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2025

(tbc) Guest conductor, *Die Meistersinger*, Melbourne Opera.

2024

- Tour Leader, Hayllar Music Tours, Zürich and Longborough Festival *Ring* Cycles.
- Performing his multimedia opera work *Brunnhilde* in Wales.
- Exploring opportunities back in Europe.

2013-2018 and 2022-23

- **Music Director, Melbourne Chamber Choir.** In 2023 – Rachmaninov *Vespers*, Percy Grainger concert, Bach's *Weihnachtsoratorium*.

2010- present

- Senior Fellow, The University of Melbourne.
- Guest conductor, mostly Melbourne Opera (*Die lustige Witwe*, *Fidelio*, *Der Freischütz*, *Tannhäuser*, *Lohengrin*, *Der Rosenkavalier* and (2023) *The Ring* Cycle.
- New works, community arts therapy projects and regional tours and German-Australian Opera Grant with his company *More Than Opera*.
- (2020) Member of the Order of Australia (AM) for “significant service to the performing arts, to opera, choirs and education”.

2005-09

- **Senior lecturer and conductor, Victorian College of the Arts.**
- Guest conductor, Shanghai Normal University Music School, also International Opera Productions (conducting members of Prague Radio Symphony Orchestra), also Hessisches Staatstheater Wiesbaden and National Symphony of Malaysia.

1996-2005

- **Head of Opera, Victorian College of the Arts (later Melbourne University).**

- Guest conductor, Queensland Opera, Victoria State Opera (Melbourne).
- Guest conductor, Altenburger Sommerakademie.
- From 1998 – conducted Youth and Conservatorium Orchestra projects and given many masterclasses and talks.)
- 1998 – Fellow of the Royal Society for Arts, Manufacture and Commerce (FRSA).
- **2000 Founded independent performing arts company More Than Opera.** Also awarded PhD (Musicology – Thesis on Korngold), Monash University, Melbourne.
- 2003 – Co-founded MTO German-Australian Opera Grant).

1991-95

- Guest Conductor, Wiesbaden (including Maifestspiele), Komische Oper Berlin, Karlsruhe, Nantes, Düsseldorf, Köln, Braunschweig, Altenburg, Cottbus.
- Music Director, Ost-West Jugendsinfonieorchester, Altenburg/Salzburg.
- Guest conductor, State Opera of South Australia.

1988-90

Music Director, State Opera of South Australia (Adelaide). (1990) German government award for service to German community.

1986-88

- Guest conductor, Inter-Varsity Choral Festival, also State Opera of South Australia.
- Conductor, New Years Eve concerts, Sydney Opera House.

1978-86

- **Resident Conductor, The Australian Opera**, Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Canberra.

1977-78

- Guest conductor, Mexican National Symphony, also Gr. Th. Genève.

1975-77

- **Erster Kapellmeister, Nationaltheater Mannheim.**
- Guest conductor, Frankfurt, Berlin, ZDF-TV

1970-75

- **Kapellmeister, Stadtheater Basel.** Guest conductor, Gr. Th. Genève.

CONDUCTED OPERA/BALLET REPERTOIRE

BSK	Badische Staatstheater, Karlsruhe	Germany
DODb	Deutsche Oper, Duisburg	Germany
DODf	Deutsche Oper, Düsseldorf	Germany
FD	Festival de musique de chambre, Divonne	France
GTG	Grand Théâtre de Genève	Switzerland
HSW	Hessisches Staatstheater Wiesbaden	Germany
KO	Komische Oper Berlin	Germany
LOQ	Lyric Opera Queensland, Brisbane	Australia
MO	Melbourne Opera	Australia
MFW	Maifestspiele, Wiesbaden	Germany
NM	Nationaltheater Mannheim	Germany
OF	Oper, Frankfurt	Germany
OK	Oper, Köln	Germany
ON	Opéra de Nantes	France
PF	Perth Festival	Australia
SBr	Staatstheater Braunschweig	Germany
SBsl	Stadttheater Basel	Switzerland
SC	Staatstheater Cottbus	Germany
SF	Festival dei due mondi, Spoleto	Italy
SH	Stadttheater Heidelberg	Germany
SOSA	State Opera of South Australia, Adelaide	Australia
TAO	The Australian Opera:	
	Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Canberra	Australia
VSO	Victorian State Opera, Melbourne	Australia
WAO	Western Australian Opera, Perth	Australia
Auber	<i>Fra Diavolo</i>	SBsl, TAO
Beethoven	<i>Fidelio</i>	MO, NM, SOSA
Bellini	<i>Norma</i>	SBr

