

*From
Mozart to
Madness*

*Venue: The
British School at
Rome*

*Date: 16th
December, 2009*

*Time: 18.00
followed by a
drinks reception*

*Tickets at door –
donation 10 Euros*

*Arias for soprano
performed by*

Ann

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accompanied by

Marcos

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*Lucrezia Agujari
(1746-1783), by
Pietro Melchiorre
Ferrari*

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Ann Liebeck in *Rusalka*

Ann Liebeck studied at Oxford University, the University of Surrey, the Royal College of Music Opera School, where she was awarded many prizes, and at Salzburg Mozarteum. She was awarded the Hamburg Shakespeare Prize bursary by Dame Gwyneth Jones in 1997, and began her international career at the Vienna State Opera, making her debut as Poussette in *Manon* with Adam Fischer in a production by Jean-Pierre Ponnelle. Other roles for Vienna include Jessie in *Mabagony* (Kurt Weill), Friederike in *Lenz* (Wolfgang Rihm) and all the high soprano roles in Schoenberg's *Moses and Aaron* (with Horst Stein in a production by the legendary Goetz Friedrich.) She made her debut in the USA as Queen of the Night in Pittsburg, later repeating this role at the Vienna Volksoper, National Theatre Prague, Braunschweig State Theatre (directed by Brigitte Fassbaender) and on tour in France-Paris and Spain-Salamanca, Segovia and Madrid. She has guested as Lucia di Lammermoor, Gilda, Konstanze, Violetta, Zerbinetta, Musetta, Liu, the Countess in *Marriage of Figaro* at the State Opera Prague, National Theatre Prague, Scottish Opera and Dartington Summer Festival. She has premiered Gilda, Frasquita and Donna Anna at Opernair Gars Summer Festival in Vienna. In 2007/2008 she was engaged as Donna Anna, Violetta, Elettra in *Idomeneo* and *Rusalka* by the State Opera Brno. In the season 2009/2010 she guested as *Rusalka* and recently made her role debut as Salome in Pilzen. Concert work in all the major London halls includes the Verdi *Requiem* under Sir Colin Davis, Handel's *Messiah* and Mozart's C. Minor Mass under Sir David Willcocks and solo recitals at the Purcell Room and Wigmore Hall. A long association with conductor Ross Pople and the London Festival Orchestra resulted in CDs of *Carmina Burana* and *Messiah* for BMG Arte Nova. She has also worked with the BBC Symphony Orchestra and Strasbourg Philharmonic Orchestra, made radio broadcasts for France Musique, Italian Radio, BBC Radio 3 and Classic FM and appeared on Austrian, Czech and Slovak TV. She has premiered and collaborated in works by many contemporary composers such as John Woolrich, Dan Warburton and John Tavener. Ann is currently the recipient of a Tim Potter Memorial Award at The British School at Rome, researching a D. Phil at Oxford University on the influence of eighteenth-century Italian opera composers and sopranos on vocal techniques in works for soprano by Mozart.

Marcos Madrigal

Marcos Madrigal was born in 1984 in Havana. He graduated from the Instituto Superior De Arte in 2007, and studied with Teresita Junco. Marcos made his concert debut at the age of fifteen, subsequently performing as soloist with all the symphonic orchestras of Cuba and with most Latin American orchestras. He has performed in all the principal concert halls of Cuba as well as in Italy, Spain, Germany and major capital cities in Latin America including Mexico City, San Jose and Bogotá. In 1998 he won the Gran Premio del Concorso 'Amadeo Roldan' with prizes for the interpretation of Cuban and Latin American music. In 1999 he was awarded a prize in the Concorso Iberoamericano de L'Avana, and in 2002 won the first prize in the UNEAC competition, as well as the prize for the best interpretation of Cuban music. In 2003 he won first prize in the international competition, 'Ignacio Cervantes' and in August 2006 was awarded a prize in the international piano competition Ciudad Panama. In October of the same year he won first prize, and the special prize for the interpretation of Costarican music, in the advanced category of the Fourth Concorso Internacional de Piano 'Maria Clara Cullel' in Costa Rica. Most recently, in June 2008, he won il Primo Premio Europeo di Esecuzione Pianistica in the third Concorso Internazionale di Pianoforte 'Città di Avezzano'. Together with the prestigious ancient music group 'Ars Longa' he has toured in France, Italy, Spain, Germany and Colombia and has cut several CDs for the French recording company, K617. At the end of 2004, with 'Ars Longa', he performed as soloist in a series of concerts organized by Maestro Claudio Abbado performing the repertoire of the enigmatic composer Carlo Gesualdo, Prince of Venosa. Elsewhere he has performed as a soloist in the 21st international festival 'Jeux des Orgues' in Paris and environs in the autumn of 2005. At the end of 2006 Marcos became part of the catalogue of the prestigious institution 'Conciertos Rubinstein' in New York. He has made several recordings with the recording house COLIBRI: 'Homo Ludens' with Leo Brower, 'Concierto a cuatro manos' with his teacher Teresita Junco, and a monograph of the composer Roberto Valera with la Camerata Romeu, and 'El Caballero y su destino' with Jose Maria Vitier and other artists. Marcos is currently in Rome undertaking master classes with the l'Accademia Internazionale 'Lago di Como', working especially with William Grant Naborè.