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A
CHRISTMAS
CONCERT





EDDIE CLAYTON
CONDUCTOR

Born in Johannesburg in 1974, Eddie is the great-grandson of British composer Horace Barton and comes from a long line of musicians.

He joined the South African Defence Force (later the SA National Defence Force - SANDF) as a national serviceman in 1993 and subsequently began an illustrious career in military music which spanned the better part of 14 years. Eddie soon moved through the ranks and was ultimately appointed the youngest Military Director of Music in the organisation's history. During this time his musical career as a performer, conductor and arranger outside of SANDF started to pick up significantly, so much so that he resigned from the military to pursue a full-time career as a freelance musician.

Eddie has since performed, as musician, with most of the major orchestras throughout South Africa, including the Johannesburg Philharmonic Orchestra (JPO), the KZN Philharmonic Orchestra, the Chamber Orchestra of South Africa (COSA), to mention but a few. He is the regular co-principal horn player for the Johannesburg Festival Orchestra.

EDDIE HAS CONDUCTED MANY OF THE COUNTRY'S OPERA COMPANIES AND WELL-KNOWN ORCHESTRAS, INCLUDING PRO MUSICA, THE CHAMBER ORCHESTRA OF SOUTH AFRICA, THE JOHANNESBURG PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA, THE BLACK TIE ENSEMBLE, AS WELL AS THE PRETORIA SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA AND BLOEMFONTEIN SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA AS A GUEST CONDUCTOR.

He is currently the resident Principal Conductor of the Johannesburg Youth Orchestra Company (JYOC). In 2012 he guest conducted the University of Pretoria's Symphony Orchestra and has recently been appointed conductor of the University of Pretoria's Symphonic Wind Band.

Eddie is the Principal Musical Director, founding member, arranger and composer for the SA Tattoo at Monte Casino. He is also the co-founding member, the principal Horn Player and arranger for the group: Spit 'n Polish Brass Quintet.

Large-scale musical productions Eddie has conducted and musically directed include: The Sound of Music - 2005, My Fair Lady - 2006, The King and I - 2008, Fiddler on the Roof - 2009, Shaka Zulu - 2010, Jock of the Bushveld - 2010, Tree Aan - 2011 (a show for which he won a Naledi Award for Best Musical Director), Lied van my Hart - 2012, Ons Vir Jou and most recently Jesus, Die Musiekblyspel. One of his musical career highlights was conducting and orchestrating Die Skepping Oratorium at The South African State Theatre in Pretoria.



**ANNEMARIE
STEENKAMP**
MEZZO-SOPRANO



**PHENYE
MODIANE**
TENOR



**KAGISO
BOROKO**
TENOR



**DORAH
KGANAKGA**
SOPRANO
3RD YEAR TRAINEE



**MARTIN
MKHIZE**
BARITONE
3RD YEAR TRAINEE



A Christmas Overture Eddie Clayton	ORCHESTRA
Eddie Clayton Adeste Fideles <i>18th Century melody probably by J.F. Wade</i> Arranged by Eddie Clayton	GAUTENG OPERA CHORUS
Mille cherubini in coro <i>Franz Schubert</i> Arranged by Eddie Clayton	KAGISO BOROKO AND LADIES CHORUS
Mistletoe and Wine <i>Leslie Stewart , Jeremy Paul, Keith Strachan</i> Arranged by Eddie Clayton	FORTÉ
Go tell it on the mountains <i>African American Spiritual</i> Arranged by Eddie Clayton	GAUTENG OPERA CHORUS
Maria Wiegenlied <i>Max Reger</i>	DORAH KGANAKGA
Cantique d’Noël <i>Adolphe Adam</i> Arranged by Eddie Clayton	FORTÉ AND THE GAUTENG OPERA CHORUS
The Little Drummer Boy <i>Arrangement by John McCarthy</i> Orchestrated by Eddie Clayton	GAUTENG OPERA CHORUS

