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### **REPORT FROM HALLE 2022**

#### Graydon Beeks

The 2022 Handel Festival in Halle adopted as its theme "100 Years of the Handel Festival in Halle" in celebration of the first such festival held in 1922. The opera staged that year was *Orlando*, only one year after *Rodelinda* had been staged at Göttingen—the first Handel opera to be staged in modern times. The new opera production this year, premiered on Friday, May 27th, was again *Orlando*, and it was musically a great success—one of the best performances I have heard in the Halle Opera House in 30 years. Christian Curnyn elicited distinguished playing from the Handel Festival Orchestra, which was mercifully shorn of percussion,



Above: Ki-Hyun Park, Xavier Sabata; Below: Franziska Krötenheerdt, Vanessa Waldhart. © Bühnen Halle, Photography: Federico Pedrotti

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## J. MERRILL KNAPP RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP REPORT

#### Blake Johnson

With the support of the American Handel Society's J. Merrill Knapp Research Fellowship, I was able to travel to London in early July 2022 to conduct research for my master's thesis at the University of Missouri—Kansas City, titled "The Influence of Foreign Oboists on English Musical Life, 1700–1750." During my time in London, I was able to collect a number of valuable sources which will benefit my work greatly.

My thesis explores how foreign-born oboists came to make London their home in the early eighteenth century and the ways in which they benefited from and contributed to the musical life of the city through the instruments, musical styles, and compositions they brought with them. Rather than simply tracking the development of the careers of these performers and the circles in which they moved, I engage deeply with the music written by and for them to understand the place of this repertoire in the development of the oboe as a solo instrument throughout the first half of the century.

Chapter 2 tracks the development of music written specifically for the oboe by looking at its use in three contexts: the court, public concerts, and in the theaters. While the instrument's assimilation into the music being performed in the city has been covered extensively in previous scholarship, one stone has been left largely unturned: a thorough analysis of the music these oboists would have performed. Beginning with works for unspecified combinations of instruments and *continued on p. 4* 

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#### Report From Halle

organ, and baroque guitar. The title role was taken by guest countertenor Xavier Sabata, whose performance justified his reputation as one of the leading exponents of baroque opera. The four other singers, all young members of the opera company in Halle, were outstanding in both their singing and acting—especially sopranos Franziska Krötenheerdt as Angelica and Vanessa Waldhart as Dorinda. Yulia Sokolik was suitably androgenous as Medoro, and bass Ki-Hyun Park as Zoroastro managed the role originally written for the great bass Antonio Montagnana with skill, although his voice seemed to project with less force than in previous years.

The stage director, Walter Sutcliffe, who is the new Intendant of the Halle Opera, decided to update the story from the time of Charlemagne to the present day. The warrior Orlando becomes a businessman. Zoroastro, who is designated a Magician in the original libretto, is transformed into a television astrologer, who "magically" appears in Orlando's apartment to guide him toward renewed success in business and away from affairs of the heart. The romantic pair of Angelica and Medoro are changed from queen and prince respectively into young socialites, whose self-absorption is signaled by their constant taking of selfies. Dorinda, formerly a shepherdess, is now Orlando's housemaid, clad in a frilly French outfit.

Orlando's infatuation with Angelica and later also with Dorinda, together with his hatred of Medoro, becomes an obsession that leads him to detain the women in his basement, where he tortures and eventually kills them. In his madness he also kills Medoro before falling asleep. When he awakens, he finds that Zoroastro has magically brought the dead back to life and Orlando back to his senses. Or perhaps Orlando only imagines the killings during a dream. Sutcliffe's interpretation of the story is clearly a commentary on modern-day forms of fatal attraction and abuse. That it is an appropriate interpretation of Handel's opera Orlando was less clear to me. What was clear, however, is that having Dorinda slip into a slinky dress and join the socialites at the concluding "Grillparty" diminishes the stature of the most appealing character in the opera. Gideon Davey's costumes and sets fully supported the stage director's vision, and the revolving stage was used effectively to keep the action moving.

