

## Gafa Arts Collective announce London concert performance of Wagner's monumental Ring Cycle, incorporating Nordic and Samoan elements through movement

*Das Rheingold*, 30<sup>th</sup> October, *Die Walküre*, 6<sup>th</sup> November  
*Siegfried*, 13<sup>th</sup> November, *Götterdämmerung*, 20<sup>th</sup> November



Europe's first Samoan Arts Collective, GAFA, today announced its ambitious plan to present Wagner's Ring Cycle as concerts with movement incorporating Samoan elements into the Nordic narrative. One performance, in German, of each of the four operas that comprise Wagner's Ring Cycle – RinGafa, the power of love of power - will be given at St Mary's Church in Putney on 30th October, 6th, 13th and 20th November.

Stephen Anthony Brown will conduct the Rosenau Sinfonia, in GAFA's Creative Director Sani Muliaumaseali'i's presentation. "GAFA means connection in Samoan, and our Ring Cycle will connect Nordic and Pacific mythologies," says Sani, and demonstrate "the back and forth between love, power, sacrifice and corruption."

Performed by around 50 orchestral musicians, the performances will incorporate traditional Samoan ritual and movement and will draw parallels between differing cultures.

Presenting the complete Ring Cycle builds on the company's acclaimed 2019 concert *Siegfried, The Wagner Blade* and is part of GAFA's aim to reshape the narrative for Western genres of music.

The GAFA commitment to visionary concepts and genre, and to offering artists of all backgrounds a new vision of themselves is demonstrated by the singers undertaking the demands of Wagner's Ring Cycle. Muliaumaseali'il will reprise his acclaimed *Siegfried* and will be joined by Nadine Benjamin performing her first *Sieglinde*, and Yannick-Muriel Noah as *Brünnhilde* and Pauls Putnins as *Wotan*.

Sani Muliaumaseali'il, who has been singing Wagner for over 15 years and who studied with the great Wagnerian Sir Donald McIntyre, commented:

*“Wagner's Nordic saga of power, greed, love and the curse of the coveted ring intertwines like the Rhine with Pacific mythology and history.”*

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## **Notes to Editors**

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St Mary's Church, Putney High Street, London SW15 1SN

Gafa Arts Collective:

“We are London’s first Samoan Arts Collective. Gafa (pronounced ‘Nga-Fah’) is a Samoan word meaning ‘genealogy’. Our work is primarily focused on Samoan Art practice and culture reflecting our ancestral roots. We seek truth, innovation and discovery.

We are a cross-cultural and disciplinary group of London-based artists.

We are writers and musicians.

We are performers, designers and filmmakers.

We are professionals and novices.

We are in collaboration to share our skills and our experiences in order to create a unique art view.”

Sani Muliaumaseali'i

*Creative Director & co-founder*

*Gafa Arts Collective (GAC)*



*“Outstanding performance by superb world class cast and amazing, vibrant and brilliant Rosenau Sinfonia Orchestra at every stage and on every level of the performance” – Audience Club on Siegfried The Wagner Blade, 2019.*

Tickets are £80 / £60 / £40

Further details can be found at <https://www.gafa-arts-collective.com/>

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