

# FORTHCOMING DATES & TICKET INFORMATION



Calendar Listing
Those events marked with an asterisk \* are University events

#### Recitals

#### January

18 Sam Keeler, baritone

25 Aileen Thompson, soprano

#### **February**

1 Steven Grahl, tenor

8 Thomas Nicols, baritone

15 Katie Cochrane, soprano

#### Philip Glass

#### Galileo Galilei

15 and 16 February 2013 8.30pm New College Ante-Chapel

Conductor Harry Sever, Repetiteur Edmund Whitehead, Director Michael Burden

22 Thomas Drew, tenor

#### March

1 Daniel Laking, countertenor

8 Amrit Gosal, soprano

Summer Opera Handel *Tamerlano* 3 (Preview), 6, 7, 9, 10, 12, 13, 14 July 2013 The Warden's Garden, New College

New Chamber Opera - N ew Chamber Opera Ensemble The Band of Instruments - Phoenix - Cutting Edge

Singing Patron James Bowman
Director of Productions Michael Burden

Director, the Summer Opera Steven Devine

Director, The Band of Instruments Roger Hamilton · Director, Opera Studio Benjamin Holder Repetiteurs Harry Sever, Edmund Whitehead · Company Secretary Clare Atkinson Comptroller Graham Midgley · Wardrobe Diana Lintott, Fiona Hodges Recitals Administrator Wilfrid Jones

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### TICKET DETAILS

Lunchtime Vocal Recitals 1.15pm

New College Antechapel £2/£1 concessions on the door

### Philip Glass

# Galileo Galilei

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Tickets
£12 / £6 concessions
at
www.galileoinoxford.co.uk
or on the door

# **Summer Opera**

Wednesday 3 (Preview) Sunday 7 & Tuesday 9

New Chamber Opera Please download forms from http://www.newchamberopera.co.uk

#### Saturday 6 & Friday 12

New College Development Office (01865) 279 337

Tuesday 9

OXPIP (01865) 778 034

Wednesday 10

Friends of the Oxford Botanic Garden (07722) 605 787

**Saturday 13 & Sunday 14** Friends of WNO (01865) 408 045







# Galileo Galilei





# Glass: Galileo Galilei

# Conductor - Harry Sever; Repetiteur - Edmund Whitehead; Director - Michael Burden

Milo Commerford, Edward Edgcumbe, Ashley Francis-Roy, Johanna Harrison, Andrew Hayman, Michael Hickman, Gessica Howarth, David Le Provost, Esther Mallett, Tara Mansfield, William Pate, Samuel Poppleton, Nick Pritchard, Rose Rands, Daniel Tate, AileenThomson

15 and 16 February 2013 8.30pm New College Ante-Chapel

Philip Glass's chamber opera, Galileo Galilei, is an essay on the life of the Italian scientist, philosopher, astronomer, and author of the texts A dialogue concerning the two chief world systems and Two new sciences. The opera's libretto is based on excerpts of letters of Galileo and his family, including his daughter, Maria Celesta, and is constructed as a one act set of scenes. Dramatically, the opera works backwards. It

opens with Galileo as an old, blind, man, under house arrest, and works in reverse order through his trial and inquisition for heresy; his break with the Church; his own struggle of belief in both religion and science; and the nature of his writings. The opera ends with the young Galileo watching an opera composed by his father, Vincenzo, who was a member of the Florentine Camerata. The subject of his father's opera is

the motions of celestial bodies, a theme which completes the cyclic nature of the opera already established by the backwards-moving plot. Other operas by Philip Glass include the trilogy, Einstein on the Beach, Satyagraha, and Akhnaten, and The Fall of the House of Usher, performed by NCO in 2008. His output also includes dance music, symphonies, concertos and chamber music. Photo credit: Steve Pyke

# **Mailing List**

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