ORCHESTRA

Violin I
Carolyn Canfield, concertmaster
Mia Rose Wu
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Avron Meletske

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Judy Drake
Jackie Abbott

Viola
Greg Savage
Beatrice Dolf

Cello
Phil Gaskill
Page Smith

Bass
Steve Kerns
Carl Merner

Flute
Shirley Kraft
Bonnie Blanchard

Oboe
Leslie Threlkeld
Benny Richardson

Bassoon
Dan Kerlee
Michel Jolivet

Trombone
Stan Jeffs
George Trudeau
Paul Echus

Harpsichord
Robert Kechley
Karin Stenzel

George Shangrow, Director

Harpichord I built by William Newman of Seattle. Disposition: I: 16, 8, Lute; II: 8, 8, 4, Lute (8). Harpsichord II built by Sperhakke of Germany. Disposition: I: 8, 4; II: 8, 8, Lute. We thank Kristina Newman for the tuning and regulation.

The editions used in tonight's performance are: Kalmus for the orchestra and Schirmer for chorus. These most nearly follow the original edition in the Handel Complete Works.

THE SEATTLE CHAMBER SINGERS

and

CHAMBER ORCHESTRA

Present

ISRAEL IN EGYPT

A sacred oratorio

by

Georg Frederic Handel

Directed by

George Shangrow

Meany Theatre - University of Washington - 8 p.m. October 23, 1977
PART I - EXODUS

1. Recitative: Tenor
Now there arose a new king over Egypt, which knew not Joseph; and he set over Israel taskmasters to afflict them with burdens, and they made them serve with rigour. Exod. 1:8, 11, 13

2. Solo Alto and Double Chorus
And the children of Israel sighed by reason of the bondage, and their cry came up unto God. They oppressed them with burdens and made them serve with rigour; and their cry came up unto God. Exod. 2:23

3. Recitative: Tenor
Then sent He Moses, His servant, and Aaron whom he had chosen; these showed His signs among them, and wonders in the land of Ham. He turned their waters into blood. Psalms 105:26, 27, 29

4. Fugue: Chorus
They loathed to drink of the river. He turned their waters into blood. Exod. 7:18, 19

5. Aria: Alto
Their land brought forth frogs, yea even in their king's chambers. Psalms 105:30

6. Double Chorus
He spake the word, and there came all manner of flies and lice in all their quarters. He spake; and the locusts came without number, and devoured the fruits of the ground. Psalms 105:31, 34, 35

7. Double Chorus
He gave them hailstones for rain; fire mingled with the hail ran along upon the ground. Psalms 105:32; Exod. 9:23, 24

CHORUS

Sopranos
Polly Detels
Ann Duncan*
Sue Erber
Shirley Kraft
Carol Sams*
Cyndia Siedentop
Betsy Taylor

Alto
Judy Buck
Bonnie Blanchard
Sara Hedgpeth
Judy Rosenfeld
Margaret Russell*
Kay Shirey
Janet Vinikow

Tenors
Ken Jaffee
Jerry Landeen
Rick Russell
Jerry Sams*
Steve Stubbs
David Van Zandt
Dennis Van Zandt

Basses
Greg Abbott
Peter Ashbaugh
Bob Crisafulli
Brian Higham
Peter Kechley
Dale Larsen
Mark Swinehart
Cy Ulberg
*denotes soloist

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32. Duet for Alto and Tenor  (Margaret Russell and Jerry Sams)
Thou in Thy mercy has led forth Thy people which Thou hast
redeemed; Thou hast guided them in Thy strength unto Thy holy
habitation.  
Exod. 15:13

33. Double Chorus
The people shall hear, and be afraid; sorrow shall take hold
on them; all the inhabitants of Canaan shall melt away; by the
greatness of Thy arm they shall be as still as a stone; till
Thy people pass over, O Lord, which Thou hast purchased.
Exod. 15:14-16

34. Aria: Alto  (Margaret Russell)
Thou shalt bring them in, and plant them in the mountain of
Thine inheritance, in the place, O Lord, which Thou hast made for
Thee to dwell in, in the sanctuary, O Lord, which Thy hands
have established.
Exod. 15:17

