LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT FOR MESSIAH/COMPLEX

The lands we reside on as a country hold the stories and songs of Indigenous Peoples from time immemorial. These ancestral connections precede the work you are going to see here, both in language and place. The singers, filmmakers and Toronto Symphony Orchestra, along with Against the Grain Theatre, have come together from across these Indigenous lands to share this production of Messiah/Complex with you and yours. We are acutely aware of the contradictions Messiah brings, especially considering the Indigenous singers and co-creators that have taken part. The erasure of Indigenous languages by generations of cultural undoing is being reclaimed by some of the soloists you will hear sing. It not only shows their resilience but their generosity. Against the Grain Theatre acknowledges these erasures as atrocities that happened all across this country and are still happening. Reparation is a long road ahead that we are walking on with responsibility and acknowledgment.

Against the Grain Theatre acknowledges that it resides on the traditional territory of many nations, including the Mississaugas of the Credit, the Anishnabeg, the Chippewa, the Haudenosaunee and the Wendat peoples and is now home to many diverse First Nations, Inuit and Métis peoples. We also acknowledge that Toronto is covered by Treaty 13 with the Mississaugas of the Credit. We offer that as you watch this profound work from the warmth of your home that you also take a moment to consider the Indigenous land you reside on, wherever that may be, and offer a sense of gratitude for the Indigenous Peoples who stewarded this land and water long before we arrived. Many blessings.

COVID-19 STATEMENT

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FULL CREDITS

Co-Directors
Joel Ivany
Renelitta Arluk

Conducted by Johannes Debus

Johannes Debus’ performance is generously supported by Frances Price

Producers
Against the Grain Theatre
Against the Grain Theatre TV
In partnership with the Toronto Symphony Orchestra

Editor
Coffeeshop Creative

Composer
George Frideric Handel

Starring (in order of appearance)
Spencer Britten
Jonathon Adams
Orchestra

The Toronto Symphony Orchestra

First Violins:
Jonathan Crow (Concertmaster)
Etsuko Kimura (Assistant Concertmaster)
Atis Bankas
Virginia Chen Wells

Second Violins:
Wendy Rose (Associate Principal)
Sergei Nikonov
Clare Semes
Angelique Toews

Violas:
Victor Fournelle-Blain (Principal)
Rémi Pelletier (Associate Principal)
Christopher Redfield
Mary Carol Nugent

Cellos:
Emmanuelle Beaulieu Bergeron (Associate Principal)
Marie Gélinas
Roberta Janzen

Double Basses:
Jeffrey Beecher (Principal)
Paul Rogers

Oboes:
Sarah Jeffrey (Principal)
Hugo Lee

**Bassoon:**
Michael Sweeney (Principal)

**Trumpets:**
Andrew McCandless (Principal)
James Gardiner

**Timpani:**
Joseph Kelly

**Portative Organ/Harpsichord:**
Talisa Blackman (Guest Artist)

**Principal Librarian:**
Gary Corrin

**Orchestra Personnel Manager:**
David Kent

Assistant to the Conductor Derek Bate

Sound Design & Engineering Doug Doctor

Creative Design Anastasiya Milova

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**British Columbia**

**Starring**
Spencer Britten

**Producers**
Georgia Street Media
Amanda Palmer

**Director of Photography**
Brian Cheung

**Editor**
Amanda Palmer
Coffeeshop Creative

**Sound Engineering**
Recording on the Go, Berlin, DE

*Spencer Britten’s performance is generously supported by Andrew Gillespie*

**Alberta**
Edmonton

Starring Jonathon Adams
Featuring Nathan Loitz
Director of Photography Tom Gunia
Editor Coffeeshop Creative
Sound Engineering Number 9 Audio Group, Toronto, ON

Jonathon Adams’ performance is generously supported by Joy Levine & Andrew Gillespie

Banff & Lake Louise

Starring Julie Lumsden
Director of Photography Daniel Thomson
Editor Coffeeshop Creative
Sound Engineering Edmontone Studio, Edmonton, AB

Prince Edward Island

Starring University of Prince Edward Island Chamber Choir
Producers Megan Thelosen
Hemmings House
Film Director James MacDonald
Director of Photography James MacDonald
Camera Operator Ian Miller
Production Assistant Gavin Downes
Editor James MacDonald
Coffeeshop Creative
Sound Design Isaac Williams
Conductor Sung-Ha Shin-Bouey
Choir University of Prince Edward Island Chamber Choir

Soprano:
Hannah Aitken
Taylor Donald
Ziqing Gao
Tara Llewellyn
Alexandra Sorensen