Bizet	<i>Carmen</i>	SOSA
Bock	<i>Fiddler on the Roof</i>	TAO
Britten	<i>Albert Herring</i>	GTG
Britten	<i>The Rape of Lucretia</i>	TAO
Cheetham (Adelaide, Melbourne, Perth, Sydney Opera House)	<i>Pecan Summer</i> (World Premiere)	Short Black Opera Co.
D'Albert	<i>Tiefland</i>	NM
Donizetti	<i>Don Pasquale</i>	LOQ, TAO
Donizetti	<i>L'elisire d'amore</i>	SBSl, HSW
Donizetti	<i>Lucia di Lammermoor</i>	NM
Dvorák	<i>Rusalka</i>	NM
de Falla	<i>El retablo de Maese Pedro</i>	SF
Flotow	<i>Martha</i>	NM
France (Sandra)	<i>From a Black Sky</i> (World premiere)	Street Theatre, Canberra
Gefors (Hans)	<i>Der Park</i> (World premiere)	MFW
Glass	<i>Akhnaten</i>	Smith Productions, Castlemaine
Greenbaum (Stuart)	<i>Nelson</i> (World Premiere)	Castlemaine Festival
Glazunov	<i>Raimonda</i>	NM
Glück	<i>Orpheus und Eurydike</i>	SOSA, KO
Janáček	<i>Katja Kabanova</i>	TAO, HSW
Kálmán	<i>The Czardas Princess</i>	SOSA
Kálmán	<i>Gräfin Mariza</i>	SBSl, SOSA
Kovacs	<i>Le rendez-vous</i>	FD (World Premiere)
Lehár	<i>Die lustige Witwe</i>	GTG, LOQ, MO
Lehár	<i>Paganini</i>	SOSA
Leoncavallo	<i>Pagliacci</i>	KO, SC
Mascagni	<i>Cavalleria Rusticana</i>	KO
Massenet	<i>Manon</i>	TAO
Monteverdi	<i>L'incoronazione di Poppea</i>	NM

Mozart	<i>Così fan tutte</i>	SB, Iopera
Mozart	<i>Die Entführung aus dem Serail</i>	TAO
Mozart	<i>Don Giovanni</i>	VSO
Mozart	<i>Le nozze di Figaro</i>	OF, SOSA, TAO
Mozart	<i>Die Zauberflöte</i>	NM, OK
Offenbach	<i>La belle Hélène</i>	GTG
Piccini	<i>La buona figliuola</i>	TAO
Poulenc	<i>Les dialogues des Carmélites</i>	TAO
Puccini	<i>La bobème</i>	BSK, DODdf, KO, NM, SOSA, SW
Puccini	<i>La fanciulla del West</i>	SBsl
Puccini	<i>Madama Butterfly</i>	SOSA, TAO
Puccini	<i>Tosca</i>	NM, OF
Puccini	<i>Turandot</i>	NM
Ravel	<i>L'heure espagnole</i>	SBsl
Rossini	<i>Il barbiere di Siviglia</i>	SBsl
Saint-Saëns	<i>Samson et Dalilah</i>	SOSA
J. Strauss	<i>Die Fledermaus</i>	SBsl, WAO
J. Strauss	<i>Der Zigeunerbaron</i>	NM
R. Strauss	<i>Ariadne auf Naxos</i>	CitiOpera, Melbourne
R. Strauss	<i>Der Rosenkavalier</i>	TAO, MO
Stravinsky	<i>Feuervogel (Firebird)</i>	NM
Stravinsky	<i>Petrouschka</i>	NM, SBsl
Stravinsky	<i>Pulcinella</i>	SBsl, NM
Tchaikovsky	<i>Eugen Onegin</i>	SBsl
Verdi	<i>Don Carlo</i>	NM
Verdi	<i>Nabucco</i>	NM
Verdi	<i>Otello</i>	SH
Verdi	<i>Rigoletto</i>	NM, TAO

Verdi	<i>Simone Boccanegra</i>	NM
Verdi	<i>La Traviata</i>	BSK, DODb, HSW
Wagner	<i>Das Rheingold</i>	MO
Wagner	<i>Götterdämmerung</i>	MO
Wagner	<i>Lohengrin</i>	NM, MO
Wagner	<i>Die Meistersinger von Nürnberg</i>	HSW
Wagner	<i>Ring Cycle (complete)</i>	MO
Wagner	<i>Siegfried</i>	ON
Wagner	<i>Tannhäuser</i>	MO
Wagner	<i>Die Walküre</i>	MO
Weber	<i>Der Freischütz</i>	MO
Weill	<i>Das kleine Mahagonny</i>	FD
Weill	<i>Aufstieg und Fall der Stadt Mahagonny</i>	TAO
Whitehead	<i>The Bride of Fortune</i>	PF (World Premiere)

