

The Music Club of London

The 'RING' at the Semperoper 28th January to 5th February 2018

In January of this year the Sächsische Staatsoper, the Semperoper, in Dresden, announced that it would present two cycles of Wagner's four operas, *Der Ring des Nibelungen* in early 2018. Such was the interest in this announcement that both cycles were sold out within 24 hours! I have been fortunate in obtaining a modest allocation of best seats for the second cycle. I am offering these to members on a first-come first-served basis. Christian Thielemann will conduct both cycles, with the production by Willy Decker. Singers will include Albert Dohmen, Petra Lang, Christa Mayer, Andreas Schager, Gerhard Siegel, Kurt Streit and Georg Zeppenfeld.

I have added a welcome lunch and one outing to the programme for all participants. I plan to offer optional events later to participants who are interested. I do hope you will be able to join the trip.

January 2018

- Sun 28th Check-in at London Heathrow for a flight to Berlin.
Coach transfer from Berlin Tegel airport to The Westin Bellevue Hotel, Dresden. Here we have bed and breakfast accommodation in their superior en suite rooms.
- Mon 29th A group lunch at a local restaurant.
Evening performance of *Das Rheingold* (Wagner).
- Tue 30th Free day, until the evening performance of *Die Walküre* (Wagner).
- Wed 31st Free day, but I expect to offer an optional outing.

February 2018

- Thu 1st Free day, until the evening performance of *Siegfried* (Wagner).
- Fri 2nd An outing by coach to Wackenbarth Palace where we shall have a wine tasting followed by a three course lunch before returning to Dresden
- Sat 3rd Free day.
- Sun 4th Free day, until the evening performance of *Götterdämmerung* (Wagner).
- Mon 5th Coach transfer to Tegel airport in Berlin. Check-in for a flight to London Heathrow.

You are responsible for your own travel and health insurance

Cost: to include all of the above:

- £ 1450 per person sharing a Twin bedded or Double bedded room.
- £ 1630 per person in a single room.

Payments: All in one payment on booking, or
£ 400 per person to book (reservations are taken in the order in which I receive deposits, and the deposit is *non-returnable* if I am able to offer a place)
£ 400 per person by 19th May 2017.
£ 400 per person by 8th September 2017.
Balance by 8th December 2017 (£ 430 single room occupancy, £ 250 per person sharing a room).

You may like to send me post-dated cheques for the further payments when making your booking. I will not cash these until the due dates.

Apply to: Bryan Suitters, The Music Club of London, 24 Burywick, Harpenden,
Hertfordshire AL5 2AH.

Cheques payable to *The Music Club of London*.