

## GREEK MYTHS – THE PROMS THEME

- Berlioz's *The Trojans*, Purcell's *Dido and Aeneas*, Tippett's *King Priam* and Strauss's *Elektra*
- Stravinsky's *Oedipus rex* and *Perséphone*, Mendelssohn's *Antigone*
- Music by Henze, Birtwistle, Musgraves, and others. World premiere of

## Greek Myths at the Proms

Prom 2, Saturday 19 July, 7.00pm

The Nation's Favourite Prom

**Khachaturian** Spartacus – Suite No. 2

BBC Concert Orchestra, Barry Wordsworth conductor

Prom 3, Sunday 20 July, 7.00pm

**Tippett** King Priam

David Wilson-Johnson Priam, Elizabeth Connell Hecuba/Athene, Susan Bickley

Andromache/Hera, Susan Parry Helen/Aphrodite, Marcel Reijans Paris, Martyn Hill Achilles,

Stephen Roberts Patroclus, William Dazeley Hector, Timothy Robinson Hermes, Christine Rice

Nurse, Christopher Gillett Young Guard, Stephen Richardson Old Man, James Eager Paris as a boy, BBC Singers, BBC National Orchestra of Wales, David Atherton conductor

Prom 4, Monday 21 July, 7.00pm

**Beethoven** The Creatures of Prometheus – Overture

Budapest Festival Orchestra, Iván Fischer conductor

Prom 5, Monday 21 July, 10.00pm

**Stravinsky** Apollon musagète

Northern Sinfonia, Thomas Zehetmair director

Prom 7, Wednesday 23 July, 7.00pm

**Schuman** A Song of Orpheus

Paul Watkins cello, BBC Symphony Orchestra, Leonard Slatkin conductor

Prom 8, Wednesday 23 July, 10.00pm

**Mendelssohn** Antigone – incidental music to the tragedy of Sophocles

Zoë Waites Antigone, Brian Protheroe Creon, Stephan Loges baritone, Roderick Williams

baritone, Eugenia Arsenis director, BBC Singers (men's voices), City of London Sinfonia, Richard Hickox conductor

Prom 15, Tuesday 29 July, 7.00pm

**R. Strauss** Elektra

Gabriele Schnaut Electra, Janice Watson Chrysothemis, Felicity Palmer Clytemnestra, John

Treleaven Aegisthus, Alan Held Orestes, Susan Gorton First Maid, Antonia Sotgiu Second Maid,

Sarah Castle Third Maid, Gweneth-Ann Jeffers Fourth Maid, Rebecca Nash Fifth Maid, Mary

Lloyd Davies Overseer, Huw Rhys-Evans Young Servant, London Voices, BBC Scottish

Symphony Orchestra, Donald Runnicles conductor

Prom 24, Tuesday 5 August, 7.30pm

**R. Strauss** Die Liebe der Danae – Symphonic Fragment; An den Baum Daphne\*

Choristers of King's College, Cambridge, BBC Singers, BBC Symphony Orchestra,

Stephen Cleobury conductor\*, Sir Charles Mackerras conductor

Prom 30, Sunday 10 August, 7.30pm

**Stravinsky** Perséphone

Paul Groves tenor, Trinity Boys' Choir, Cantate Youth Choir, BBC Symphony Chorus,  
BBC Symphony Orchestra, Sir Andrew Davis conductor

Prom 33, Tuesday 12 August, 7.30pm

**Rameau** Hippolyte et Aricie – suite

Deutsche Kammerphilharmonie Bremen, Daniel Harding conductor

Prom 34, Wednesday 13 August, 7.30pm

**Mozart** Idomeneo – Overture and ballet music (excerpts)

Ulster Orchestra, Thierry Fischer conductor

Prom 35, Thursday 14 August, 7.00pm

**Stravinsky** Agon

BBC Symphony Orchestra, Oliver Knussen conductor

Prom 36, Thursday 14 August, 10.00pm

**Sir Harrison Birtwistle** Nenia: The Death of Orpheus

Claron McFadden soprano, Nash Ensemble

**Hans Werner Henze** Orpheus Behind the Wire

Swedish Radio Choir, Stefan Parkman conductor

Prom 40, Monday 18 August, 7.30pm

**Nielsen** Overture 'Helios'

**Sibelius** The Oceanides (Yale version) UK premiere

Lahti Symphony Orchestra, Osmo Vänskä conductor

Prom 41, Tuesday 19 August, 7.30pm

**Barber** Medea's Meditation and Dance of Vengeance

**Ravel** Daphnis and Chloë\*

BBC Symphony Chorus\*, BBC Symphony Orchestra, Leonard Slatkin conductor

Prom 47, Monday 25 August, 3.00pm

**Berlioz** The Trojans – Part 1 'The Capture of Troy'

Petra Lang Cassandra, Ben Heppner Aeneas, Tigran Martirosian Panthus, Clive Bayley Priam,

Pamela Helen Stephen Ascanius, Jonathan Lemalu Ghost of Hector, Anna Burford Hecuba,

Mark Stone A Greek Captain, Leigh Melrose A Trojan Soldier, Bülent Bezdüz Helenus,

London Symphony Chorus, London Symphony Orchestra, Sir Colin Davis conductor

Prom 48, Monday 25 August, 7.00pm

**Berlioz** The Trojans – Part 2 'The Trojans at Carthage'

Michelle DeYoung Dido, Ben Heppner Aeneas, Sara Mingardo Anna, Robert Lloyd Narbal,

Kenneth Tarver Iopas, Toby Spence Hylas, Tigran Martirosian Panthus, Pamela Helen Stephen

Ascanius, Darren Jeffery Trojan Sentry 1, Roderick Earle Trojan Sentry 2, Petra Lang Ghost of

Cassandra, Jonathan Lemalu Ghost of Hector, Clive Bayley Ghost of Priam, Leigh Melrose

Mercury, London Symphony Chorus, London Symphony Orchestra, Sir Colin Davis conductor

Prom 51, Wednesday 27 August, 10.00pm

**Britten** Young Apollo\*

**Thea Musgrave** Helios – Concerto for oboe and orchestra†

**John Woolrich** Double Mercury BBC/Britten Sinfonia co-commission: world premiere

**Stravinsky** Orpheus

Paul Lewis piano\*, Nicholas Daniel oboe†, Britten Sinfonia, Nicholas Cleobury conductor

Prom 52, Thursday 28 August, 7.30pm

**Nielsen** Pan and Syrinx

City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra, Sakari Oramo conductor

Prom 58, Tuesday 2 September, 10.00pm

**Purcell** Dido and Aeneas

Sarah Connolly Dido, Christopher Purves Aeneas, Carolyn Sampson Belinda, D'Arcy Bleiker

Sorcerer, Elizabeth Cragg Second Woman, Matthew Beale Sailor, Lucy Crowe Spirit

Choir of the Enlightenment, Orchestra of the Age of Enlightenment,

Richard Egarr director/harpsichord

Prom 65, Sunday 7 September, 8.00pm

**Britten** Phaedra\*

**Stravinsky** Oedipus rex

Lorraine Hunt Lieberson mezzo-soprano\*/Jocasta, Robert Gambill Oedipus,

Edgaras Montvidas Shepherd