VICTORIAN COLLEGE OF THE ARTS, Melbourne (As Head of Opera)

Beethoven,	<i>Die Ruinen von Athen (adapted David Kram)</i>
Donizetti	<i>Viva la Mama</i>
Haydn	<i>Le pescatrici (adapted David Kram)</i>
Korngold	<i>Der Schneemann</i>
Mozart	<i>La clemenza di Tito</i>
Offenbach	<i>Marriage by Lamplight (adapted David Kram)</i>
Prokofiev	<i>The Love of Three Oranges</i>
Puccini	<i>Le villi</i>
Purcell	<i>Dido and Aeneas, The Faerie Queen (adapted David Kram)</i>
Ravel	<i>L'enfant et les sortilèges</i>
Rossini	<i>Il viaggio a Reims (adapted David Kram)</i>
Stravinsky	<i>The Rake's Progress</i>
Williamson	<i>The English Eccentrics</i>

CONDUCTED CONCERT REPERTOIRE

ASO	Adelaide Symphony Orchestra	Australia
BOG	Basler Orchestergesellschaft	Switzerland
BRSSO	Basler Radiosinfonieorchester	Switzerland
CFYO	Castlemaine Festival Youth Orchestra	Australia
DSO	Darwin Symphony Orchestra	Australia
ESO	Elizabethan Sydney Orchestra	Australia
LA	Landeskapelle Altenburg	Germany
MCO	Monash Chamber Orchestra	Melbourne
OFO	Orchester der Frankfurter Oper	Germany
OMM	Orchestre municipal de Mulhouse	France
OMFF	Orchestra del Maggio Fiorentino Formazione	Italy
ONM	Orchester des Nationaltheater Mannheim	Germany
OSB	Orchestre symphonique de Bienne	Switzerland
OSBr	Orchester des Staatstheater Braunschweig	Germany
OSH	Orchester der Stadt Heidelberg	Germany
OSNM	Orquesta sinfónica nacional de México	Mexico
OSR	Orchestre de la Suisse Romande	Switzerland
OWJO	Ost-West Jugendorchester	Germany/Austria
PRSO	Prague Radio Symphony Orchestra	Czech Republic QSO
	Queensland Symphony Orchestra	Australia
QTO	Queensland Theatre Orchestra	Australia
SETO	Sydney Elizabethan Trust Orchestra	Australia
SOHO	Sydney Opera House Orchestra	Australia
TSO	Tasmanian Symphony Orchestra	Australia
VCASO	VCA Symphony Orchestra, Melbourne	Australia
WAAO	Western Australian Arts Orchestra, Perth	Australia
WASO	Western Australian Symphony Orchestra	Australia
WFYS	Wan Fang Youth Symphony, Shanghai	China

OVERTURES

Auber	Fra Diavolo	OSB, SETO
Beethoven	Fidelio	ASO, DSO, ONM
Bernstein	Candide	QSO
Brahms	Academic Festival Overture	Victorian State Music Camp
Cimarosa	Il matrimonio segreto	OSB
Donizetti	I capuletti ed i Montecchi	SETO
Hughes	Masquerade	VCASO
Korngold	Eine Schauspiel-Ouvertüre	VCASO
Kram	‘At the Game’	CFYO
Mendelssohn	Hebrides	OSB
Mozart	Le nozze di Figaro	ASO, OFO, SETO
Mozart	Così fan tutte	BOG
Rossini	La gazza ladra	OSH, TSO

Suppé	Poet and Peasant	SOHO
Suppé	Light Cavalry	SOHO, WFYS
Strauss J	Die Fledermaus	OSR, SOHO, WAAO, WASO
Wagner	Tannhäuser	DSO
Wagner	Die Meistersinger von Nürnberg	OSBr, QSO
Weber	Preciosa	QSO
Verdi	La forza del destino	WAAO

SYMPHONIES

Bartok	Concerto for Orchestra	OSNM
Beethoven	Symphony No. 3	OWJS
Bizet	Roma	OMMF
Haydn	Symphony No. 85	OSH
Haydn	Symphony No. 88	LA
Haydn	Symphony No. 104	OMMF
Mahler	Symphony No. 7	OSBr
Mendelssohn	Reformation Symphony	QSO
Milhaud	Chamber symphonies	QTO
Mozart	Symphony No. 39	LA
Mozart	Symphony No. 40	CFYO
Schubert	Symphony No. 2	OSNM
Schubert	Symphony No. 3	OSB, QSO
Sibelius	Symphony No. 7	QSO

