs and compositional techniques. In the highly expressive, plaintive passages a chorale-style central section is embedded, and the conclusion is a double fugue, so complicated and instrumentally-written that only the best choirs can attempt its performance. Reger wrote to his publisher, "I harbor the laudable intention of writing more things like this," therefore requesting a collective title page "Geistliche Gesänge für Chor" (9.7.1909 to Bote & Bock). In the same year, he began the twelve-part Vater unser WoO VI/22 with the idea of completing a further motet, but it remained a fragment which breaks off in the final fugue. Two further motets, equally expressive and complicated - Ach Herr, strafe mich nicht op. 110 no. 2 (Carus 52.110/20) and O Tod, wie bitter bist du op. 110, no. 3 (Carus 50.407/30) - followed at the end of the Leipzig and beginning of the Meiningen period, and in between came the shorter Easter motet Lasset uns den Herrn preisen WoO VI /24 commissioned by the Protestant-Lutheran Regional Church of Saxony.

Two further commissions were the Responsories for the Evangelical Lutheran Church in North America (Carus 52.501/10 English, 52.501/20 German), twenty simple, mixed voice choral settings written in autumn 1911, and twelve pieces for mixed choir for the Volksliederbuch für gemischten Chor, the "Kaiserliederbuch" suggested by Kaiser Wilhelm II in 1913 (Carus 52.903). With regard to the latter, Reger had such an argument with the editor because of his bold harmonies that the whole enterprise threatened to break down. Once again he demonstrated, now at a further point in his development, how far removed his settings were from the "popular Liedertafelei."

The conclusion of Reger's choral output was the *Acht geistliche Gesänge* op. 138 (Carus 50.408), begun in August 1914 against the background of the outbreak of



Max Reger, Leipzig 1907/08, Photo E. Hoenisch

war, and composed exclusively to very old, deeply serious texts. Their ideas revolve around death, and the anxieties, hopes and desires are expressed in a simple and powerful way. The proofs of these - notably the chorus "Der Mensch lebt und bestehet nur eine kleine Zeit" were found in the hotel room where the 43-year-old composer was found dead in his bed, giving the work a special symbolic significance. As an intermediary between confessions, between secular and sacred music, between simplicity for amateurs and complexity for professional musicians, Reger found his own way between opposing worlds, resisting categorization and provoking discussion. The hybrid edition of choral works, researched by the Max-Reger-Institut and published by Carus-Verlag, will give the opportunity and incentive to explore these issues. Susanne Popp



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Heinrich Schütz (1585-1672)

Ein Kind ist uns geboren SWV 497 Geistliches Konzert (reconstruction) Soli TT, Bc / 2 min ed. Helmut Lauterwasser (German)

It is hard to believe that among the creative output of Heinrich Schütz there are still new works to be discovered. And yet here, for the first time, a short piece of Christmas music, barely 70 measures long, is being published within the framework of the Stuttgart Schütz Edition. The work is entitled *Ein Kind ist uns geboren* SWV 497: it is scored for two tenor voices and organ. The edition is based on an incomplete copy of the piece which is contained in a manuscript collection. In the course of preparing the work for publication, the missing upper voice could be for the most part reliably reconstructed by employing melodic material derived from the parts which already exist. Thus, after a centuries-long hibernation, this piece of music by the Hofkapellmeister to the Elector of Saxony can once again be brought to life.

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mostly Coro SSATB, Bc ed. Günter Graulich (German)

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Heinrich Ignaz Franz Biber (1644–1704)

Requiem in F minor arrangement by Paul Horn Soli SSATB, Coro SSATB, Org / 28 min ed. Armin Kircher (Latin)

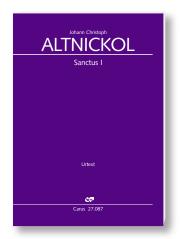
Biber's Requiem in F minor is among the most striking settings of the requiem mass of the 17th century. The figurative language of the requiem text offered Biber a wealth of possibilities for expressive interpretation. The intensity of the musical language used to portray lamentation and mourning is impressive. This strongly expressive work is now also available in an arrangement for choir and organ.

