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Gotterdammerung

My words cannot express the wonder and excitement of this weekend's long-awaited concert performance by the Halle Orchestra under Mark Elder. We were all swept away by the music, awed by the excellence of the singers, and profoundly grateful to everyone concerned for such a memorable and historic performance. Let us hope there will be more of the 'Manchester Ring' in the not too distant future.

Gotterdammerung podcast

The podcast on the Halle website reported by Terry Smurthwaite seems still to be there. In it Edward Seckerson talks to the Sir Mark Elder and Professor John Deathridge about the origins of Wagner's Ring and its thrilling culmination, 'The Twilight of the Gods'.

The address is as follows but it can also be found on the Halle website by following the link to Podcasts:

<http://www.halle.co.uk/publishedSite/podcasts.asp>

If you have difficulty accessing this, it is suggested that you "right click on the link and select "save target as". It should then download onto your computer.

Wagner in Edinburgh

There is a concert performance of the Flying Dutchman by Hamburg State Opera at the Edinburgh Festival on Tuesday 1st September 09. Details at www.eif.co.uk/flyingdutchman.

Get in the mood with the study weekend on Flying Dutchman by Wagner Society of Scotland at Stirling University 10-13 July 09. Website is www.wagnerscotland.net. Philippa Sharp has already booked for this and will be driving up if anyone wants a lift.

Tristan und Isolde at Covent Garden

The Royal opera House has a new production of Tristan und Isolde conducted by Antonio Pappano on 29th September and 2nd, 5th, 9th, 15th and 18th October. Isolde is Nina Stemme; Ben Hepner is Tristan.

Ian Beresford-Gleaves has a course on Tristan from 18th – 20th September at Farncombe Estate Centre, Broadway. I have leaflets for anyone interested.

Ring Cycle in Dresden

The Dresden Staatsoper has two cycles in February and March 2010. I have a few flyers with details. Details can also be found on the website www.semperoper.de

Ballet on Screen

The Royal Ballet's Swan Lake can be seen during May and June at various cinemas across the country. Details can be found as follows:

Odeon	www.odeon.co.uk
Vue	www.myvue.com
Empire	www.empirecinemas.co.uk

Details of next season's programme are available from:

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