



## 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

All aspects of *Messiah/Complex* were carried out in accordance with provincial and territorial government COVID-19 guidelines in place at the time of each sound and video production.

## FULL CREDITS

Co-Directors  
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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

Diyet  
Andrea Lett  
Looee Arreak  
Julie Lumsden  
Rihab Chaieb  
Deantha Edmunds  
Catherine Daniel  
Leela Gilday  
Elliot Madore  
Miriam Khalil

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

**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  
Gauge Waugh

**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*

**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	James MacDonald Coffeeshop Creative
Sound Engineering	Xavier Richard



Sound Producer  
Conductor  
Choir

Brigitte Lavoie  
Monique Richard  
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  
Producers

Andrea Lett  
Moose Toque Productions  
Alex White

Film Director  
Director of Photography  
Camera Operator  
Drone Operator  
Editor  
Sound Engineering

Alex White  
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Dave Swiecicki  
Chris Campbell  
Coffeeshop Creative  
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**Nunavut**

Starring	Looee Arreak
Producers	Aksut Media
Film Director	Mark Aspland
Editor	Mark Aspland
Sound Engineering	Nuvu Music & Sound Chris Coleman
Translation	Looee Arreak

**Québec**

Starring	Rihab Chaieb
Featuring	Jamila Dridi
Director of Photography	Huei Lin
Production Assistant	Sahara von Hattenberger Pascal Piché
Editor	Huei Lin Coffeeshop Creative
Sound Engineering	Number 9 Audio Group
Translation	Rihab Chaieb Rose Naggar-Tremblay

*Rihab Chaieb's performance is generously supported by Kris Vikmanis & Denny Creighton*

**Newfoundland & Labrador**

Starring	Deantha Edmunds
Film Director	Justin Oakey
Director of Photography & Drone Operator	Troy Maher
Camera Assistant	Cecil Johnson
Production Assistant	Shannon Cymbaly
Editor	Justin Oakey Coffeeshop Creative
Sound Engineering	Stephen Lilly
Translation	Memorial University of Newfoundland Faculty of Music Sarah Townley

**Ontario**

### **Toronto**

Starring	Catherine Daniel
Director of Photography	Stephen Bell
Camera Operator	Eric Moniz
Editor	Coffeeshop Creative
Sound Engineering	Number 9 Audio Group

### **Toronto**

Starring	Elliot Madore
Featuring	James Madore
Director of Photography	Stephen Bell
Editor	Coffeeshop Creative
Sound Engineering	Number 9 Audio Group

### **Ottawa**

Starring	Miriam Khalil
Director of Photography	Stephen Bell
Camera Operator	Eric Moniz
Editor	Coffeeshop Creative
Sound Engineering	Number 9 Audio Group
Translation	Salim Khalil Taghrid Khalil

### **Toronto**

Starring	Toronto Mendelssohn Choir
Director of Photography	Stephen Bell
Camera Operator	Eric Moniz
Editor	Coffeeshop Creative
Sound Engineering	Jeff Wolpert
Conductor	Simon Rivard
Choir	Toronto Mendelssohn Choir

### **Soprano:**

Laureen Choi  
Emily Dotzlaw  
Kirsten Fielding\*  
Kaveri Gandhi



Pat M. Irwin  
Holly Johnson  
Jennifer (Ye Won) Kim  
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Lindsay McIntyre\*  
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**Alto:**

Jane Agosta  
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Veronika Anissimova\*  
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Kristin Crawford  
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Ilone Harrison  
Annie Odom  
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Susan Worthington  
Virginia Wright  
YuYang Wu

**Tenor:**

Rafael Avila  
Nicholas Gough\*  
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Clement Kam  
Nicholas Nicolaidis\*  
Isaiah-John Sison  
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Isaiah Yankech  
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*\* 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	Cindy Gilday Sarah Cleary Ethel Blondin-Andrew
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*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  
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