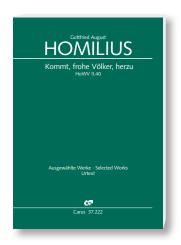
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André Campra (1660–1744)

De profundis

Psalm 129. Motet à grand choeur Soli ST(A)TBar, Coro ST(A)TBarB, 2 Fl, 2 Ob, 2 Vl, 2 Va, Bc / 19 min ed. Jean-Paul C. Montagnier (Latin) CD in prep. (Carus 83.391)

In his roles as Music Director at the Cathedral of Notre Dame in Paris and in the Royal Choir of Louis XV, André Campra composed numerous motets which frequently displayed the influence of contemporary opera. If today Campra is known almost exclusively for his famous Requiem, nevertheless his more than forty motets composed for soli, choir and orchestra are still awaiting discovery. Among these is a setting of Psalm 129, De profundis, published here in a new critical edition after the autograph score. The work was composed in 1723 during the first months of Campra's service to the French king and it proves to be the equal to the compositions of Michel-Richard de Lalande, who during his lifetime shaped and dominated the genre of the "Grand Motet."

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Johann Christoph Altnickol (1719–1759) Sanctus I

Voci (Coro unisono), 2 VI, Va, Bc / 3 min Sanctus II
Coro SATB, Bc / 2 min
ed. Uwe Wolf
(Latin)

CD available (Carus 83.168)

"Ultimately, he is a pupil for whom I need not feel embarrassed," wrote J. S. Bach, summarizing the qualities of his sonin-law to be, J. C. Altnickol. Altnickol's two settings of the Sanctus, based on a Gregorian cantus firmus, are among his few works which have survived. While in the second of these compositions he chose to write a polyphonic choral setting, in the first Sanctus he allows all four voices of the choir to sing unisono, accompanied by a polyphonically treated string ensemble. In both compositions, however, he proves himself to be a contrapuntalist fully worthy of Bach's appraisal.

Sanctus I

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Sanctus II

■ Carus 27.088, full score, choral score

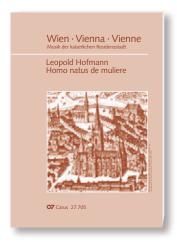
Gottfried August Homilius (1714–1785)

Kommt, frohe Völker, herzu

Cantata for the 4th Sunday after Epiphany Soli STB, Coro SATB, 2 Ob, 2 Cor, 2 VI, Va, Bc / 12 min ed. Christoph Koop (German) CD available (Carus 83.267)

As with many cantatas by Homilius *Kommt, frohe Völker, herzu,* for the 4th Sunday after Epiphany, is notable for its unusual formal structure, with two choral movements in a cantata of only three movements. The generally festive, thankful character of the work, without references to the Gospel for a particular Sunday, makes this cantata, characterized by its singable melodies, a work which can be used on many Sundays throughout the church year.

■ Carus 37.222, full score, vocal score, choral score, complete performance material



Leopold Hofmann (1738-1793)

Homo natus de muliere Coro SATB, 2 Trb, Org / 4 min ed. Guido Erdmann (Latin)

"Man that is born of a woman is of few days" is one of the central biblical texts dealing with the transitoriness of human existence. Leopold Hofmann, Kapellmeister at St. Stephen's Cathedral in Vienna from 1772 to 1793, where W. A. Mozart was his church music assistant, also set this strongly expressive text. Hofmann's setting, in C minor, offers an austere harmony, characterized by suspensions in a homophonic, throughcomposed four-part vocal setting (soloists or SATB choir), reinforced only by two trombones and organ continuo. Four concise instrumental transitional passages between the individual verses relieve the pathos-laden Viennese church style of this composition. With its tragic style, in places it closely resembles Mozart's Requiem KV 626. For this first edition, the two trombone parts supplied with the score are included both in the original clef and additionally in viola clef. The figured bass has been realized so that the piece can also be performed without trombones, with only organ accompaniment. For a performance this piece could easily be combined with the Salve Regina by Pietro Cassati (Carus 27.703) from the Vienna series.