35. Double Chorus
The Lord shall reign for ever and ever.  
Exod. 15:18

36. Recitative: Tenor
For the horse of Pharaoh went in with his chariots and with his
horsemen into the sea, and the Lord brought again the waters of
the sea upon them; but the children of Israel went on dry land
in the midst of the sea.
Exod. 15:19

37. Double Chorus
The Lord shall reign for ever and ever.  
Exod. 15:18

38. Recitative: Tenor
And Miriam the prophetess, the sister of Aaron, took a timbrel
in her hand; and all the women went out after her with timbrels
and with dances. And Miriam answered them:  
Exod. 15:20, 21

39. Solo Soprano and Double Chorus  (Carol Sams)
Sing ye to the Lord, for He hath triumphed gloriously; the
horse and his rider hath He thrown into the sea.
Exod. 15:21, 18

8. Chorus
He sent a thick darkness over all the land, even darkness which
might be felt.  
Exod. 10:21

9. Double Fugue: Chorus
He smote all the first-born of Egypt, the chief of all their
strength.  
Psalms 105:36

10. Chorus
But as for His people, He led them forth like sheep: He brought
them out with silver and gold; there was not one feeble person
among their tribes.  
Psalms 78:52; 105:37

11. Double Fugue: Chorus
Egypt was glad when they departed, for the fear of them fell
upon them.  
Psalms 105:38

12. Recitative: Double Chorus
He rebuked the Red Sea, and it was dried up.  
Psalms 106:9

13. Double Fugue: Chorus
He led them through the deep as through a wilderness.  
Psalms 106:9

14. Chorus
But the waters overwhelmed their enemies, there was not one of
them left.  
Psalms 106:11

15. Double Chorus
And Israel saw that great work that the Lord did upon the
Egyptians; and the people feared the Lord.  
Exod. 14:31

16. Fugue: Chorus
And believed the Lord and His servant Moses.  
Exod. 14:31
PART II - MOSES' SONG

17. Double Chorus
Moses and the children of Israel sang this song unto the Lord, and spake saying:
Exod. 15:1

18. Double Chorus
I will sing unto the Lord, for He hath triumphed gloriously; the horse and his rider hath He thrown into the sea.
Exod. 15:1

19. Duet for Two Sopranos  (Ann Duncan and Margaret Russell)
The Lord is my strength and my song: He is become my salvation.
Exod. 15:2

20. Double Chorus
He is my God, and I will prepare Him an habitation; my father's God.
Exod. 15:2

21. Chorus
And I will exalt Him.
Exod. 15:2

-INTERMISSION-

22. Duet for Bass Choruses
The Lord is a man of war: Lord is His name. Pharaoh's chariots and his host hath He cast into the sea; his chosen captains also are drowned in the Red Sea.
Exod. 15:3, 4

23. Double Chorus
The depths have covered them; they sank into the bottom as a stone.
Exod. 15:5

24. Double Chorus
Thy right hand, O Lord, is become glorious in power; Thy right hand, O Lord, hath dashed in pieces the enemy.
Exod. 15:6

25. Double Chorus
And in the greatness of Thine excellency Thou hast overthrown them that rose up against Thee.
Exod. 15:7

26. Fugue: Double Chorus
Thou sentest forth Thy wrath, which consumed them as stubble.
Exod. 15:7

27. Chorus
And with the blast of Thy nostrils the waters were gathered together, the floods stood upright as an heap, and the depths were congealed in the heart of the sea.
Exod. 15:8

28. Aria: Tenor  (Jerry Sams)
The enemy said, I will pursue, I will overtake, I will divide the spoils; my lust shall be satisfied upon them; I will draw my sword, my hand shall destroy them.
Exod. 15:9

29. Aria: Soprano  (Carol Sams)
Thou didst blow with the wind, the sea covered them; they sank as lead in the mighty waters.
Exod. 15:10

30. Double Chorus
Who is like unto Thee, O Lord, among the gods? Who is like Thee, glorious in holiness, fearful in praises, doing wonders? Thou stretchedst out Thy right hand:
Exod. 15:11, 12

31. Fugue: Double Chorus
The earth swallowed them.