The First Noël <i>Traditional English Carol</i> Arranged by Eddie Clayton	FORTÉ
The Gaelic Blessing <i>John Rutter</i> Cello part arranged by Eddie Clayton	GAUTENG OPERA CHORUS
When a child is born <i>Fred Jay and Za'car</i> Arranged by Eddie Clayton	FORTÉ AND THE GAUTENG OPERA CHORUS
It’s beginning to look like Christmas <i>Meredith Wilson</i> Arranged by Eddie Clayton	FORTÉ
The Christmas Medley <i>Warren Martin</i> Arranged by Eddie Clayton	FORTÉ AND THE GAUTENG OPERA CHORUS

INTERVAL
20
MIN

Joy to the World <i>Arranged by William Llewellyn</i> Orchestrated by Eddie Clayton	FULL COMPANY
Sleigh Ride <i>Leroy Anderson</i> Orchestrated and arranged by Eddie Clayton	FORTÉ AND THE GAUTENG OPERA CHORUS
Sweet Little Jesus Boy <i>Robert MacGimsey</i>	ANNEMARIE STEENKAMP
The Battle Hymn of the Republic <i>Arranged by Peter J Wilhousky</i> Orchestrated by Eddie Clatyon	GAUTENG OPERA CHORUS
A Joyful Alleluia <i>Gordon Young</i>	FULL COMPANY
Ding-Dong! Merrily on High <i>16th Century French Tune, arranged by David Willcocks</i> Orchestrated by Eddie Clayton	FULL COMPANY

Tu scendi dalle Stelle <i>S. Alfonso Maria de 'Liguori</i> Orchestrated by Eddie Clayton	PHENYE MODIANE AND LADIES CHORUS
Susani <i>14th Century German Carol</i> Arranged by Eddie Clayton	FORTÉ
12 Days of Christmas <i>English Traditional Carol, arranged by John Rutter</i> Adapted and Orchestrated by Eddie Clayton	GAUTENG OPERA
Feliz Navidad <i>Jose Feliciano</i> Orchestrated and Arranged by Eddie Clayton	FORTE
The very best time of the year <i>John Rutter</i>	GAUTENG OPERA
The Holy City <i>Stephen Adams</i> Orchestrated by Eddie Clayton	FORTÉ AND THE GAUTENG OPERA CHORUS

GAUTENG ORCHESTRA

VIOLIN ONE

Camelia Onea / Concert Master
Libbie du Toit

VIOLIN TWO

Leonie Greyling
Hendi Krog

VIOLA

Valery Andreev
Morkel Combrink

CELLO

Kerryn Hendey

CONTRABASS

Marike Prins

FLUTE

Anna Maria Muller

OBOE

Andrew Moroosi

CLARINETS

Lizet Smith

TRUMPET

Donald Bouwer

PERCUSSION

Rudolf van Dyk

ORGAN / PIANO

Susan Steenkamp
Swanepoel

MOST ORCHESTRAL
ARRANGEMENT FOR
THIS CONCERT DONE BY
EDDIE CLAYTON

GAUTENG OPERA CHORUS

CHORUS MASTER

SUSAN
STEENKAMP
SWANEPOEL

SOPRANOS

Segomotso Shupinyaneng*
Abongile Ntulini*
Ziyanda Mhlauli
Jana Nel
Magdeline Letsoalo
Alta Langridge
Andiswa Sonanzi

ALTOS

Pretty Skhosana*
Portia Ramatlo
Carina Krüger
Onica Ramatjela

TENORS

Mteto Maphoyi*
Mzoxolo Stokwe*
Neville Woodward*
Sibabalwe Yoko*
Bongani Nomcweya

BASSES

Martin Mkhize*
Lesego Mkhwanazi*
Solly Motaung*
Nkosinathi Malumane

*MEMBERS OF THE
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ACADEMY

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