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GERMAN HISTORICAL INSTITUTE LONDON

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“THE POWER OF MUSICK“

Music and Politics in Georgian Britain

1710, when Handel first came to England, he is still in the service of the Elector George Louis of Hanover who – four years later – becomes King of Great Britain and Ireland. Handel is now composing secular and sacred music for the English Court, the Church of England, and the opera. The aristocratic audiences take part in the rich musical life and newspapers report on the performances. What factors contributed to the fact that London became a first-rate city of music? What role did the personal union between England and Hanover play and what was the effect that a “German” king sat on the throne of England? And did the contemporary press, the rulers, and the public of the 18th century imagine Handel as an English (or German) composer? The symposium “The Power of Musick - Music and Politics in Georgian Britain“ examines the work of Handel during his London period and its effect on the contemporary musical life between town and country, court, church, and the middle classes.

SPEAKERS

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USEFUL INFORMATION

There is no charge for attendance but booking is essential before 31st May 2013

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DETAILED PROGRAM www.volkswagenstiftung.de; www.ghil.ac.uk

BEGINNING OF CONFERENCE June 13, 2013 at 2 p.m.

END of CONFERENCE June 15, 2013 at 1:30 p.m.

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