

PRESS RELEASE

**Grieg's complete *Peer Gynt* – first performance of a new English translation  
Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> November, Southampton Guildhall**

*Morning Mood, Solveig's Song, In the Hall of the Mountain King* - these and other tunes from Grieg's *Peer Gynt* orchestral suites are some of the best-loved classical music of all time. Few however have heard the complete score of *Peer Gynt*, composed as the incidental music to Ibsen's play of that name. Southampton Philharmonic Choir has commissioned an English translation of the whole score, to be given its first performance on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> November in Southampton Guildhall, with acclaimed actor Samuel West as narrator.

The concert is part of Southampton Philharmonic Choir's 150th Anniversary Year celebrations and also marks David Gibson's 20th anniversary as the choir's musical director and conductor. The orchestra will be the New London Sinfonia.

Grieg's colourful score has arias, choruses and orchestral pieces, including all the tunes from the orchestral suites. In this concert the musical elements will be held together by a narration adapted from the play. Narrator Samuel West is best known for acting roles in films such as *Howard's End*, *Persuasion* and *Notting Hill*, and was recently nominated for the 2010 Olivier Award for Best Actor for the play *Enron*. He has also worked much in classical music and opera.

The programme will also include Mendelssohn's *Hebrides Overture (Fingal's Cave)* and Delius' *Songs of Farewell*. The concert will be a unique and ground-breaking event, an entertaining evening of storytelling and richly melodic music-making, not to be missed!

The concert begins at 7.30pm. Tickets are on sale now from the Guildhall Box Office (tel: 023 8063 2601, [www.livenation.co.uk/southampton](http://www.livenation.co.uk/southampton)), priced £8 to £19 (concessions available). Tickets can also be obtained from choir members. Further details can be found at [www.southamptonphil.org](http://www.southamptonphil.org).

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**Listing:**

Saturday 27 November 2010, 7.30pm

Southampton Guildhall

**Grieg - *Peer Gynt*** (complete incidental music, new English libretto) and other music

Southampton Philharmonic Choir

Samuel West (narrator)

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