The Handel Prize of the City of Halle was awarded this year to Wolfgang Hirschmann, Professor of Musicology at the Martin Luther University of Halle-Wittenberg, President of the Georg-Friedrich-Händel-Gesellschaft, Co-General Editor of the Hallische Händel-Ausgabe (HHA), and a member of the American Handel Society (AHS). Professor Hirschmann gave the Festival Lecture on Saturday, May 28th. His theme, "Arnold Schering and Handel's World," celebrated the first Festival Lecture, "The World of Handel," given in 1922 by Schering, Professor of Musicology in Halle from 1920–1928. The lecture was followed by the formal awarding of the Handel Prize and the General Membership Meeting of the Georg-Friedrich-Händel-Gesellschaft at which I presented greetings from the AHS. That evening the Festival Concert presented in the G. F. Händel Halle by countertenor and conductor Philippe Jaroussky, the 2015 Handel Prize winner, and the Ensemble Artaserse featured the excellent Hungarian soprano Emöke Baráth. The all-Handel program included instrumental movements from the opera *Radamisto* and various Op. 3 and Op. 6 Concerti grossi together with arias from *Radamisto*, *Giulio Cesare, Deidamia*, and *Alcina*, and the soloists joined in duets from *Rodelinda* and *Giulio Cesare*. Jaroussky excelled in both of his capacities, and Baráth confirmed her status as one of the leading sopranos in this repertoire.

Sunday morning's concert in the Freylinghausen Saal of the Franckesche Stiftungen was to have featured the countertenor lestyn Davies, but he was forced to withdraw because of illness. Fortunately, Carlo Vistoli was able to take his place on short notice and sing the announced program on the theme of "Handel's Orchestral Word-Painting." This consisted of arias from several operas and the oratorio La Bellezza ravveduta nel trionfo del Tempo e del Disinganno interspersed with instrumental pieces. The arias featured members of La Nuova Musica as soloists in difficult and exposed obbligatos, and their playing was at a uniformly high level. The musical interpretations, under the direction of David Bates, though undeniably skillful, tended toward the fast and loud-the latter encouraged by the acoustics of the room-and the singing too often emphasized the impressive at the expense of the expressive.

On Sunday afternoon, the oratorio Susanna was performed in the shortened version prepared for the first Festival in 1922 by Arnold Schering, although in English rather than German. Philipp Ahmann conducted the MDR-Rundfunkchor and the Leipzig Barockorchester with a cast of young singers, mostly British, in the Dom, where it had also been performed in 1922. The acoustics of this venue vary according to the placement of the performers and, more importantly, the location of the listener. From my seat near the front all was well. I heard the same comment from friends seated considerably farther back, but I gather that others encountered a wash of sound. The chorus, which exhibited excellent English diction, and the orchestra were both on good form and the tempi chosen by the conductor were sensible. Susanna and Joachim, sung by Swiss soprano Marie Lys and countertenor Alex Potter, were excellent. Tenor Benjamin Hulett and bass Edward Grint also sang well, although their youth was at odds with their characterizations of lascivious old men. The most appealing performance was by the soprano Ciara Hendrick, who had the privilege of singing Daniel's "Chastity, thou Cherub bright."

The three-day International Scholarly Conference, on the topic "*Orlando* and the History of Handel's Operas in the 20th and 21st Centuries," began on Monday, May 30th. Included in the fifteen papers were presentations by AHS members John Roberts, Lawrence Zazzo, Matthew Gardner, Colin Timms, and myself. In a break with tradition, there were also Roundtables to close the proceedings on Tuesday and Wednesday. On the first, a panel of previous Handel Prize winners spoke about the Handel Festival before and after German Reunification. Most of the speakers were reflecting on their own experiences, but Karin Zauft led off the proceedings with an excellent summary of the earliest years. The panel included AHS members Wolfgang Ruf, former Professor of Musicology at Martin Luther University, President of the Händel-Gesellschaft and Co-General Editor of the HHA; and Edwin Werner, former Director of the Händel-Haus. They were joined by soprano Juliane Claus, the longtime director of the Festival Hanna John, and the conductor Christian Kluttig.

