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Conductor **Nikolaus Harnoncourt**
Orchestra **Royal Concertgebouw Orchestra**
Chorus **Netherlands Radio Choir**
Chorus Master **Michael Gläser**

Soprano **Marlis Petersen**
Alto **Elisabeth Kulman**
Tenor **Werner Gura**
Bass **Gerald Finley**

Video Director **Joost Honselaar**

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“This shattering performance, with Nikolaus Harnoncourt conducting the Royal Concertgebouw Orchestra and the Netherlands Radio Choir, ranked among the greatest I have heard” (Tim Ashley, The Guardian).

Ludwig van Beethoven's (1770-1827) *Missa solemnis* in D major, Op. 123 is the largest and longest of the composer's non-stage works. This magnificent choral piece, composed between 1819 and 1823, around the same time as his Ninth symphony, presented a great personal struggle for Beethoven, who famously inscribed the top of the score with the words “From the heart – may it return to the heart.”

With this performance of the *Missa solemnis* Nikolaus Harnoncourt, Honorary Guest Conductor of the Royal Concertgebouw Orchestra, once more attained the status of a living legend, due mostly to his wide-ranging expertise of music from the Baroque and Classical era. The highly acclaimed soloists are Marlis Petersen (Soprano), twice the singer of the year by the renowned *Opernwelt* magazine, Elisabeth Kulman (Alto) who ultimately was “discovered” with her performance alongside Anna Netrebko and Elina Garanča in *Anna Bolena* from the Vienna State Opera, Werner Gura (Tenor), winner of the BBC Music Magazine Award for the best vocal performance, and Gerald Finley (Bass), Grammy-Award-winner for the best opera recording. They are accompanied by the famous Netherlands Radio Choir.

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