■ Carus 27.705, full score, choral score, 2 Trb, Org



Sergei Rachmaninoff (1873–1943)

All-Night Vigil op. 37 Coro SATB / 60 min ed. Helmut Loos (Church Slavonic/German) CD in prep.

Sergei Rachmanioff's All-Night Vigil is his last contribution to Russian Orthodox church music. The liturgical model for this work is a worship service which occurs the evening before sacred holidays and consists of a succession of prayers, readings and chants. In this composition for a cappella choir Rachmaninoff was able to create a unity between the original chants of the Orthodox Church and his new musical ideas to achieve such a profound emotional depth that the All-Night Vigil was crowned with a triumphal success upon its premiere in 1915. In this new edition the text is underlaid in Church Slavonic in Latin transcription. It also contains an English pronunciation table.

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Hugo Distler (1908-1942)

Four motets for Advent and Christmas Coro SATB / 18 min ed. Klaus-Martin Bresgott (German) CD available (Carus 83.472)

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Christmas Story

Soli SSSTBB, Coro SATB 40 min / CD available ed. Klaus-Martin Bresgott (German)

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■ Carus 10.011, full score, choral score

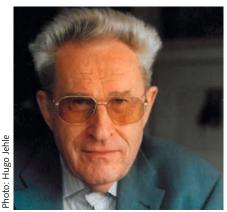
Clytus Gottwald (*1925)

Beethoven: Three songs on texts of Goethe, transcribed for mixed choir (German) Coro SATB/SATB / Coro SSATBB / 12 min

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Clytus Gottwald (*1925)



Cyrill Schürch (1974*)

The Ssssnake Hotel (English) children choir S(SA), Pfte / 4 min

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Ivo Antognini (*1963)

Ecce quam bonum Psalm 133 (Latin) Coro SSA, Pfte / 4 min

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Carus 9.208/10–30

Michael Waldenby (*1953)

Liber Ecclesiastes (Latin)

Verba Ecclesiastes Soli SAATTBar, Coro SSAATTBB / 8 min

■ Carus 7.386/10 Et haec non vanitas est Coro SAATTBB / 3 min

■ Carus 7.386/20 Omnia tempus habent Coro SSAATTBB, Vc / 9 min

■ Carus 7.386/30 Dulce lumen Coro SSAATTBB / 3 min

■ Carus 7.386/40 Memento Creatoris tui Coro SSAATTBB / 3 min

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Epilog. Deus time
Coro SSAATTBB, Vc / 4 min

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Giacomo Mezzalira (*1959)

Memorare

(Latin)
Coro SATB (divided parts) / 8 min
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Christoph Schönherr (*1952)

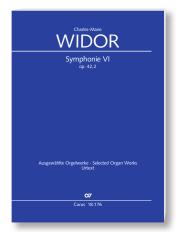
Hezekiah

Oratorio on words from the Old Testament (English)

Solo Bar (Hezekiah), B (Jesaja), Bar (Rabshakeh, chief cup-bearer, officer of Sennacherib, the king of Assyria), S (messenger of Isaiah), S (maid), T (narrator), Coro S(S)A(A)T(T)B(B), FI, Soprano-Sax/Alto-Sax (1 player), 2 Tr/Flugelhorn, Trb, Strings, Piano/E-piano, Cb/E-Bass, Drumset, 2 Timp, Soprano-Carillon, Triangle, Crotales, Chimes, Claves, Latin Percussion (2 players) / 85 min

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Charles-Marie Widor (1844–1937) Symphony VI op. 42,2

