

Carmina Burana **Philadelphia Orchestra**

ABOUT THE PERFORMANCE

This December, Liza Calisesi Maidens will perform with the Philadelphia Orchestra and Symphonic Choir in a performance of *Carmina Burana*, by Carl Orff.

Liza is thrilled for this significant opportunity and looks forward to returning to the Kimmel Center stage with the Philadelphia Orchestra, one of the preeminent orchestras in the world, renowned for its distinctive sound and admired for a legacy of imagination and innovation.

The performances are at Verizon Hall at the Kimmel Center in Philadelphia from Dec. 8-10 and conducted by the Philadelphia Orchestra's own, Cristian Măcelaru. Rehearsals are held in Philadelphia from Dec. 3-7 under the direction of Dr. Joe Miller, the Director of Choral Activity at Westminster Choir College in Princeton, New Jersey, where Liza completed her Masters degree in 2012.

ABOUT THE WORK

Carl Orff's, *Carmina Burana* is one of the most frequently performed and recognized choral works of the 21st century. The work translates to "The Songs of Beuren," and refers to a collection of early 13th-century songs and poems. Written between 1935 and 1936 for soloists, choruses and orchestra, it was originally conceived as a choreographed stage work.

After the triumphant premiere of *Carmina Burana*, Orff, then 41, wrote to his publishers: "Everything I have written to date, and which you have, unfortunately, published, can be destroyed. With *Carmina Burana* my collected works begin." However, nothing Orff subsequently wrote ever came close to approaching the popularity of *Carmina Burana*.

ABOUT THE CONDUCTOR

Newly appointed Music Director and Conductor of the Cabrillo Festival of Contemporary Music and Conductor-in-Residence of the Philadelphia Orchestra, Cristian Măcelaru has established himself as one of the fast-rising stars of the conducting world. In the 2015/16 season, Măcelaru led subscription concerts with the New York Philharmonic, Chicago Symphony, Philadelphia Orchestra, Los Angeles Philharmonic and the National Symphony Orchestra in D.C. Cristian Măcelaru made his Carnegie Hall debut in February 2015 on a program with the Danish National Symphony Orchestra and Anne-Sophie Mutter.

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