



# THE VICTORIA CROSS AND GEORGE CROSS ASSOCIATION

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## **Outline of Malta 2020: A Broadcast Concert Event**

A powerful concert will be presented in 2020 at the Manoel Theatre, Valletta, Malta to honour the selfless valour and gallantry encapsulated by the awards of the Victoria Cross and the George Cross. These awards are the highest bestowed in the United Kingdom and the Commonwealth for acts of selfless valour (see extra sheet for more detail). The aim is to draw to the attention of a wider public the importance of these awards and concepts. It will also draw attention to this exceptional and beautiful island whose people throughout its history have suffered and endured so much as its strategic position has caused it to be the stage on which the future of Europe was fought over. The Island of Malta GC is one of two collective awards of the George Cross, awarded by King George VI in 1942 for the island's stoic and dogged resistance to Hitler's covetous and brutal bombardment.

The concert will feature the Malta Philharmonic conducted by Peter Manning. Opera superstar, Joseph Calleja and rising star Nicola Said will bring a selection of arias from the great heritage of Italian and German opera. They will share the stage with a local cappella group who will showcase the music of Malta. Peter and the orchestra, with violinist Carmine Lauri (co-Leader of the LSO), will perform two English greats and the concert will end with the music of Russian composer, Mikhail Glinka.

The intention is that the concert will be filmed by Kriss Russman, film-maker and world leading live-event broadcaster, with many years' experience working with the BBC's Proms. Kriss is committed to the project. Following filming the concert will be edited for a 1 hour TV show that will be aired by TV Malta. It is also anticipated that the TV recording of the concert, once it has been aired in Malta, will be made available to be shown throughout Europe. Avenues for this are being explored.

It is also intended, to promote awareness of the gallantry awards, that four Video Taped (VT) inserts will be added to the 1 hour TV show. These will be 3 short films about living recipients of the Victoria Cross or George Cross and the final film will be of the island of Malta and its award of the George Cross. The VT of Malta will use the natural beauty of the island.

Funding is now sought to bring this project to fruition. This is a unique opportunity to be associated with philanthropy which draws attention to not only to the island of Malta itself but also with the prestige of the VC and GC Association and of the nature of the awards themselves. These awards are multinational to the extent that they are awarded throughout the Commonwealth. Her Majesty the Queen is Patron of the VC and GC Association and HRH The Prince of Wales its President, following the establishment of the awards by Queen Victoria and King George VI.

Donations and support will be acknowledged appropriately in the concert material to be agreed on an individual basis. For further information on different levels of sponsorship, please contact: [peter@manningcamerata.com](mailto:peter@manningcamerata.com)

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