The second roundtable discussion focused on productions of Orlando in Halle. The members of the panel, consisting primarily of former Handel Prize winners, again spoke mostly about their own involvement, but Silke Leopold analyzed what little is known about the 1922 version that was assembled by Hans Joachim Moser, and AHS member Donald Burrows discussed Alan Kitching's visit to Halle in 1959 to attend the Handel Festival, having already decided to stage Orlando as the first of a series of Handel operas at the Unicorn Theatre in Abingdon, near Oxford. Axel Köhler, Bernd Leistner, and Howard Arman spoke about the 1993 staging of Orlando; Nicola Hümpel, Sophie Klußmann, and Friederike Schöder reminisced about the 2010 version; and Walter Sutcliffe gave his thoughts on the 2022 production. The Roundtables were listed separately in the festival program and attracted a number of auditors who would not normally have attended conference sessions.

On Monday evening, I attended the performance of Ariodante at the Goethe Theater in Bad Lauchstädt featuring the Compagnia Marionettistica Carlo Colla e Figli. The opera was heavily cut with most arias omitting the da capo and concluding with a repeat of the opening instrumental ritornello. This was probably a reasonable decision, given the limited number of expressive gestures available to the puppets. The singers were positioned in the side balconies, which worked well in the somewhat peculiar acoustic of the theater, celebrating its 220<sup>th</sup> birthday this year. All were capable, with soprano Hanna Zumsande as Ginevra and mezzo-soprano Ida Aldrian as Ariodante a good deal more than that. Alto Julia Böhme was outstanding, with a slight edge to her voice that aptly characterized the villain Polinesso and provided a reminder that the role was originally sung by a woman. The Lautten Compagney Berlin under the direction of Wolfgang Katschner, yet another Handel Prize winner, handled the difficult task of accommodating Handel's 1730s orchestra in the small orchestra pit.

I missed hearing several intriguing concerts, including that of *Fernando*, *Re di Castiglia*, the surviving fragment of the opera that was transformed into *Sosarme*, but heard good reports of the performance by Opera Settecento under the direction of Leo Duarte. In addition to various chamber concerts, there was also *Messiah* performed in Mozart's version by the Portuguese baroque ensemble Divino Sospiro and the Gulbenkian Choir of Lisbon under the direction of Massimo Mazzeo; a staged performance of the Brockes Passion by the Halle Opera, which had been planned for the 2021 Festival, with Romelia Lichtenstein as Mary and stage direction by Walter Sutcliffe; a Festival Concert by Jordi Savall and Le Concert des Nations; a performance of the cantata *Aminta e Fillide "Arresta il passo*" by William Christie and Les Arts Florissants; and a performance of *La Bellezza ravveduta nel trionfo del Tempo e del Disinganno* by soloists and the Accademia Bizantina under the direction of Ottavio Dantone. Finally, in keeping with the theme of the Festival, there was a performance of the shortened version of *Semele* prepared for the first Festival by Alfred Rahlwes. This year's performers included the Konzertchor Leipzig, the Robert-Franz-Singakademie, and the Staatskapelle Halle under the direction of Howard Arman.

Finally, as a pendant to the Festival Jubilee, the Händel-Haus is presenting a special exhibition "Fireworks and Halle-lujah—100 Years of the Handel Festival in Halle," which opened on Handel's birthday in February 2022 and will remain in place for a year. The exhibition is accompanied by a book of essays with the same title edited by AHS member Konstanze Musketa and a CD recording of performances from the years 1958–2008. Both are available for purchase at the Händel-Haus Museum shop. Dr. Musketa, who also curated the exhibition, is retiring this year as Director of the Händel-Haus Library but has taken on a new position as a member of the Editorial Board of the HHA.

The next Handel Festival in Halle will take place between May 26 and June 11, 2023, and will feature staged productions of *Serse, Alessandro Severo, Rinaldo,* and *Giulio Cesare*; concert performances of *Aci, Galatea e Polifemo, Messiah,* and *Lotario*; and Festival Concerts featuring Anna Prohaska and Bejun Mehta, Julia Lezhneva, Jakub Józef Orliński, Andrea Marcon, and Veronica Cangemi. The theme of the Festival and the Conference will be "The Opera: Dispute over Tweedledum and Tweedledee." Tickets should be on sale beginning in November 2022.