CONCERTOS and ORCHESTRA/SOLO

Albinoni	Concerto for two oboes	MCO
Bellini	Oboe Concerto	MCO
Berlioz	Harold en Italie	OWJSO
Bruch	Schelomo	OSNM
Chopin	Piano Concerto No. 1	MCO
Grieg	Piano Concerto	MCO, PRSO
Gröndahl	Trombone Concerto	VCASO
Haydn	Trumpet Concerto	PRSO
Haydn	Oboe concerto	OSB
Ibert	Flute Concerto	VCASO
Jacob	Horn Concerto	VCASO
Jacob	Bassoon Concerto	MCO
Massenet	Meditation	CFYO, SOHO, TSO, WASO
Mendelssohn	Violin Concerto	MUSO
Mills	Soundscapes (percussion/orchestra)	VCASO
Mozart	Bassoon Concerto	BOG, PRSO
Mozart	Sinfonia concertante	OMMF
Neruda	Trumpet concerto	QSO
Pergolesi	Flute Concerto in G	QTO
Rodrigo	Concierto de Aranjuez	OSB
Saint-Saëns	Rondo capriccioso	MCO
Saint-Saëns	Cello Concerto	MCO
Shostakovich	Violin Concerto No. 1	VCASO

Stephenson	Toccata for castanets	WAAO
Tchaikovsky	Rococo variations	OSNM
Vine	Percussion Concerto	VCASO
Weber	Clarinet concerto No. 1	MCO
Weber	Concertino for Clarinet	OWJO
Wischurke	Concerto for 3 wind instruments	Theater Altenburg/Gera, Germany

OTHER

Corelli	Christmas Concerto	QTO
Debussy	Claire de lune	QSO
Délibes	'Sylvia' Ballet music	OSB
Dukas	L'apprenti sorcier	OWJO
Dvorak	Slavonic dances	OSB
Fucek	Florentinermarsch	OSB
Elgar	Enigma Variations	VCASO
Greenbaum	Kosciosko	WFYS
Handel	Water Music	QTO
Ketelby	In a Persian Market	WASO
Khachaturian	Sabre Dance	QSO
Kodaly	Marosszeczy Dances	OSB
Kram	Omaggio	OMMF
Lanner	Waltzes	OSB
Lehar	Gold and Silver Waltz	WASO
Liszt	Mazeppa	Victorian State Music Camp
Milhaud	La création du monde	ESO
Pearce	Morendo	QSO
Poppi	Suite égyptienne	OSB
Prokofiev	Peter and the Wolf	OSM
Shanahan	Echoes	QSO
Sibelius	Finlandia	QSO, CFYO
Sibelius	Night Ride and Sunrise	QSO
Strauss J	Waltzes	QSO, SOHO
Strauss R	Sonatine für Bläser	ESO
Stravinsky	Petruschka	BRSO
Stravinsky	Oiseau de feu	ONM
Stravinsky	Pulcinella suite	QTO, ONM
Tchaikovsky	Nutcracker Suite	QTO, WASO
Worrall	Night	QSO

Symphonic works by graduating composers of the University of Melbourne including: Amy, Bell, Collins, Gardner, Gibson, Langdon, Lawson, McDonald, Paulding, O'Connell, Smith

Choir/Orchestra

Britten	A Ceremony of Carols	Melbourne Chamber Choir
Bach	Weihnachtsoratorium	Melbourne Chamber Choir
Beethoven	Mass in C	Bendigo Chorale/Symphony Handel

Cheetham	<i>Enmeralla</i> (World Premiere)	Port Fairy Spring Festival
Handel	The Messiah	Ballarat Choral Society/Symphony
Handel	Jephtha	Melbourne University
Handel	Solomon	Melbourne Chamber Choir
Haydn	The Creation	Adelaide University Choral Society
Howells	Hymnus Paradisi	Intervarsity Choral Festival
Kram	Peace – a Cantata for John Monash	Hamer Hall, Melbourne
Kram	Cantate pour la paix	Amiens, France, Port Louis, Mauritius
Rachmaninov	Vespers (a cappella)	Melbourne Chamber Choir
Rossini	Petite Messe Solennelle	Melbourne Chamber Choir
Trigger, Alon	Kristallnacht Cantata (World Premiere)	Melbourne Chamber Choir



