

# Extended Play: The Australian Voices

## Artists

The Australian Voices **Choir**  
Gordon Hamilton **Conductor**

## Program

Paul Stanhope **Deserts of Exile**  
Cathy Milliken **Red Live Breath**  
Margaret Tesch-Muller **Et Lacrimatus Est**  
Lyle Chan **Poisoned Today!** from **Lasseter's Diary**  
Gordon Hamilton **Antarctica**

## Program Notes

This program anchors around Gordon Hamilton's choral work *Antarctica*. In 2018, Hamilton spent five weeks in Antarctica (on an Aurora Legacy Fellowship from the Australian Antarctic Division). In and around Casey Station, he composed both a symphony and a choral work. During this work, field recordings (of ice, ocean, and whales) play from a speaker. The program also features *Red Live Breath* by Cathy Milliken. In this ritualistic work, the choristers gather to sing short phrases, play stones, exchange sonorities with whirlies and interact with torches: all actions that set the space as a magical place.

## About the Artists

It is with high artistic energy that The Australian Voices (TAV) commission and perform the work of Australian composers. Recent commissions include Joe Chindamo, Lachlan Skipworth, Lisa Young, Alice Chance, Joe Twist and Sean O'Boyle.

In 2014 they made international headlines with a video of Rob Davidson's *Not Now, Not Ever!* (2014), a musicalisation of Julia Gillard's 'misogyny' speech.

Their album for Warner Classics (2012) was observed by Gramophone Magazine to "boast a crisp, resonant delivery of the sonic goods under Hamilton's confident direction." In 2013 they released a songbook with Edition Peters and in 2016 an album for ABC Classics.

Recently the group has brought their distinctly Australian sound to audiences in Guatemala, Mexico, China, the UK, Germany, New Caledonia, USA, Palestine, Woodford Folk Festival and Hobart Festival of Voices.

The Australian Voices are in residence at QPAC (Queensland Performing Arts Centre).

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