### CALL FOR PAPERS: AMERICAN HANDEL SOCIETY CONFERENCE 2023

The biennial conference of the American Handel Society will be held in Bloomington, Indiana, hosted by **the Jacobs School of Music at Indiana University Bloomington**, on **February 23–26, 2023**. Commencing on Handel's 338<sup>th</sup> birthday, the conference will include academic panels, the Howard Serwer Memorial Lecture, and performances by IU's Historical Performance Institute.

The Society invites submission of abstracts for papers on any topic connected with Handel's life, his music, his close contemporaries, or the contexts in which his music was composed and/or performed. Given the setting, the Program Committee would especially appreciate topics on issues of performance and performance practice. Abstracts of no more than 500 words may be sent by **October 3, 2022** to the program chair, **Roger Freitas**, at <u>rfreitas@esm.</u> <u>rochester.edu</u>.

#### CALL FOR APPLICATIONS: INTERNATIONAL HANDEL RESEARCH PRIZE 2023

In 2023 the George Frideric Handel Society will award its International Handel Research Prize for the sixth time to a young scholar who has completed a research project on the life or work of George Frideric Handel and has presented the results in a formal research document. Research teams also may apply.

The International Handel Research Prize is sponsored by the Foundation of the Saalesparkasse. It is valued at €2000 and entails the presentation of a paper to be read by the prize winner at the scholarly conference to be held during the annual Handel Festival in Halle an der Saale (May 30–31, 2023).

Applications may be submitted by graduates of musicology or related disciplines who have completed their Master's or Doctoral studies (or equivalent research) between 2020 and 2022. Historical-critical editions may also be submitted for the prize. Studies in English or German are accepted.

Applications for the International Handel Research Prize should be sent by **November 30**, **2022** (postmarked) to the:

Georg-Friedrich-Händel-Gesellschaft e.V. Geschäftsstelle Grosse Nikolaistrasse 5 06108 Halle (Saale) Germany

The application must include the scholarly work undertaken (in printed and in electronic form) and be accompanied by a brief curriculum vitae and an account of the applicant's career. Reports can be enclosed.

The prize winner will be selected by a panel from the Foundation of the Saalesparkasse and the George Frideric Handel Society. The prize will be presented in Halle in June 2023, during the scholarly conference of the Halle Handel Festival.

#### J. Merrill Knapp Research Fellowship Report

moving to music written to be performed on the oboe, my analysis will examine the ways in which this music reflects the gradual acceptance of the instrument by composers, the skills of particular performers, and the increase of technical demands for the instrument from around 1700 to 1750. While in London, I photographed a number of works written for ensembles like the oboe band maintained by Queen Anne from the 1690s on, including an overture by Gottfried Finger (1660–1730) contained in a set of partbooks likely used by this ensemble.

Of the many foreign-born oboists who were active in eighteenth-century London, several of the most accomplished such as Jean Baptiste Loeillet (1680–1730), John Ernst Galliard (1687–1747), Jean Christian Kytch (d. 1738), and Giuseppe Sammartini (1695–1750) performed for Handel and were the recipients of obbligato parts written specifically for them. While Handel's collaborations with his singers have received scholarly attention, his collaborations with his oboists have received far less. In contrast with the majority of Handel's singers, his oboists were nearly all composers themselves. The bulk of their writing for the oboe would have been written for their own performances and so provide insights into their individual skills as they saw them.

Chapters 3, 4, and 5 will each focus on one of Handel's oboists and his writing for them: Galliard and his extensive obbligato parts in Teseo (1712), Kytch and the obbligatos written for him in Esther (1718/1732) and Acis and Galatea (1718), and Sammartini and the virtuosic writing for him in Arminio, Giustino, and Berenice, all premiered in 1737. In evaluating the ways in which Handel made use of Galliard and Sammartini, I will rely on their own compositions to establish a baseline for their individual abilities. I worked to collect as many compositions by these composers as possible during my time in London. As no solo works by Galliard are extant, the most significant work I was able to view during my time at the British Library was the manuscript of his masque Pan and Syrinx (1718). Pan and Syrinx contains a great deal of writing for the oboe, including an aria with obbligato oboe which provides the only example of Galliard's solo writing for the instrument.

