

Sospiri Ardenti



The Nightingale

A fairy tale opera in a nutshell for the whole family

“The Nightingale” by Hans Christian Andersen was the inspiration for this delightful fairy-tale opera by ensemble Sospiri Ardenti. A hit for adults and children alike, this new opera is fully staged and costumed by Gabi Bartels, with a libretto by Hans Wijers and the sparkling music of G. P. Telemann

The little nightingale is not a beautiful bird, but his song touches everyone’s heart. The empress is delighted with him until she receives a stunningly decorated mechanical bird as a gift. Thrilled by the beautiful toy, she sends the real bird away. But when the empress falls sick, only the real nightingale can charm Death away from her bedside...

An opera about friendship, faithfulness, outward appearances, and the power of music!

This program is an answer to the wishes of many concert organizers who want to present high-quality classical music that captures the imagination of a young public. Since its premiere performance, *The Nightingale* has captivated both young and old. The many children at the premiere sat spellbound throughout. Children excited by baroque music? By opera? You bet!