Alto:
Jillian Clow
Leah Jordan  
Melissa Lewis  
Olivia MacPhail  

**Tenor:**  
Matt MacNully  
Jim McClean  
William Millington  
Ian Soloman  

**Bass:**  
Tanner Burns  
Jeff Gravina  
Nick Murphy  
Gaige Waugh  

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**Yukon**

Starring:  
Diyet  

Featuring:  
Tulhasen (Lena Johnson)  

Producer:  
Alistair Maitland Photography  

Film Director:  
Alistair Maitland  

Director of Photography:  
Brendan Preston  

Editor:  
Alistair Maitland  

Sound Engineering/Producing:  
Matthew Lien, Whispering Willows Records  

Translation:  
Tulhasen (Lena Johnson)  

*Diyet's performance is generously supported by Yukon Arts Centre and Whitehorse Concerts Custom Parka donated by Coast Mountain Sports and Skookum Brand*  

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**New Brunswick**

Starring:  
Le Choeur Louisbourg  

Producers:  
Megan Thelosen  
Hemmings House  

Film Director:  
James MacDonald  

Director of Photography:  
James MacDonald  

Camera Operator:  
Ian Miller  

Production Assistant:  
Gavin Downes  

Editor:  
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Coffeeshop Creative  

Sound Engineering:  
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Sound Producer: Brigitte Lavoie
Conductor: Monique Richard
Choir: Le Choeur Louisbourg

**Soprano:**
Marie-Pier Arseneau
Maryse Basque-Doiron
Catherine Gallant
Janie Losier
Myriam Poitras

**Alto:**
Carmen LeBlanc
Bernice Losier
Claudette McGee
Christine Richard

**Tenor:**
Valmond Bourque
Justin Guignard
Pierre-Paul Ledoux
Donald Mallet

**Bass:**
Roger Castonguay
Jean-François Mallet
Pierre McGraw
Paul Pitre
Sébastien Renault

**Manitoba**

Starring: Andrea Lett
Producers: Moose Toque Productions
Alex White

Film Director: Alex White
Director of Photography: James Hiebert
Camera Operator: Dave Swieciecki
Drone Operator: Chris Campbell
Editor: Coffeeshop Creative
Sound Engineering: Grant Trippel, Exchange District Studios
### Nunavut

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Holly Johnson
Jennifer (Ye Won) Kim
Alysha Ladha
Claire Luc
Marlene Lynds
Sachiko Marshall
Lindsay McIntyre*
Heather Rowe
Jennifer Ujimoto

Alto:
Jane Agosta
Marlo Alcock
Veronika Anissimova*
Renée Ardiente
Julia Barber*
Kristin Crawford
Gillian Grant
Ilone Harrison
Annie Odom
Alison Roy*
Jan Szot
Susan Worthington
Virginia Wright
YuYang Wu

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Nicholas Gough*
Alejandro Guerrero
Valdis Jevtejevs*
Clement Kam
Nicholas Nicolaidis*
Isaiah-John Sison
Steve Szmutni*
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Hernan Botero
Tony Churchill  
Kieran Kane*  
Dennis Kwok  
Paul Oros*  
Daniel Parkinson  
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Milovan Prelević  
Seymour Stern  
Isaiah Yankech  
David Yung*

* indicates member of Toronto Mendelssohn Choir’s Professional Core

Northwest Territories

Starring  
Leela Gilday

Film Director  
Amos Scott

2nd Camera & Lighting  
Deneze Nakehk’o

Editing  
Amos Scott

Sound Engineering  
Diva Sound Records, Yellowknife, NWT

Translation  
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Sarah Cleary  
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Wardrobe  
Kyla Kakfwi-Scott

Makeup  
Karen Priscilla

Leela Gilday’s performance is generously supported by Debbie Delancey

Nova Scotia

Starring  
Halifax Camerata Singers

Producers  
Megan Thelosen  
Hemmings House

Film Director  
James MacDonald

Director of Photography  
James MacDonald

Camera Operator  
Ian Miller

Production Assistant  
Gavin Downes

Editor  
James MacDonald  
Coffeeshop Creative

Sound Engineering  
Jeremy VanSlyke

Conductor  
Jeff Joudrey

Choir  
Halifax Camerata Singers
**Soprano:**
Margaret (Meg) Currie  
Dana-Lynn Farrell  
Barbara Main  
Juliette Moncada  
Laura-Beth Smith  
Kallie White  
Amanda Zadeh

**Alto:**
Mackenzie Costron-Li  
Elyse Delaney  
Rosalie Dowling  
Kelly Hart  
Clare Maguire  
Jill Rafuse

**Tenor:**
David Caldwell  
Geoff Gillespie  
Simon Hardman  
Ryan Henwood  
Michael James  
Frederick Li  
John Lindsay-Botten

**Bass:**
Bryan Crocker  
Steven DeWitt  
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