While performers like those mentioned above were widely hailed in their time, they have largely been forgotten. My hope is that my thesis will demonstrate the ways in which these musicians exerted significant influence upon the musical activities of their adopted city through their varied roles as performers, composers, and teachers as well as encourage further studies of Handel's collaborations with his instrumentalists. This project has been greatly enriched by my time in London and I am incredibly grateful for the support of the American Handel Society.

#### CALL FOR PAPERS: 2023 INTERNATIONAL SCHOLARLY CONFERENCE AT THE HANDEL FESTIVAL, HALLE (SAALE)

#### "The Politics of Opera—Handel's Opera Academies 1719–1737"

The Handel Festival in Halle an der Saale in 2023 will be on the theme "The Opera: Dispute over Tweedledum and Tweedledee." The quotation from an epigram by John Byrom in The London Journal of June 5, 1725, refers to the competition between the opera composers Giovanni Bononcini and George Frideric Handel. The subject is intended to accentuate the fact that opera has always been the topic of discussions in which cultural-political and artistic interests have been intertwined. This is certainly true for the two opera academies of which, and in which, Handel was in charge of between 1719 and 1734, and which were followed by the competition between the "Opera of the Nobility" and Handel's work at the Covent Garden Theatre until 1737. These disputes happened at almost all levels of opera production, and links to comprehensive political-cultural and social negotiation processes become evident: this applies to the organization, patronage, and financing of the academies. Such differences applied also to the audience, the public review, the choice of repertoire and libretti, the singers, the scenarios and stage designs, and the compositions themselves.

The International Scholarly Conference at the Handel Festival on **May 30–31, 2023**, would like to explore the named political dimensions of Handel's academies, but also their pre-conditions and consequences, as well as to invite comparisons with earlier and later forms of institutionalization of opera as an art form. Last but not least, the aim is also to critically update the historical findings against the background of the situation of opera houses today.

The organizers invite interested scholars to take part in the conference with a 25-minute paper and ask for abstracts of no more than 250 words to be sent to Dr. Annette Landgraf, <u>landgraf@</u> <u>musik.uni-halle.de</u>, by **November 15, 2022.** Travel and accommodation costs will be covered for the conference days.

#### FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

The Handel Festivals in Göttingen and Halle went off without a hitch this summer, boding well for future in-person events. Details of the American Handel Festival and Conference to be held in Bloomington, Indiana February 23–26, 2023, will not be known until later this fall, but the call for papers can be found elsewhere in this issue of the *Newsletter* and on the AHS website, as can the call for papers for the International Scholarly Conference to be held May 30–31, 2023, in conjunction with the Handel Festival in Halle.

The combined societies for 18<sup>th</sup>-century music will again present the online series *Encounters with 18<sup>th</sup>-Century Music – A Virtual Forum* which was so successful last academic year. Members of the AHS will be sent information as it becomes available, but can also check the series website, https://encounters.secm.org/. The combined societies will also host a joint reception on November 11, 2022, 9:30 p.m. at the Annual Meeting of the American Musicological Society in New Orleans, November 10–13, 2022. Those of you who will be attending should check the conference program for details, https://nola2022. ams-sem-smt.org/.

Finally, I would urge all AHS members to take advantage of the new AHS website to access information and resources found there, pay membership dues, and make donations to the society. I would also urge you, if you feel comfortable doing so, to add your name and email address to the Members List. This provides a convenient resource for contacting members of the society and is only accessible to other members who have logged in to the website.

- Graydon Beeks

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The **NEW American Handel Society Website** is up and running. In addition to a completely redesigned look, exciting new features include the **online membership management** system, where members can keep track of their membership status and payments with a secure login, and a newly compiled list of **online resources for scholarly research** on Handel-related topics that will be useful for anyone interested in this subject. We encourage all members to **create a profile** to enjoy full access. Please visit us at <u>https://www.americanhandelsociety.org/</u>.

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