Org / 35 min ed. Georg Koch

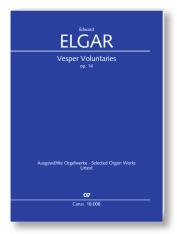
In his VIth Organ Symphony, Charles-Marie Widor showed himself to be at the height of his compositional mastery. In the densely-worked monumental outer movements, the expressive slow movements and a dramatic, brilliant Intermezzo, Widor exploits the possibilities of the instrument to the full. The new Carus edition is based on the last edition of 1928/29, published during the composer's lifetime, as the authoritative source. Corrections made subsequently by the composer have been taken into consideration. In addition, references are included to important variant readings in earlier editions. Editorial suggestions on the performance of individual passages complete the new edition.

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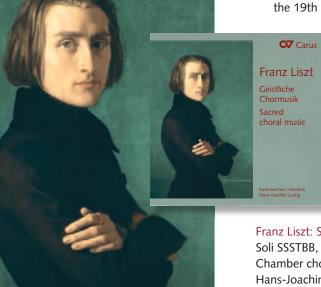
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Sergei Rachmaninoff: Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom

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In his setting of the *Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom*, Sergei Rachmaninoff demonstrates not only his deep understanding of the text, but also how to further increase the immediate effect on the listeners by means of markedly simple melodic invention. The work represents a monumental pinnacle of a return to the roots of early Russian music. In this new edition the text is underlaid in Church Slavonic in Latin transcription. It also contains an English pronunciation table. The Rundfunkchor Berlin under Nicolas Fink has produced an exemplary recording of this challenging

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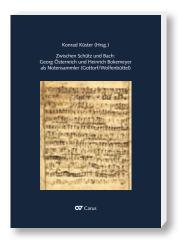
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Deutschsprachiger Raum, 1782–1800 (Beiträge zur Mozart-Dokumentation, vol. 1) ed. Rainer J. Schwob (in German)

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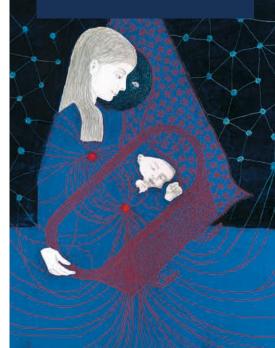
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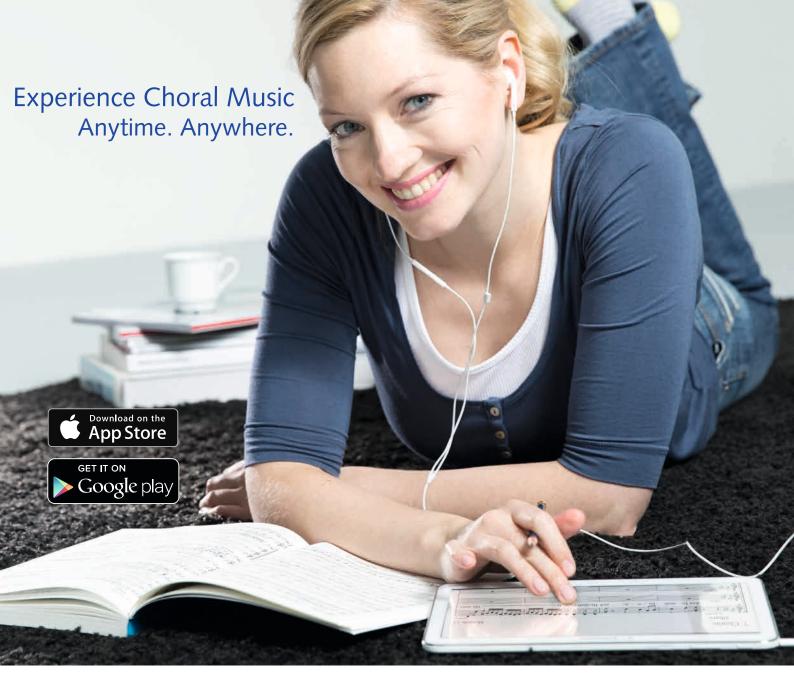


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