

**Press release**

Hamburg, 10.11.2016

**German Premiere: The Song of the Earth**

**Ballet by John Neumeier**



*Alexandr Trusch rehearsing "The Song of the Earth" © Kiran West*

**Premiere A**

**4<sup>th</sup> December 2016, 6.00pm**

**Premiere B**

**6<sup>th</sup> December 2016, 7.30pm**

**Performances**

**9<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> December 2016, 7.30pm  
and 15<sup>th</sup> July 2017, 8.00pm**

We cordially invite you to the premiere of John Neumeiers' ballet ***The Song of the Earth*** on **Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> December at 6.00pm** at the Hamburg State Opera.

As a young dancer at the Stuttgart Ballet, John Neumeier danced the premiere of Kenneth MacMillan's ballet *The Song of the Earth*. He was very impressed and inspired by the choreographic style, but also by the beauty of the symphonic music and the lyrics. As first premiere of the season, John Neumeier presents *The Song of the Earth*, the Hamburg version of his ballet with Gustav Mahler's masterpiece, which he created in February 2015 with The Paris Opera Ballet. To John Neumeier *Das Lied von der Erde* is "the most gripping and noble of Gustav Mahler's 'symphonies'". The songs will be interpreted by Tenor Klaus Florian Vogt and Baritone Klaus Kupfer-Radecky.

**Press ticket requests** – max. one press and one additional ticket – may be addressed at [presse@hamburgballett.de](mailto:presse@hamburgballett.de) **until the 25<sup>th</sup> of November, 2016.**

**The Song of the Earth**  
**Ballet by John Neumeier**

**Music**

Gustav Mahler

**Choreography, Set, Lighting and Costumes**

John Neumeier

**Conductor**

Simon Hewett

**Tenor**

Klaus Florian Vogt

**Baritone**

Klaus Kupfer-Radecky

The Hamburg Philharmonic State Orchestra  
The Hamburg Ballet

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