

Sophie Lair-Berreby, choral singer
(July, 6th - 1970)



musical profile

- range: mezzo-soprano
- reads music (key of G, key of F)
- basic practice of piano

chorist profile

- Alto I group
- 2 years (1994-1996) with "l'Ensemble Vocal de Lyon", Guy Cornut chorus conductor, Lyon, France
- 8 years (2000-2007) with "le Choeur de l'Orchestre de Paris" (including sight singing and singing classes), Arthur Oldham, Didier Bouture and Geoffroy Jourdain chorus conductors, Paris, France
- 1 year (2008 to present) with the Dessoff Choirs, James Bagwell conductor, NYC

profession

- voice therapist (speech and language pathologist trained in France) specializing in singing voice

languages

- spoken / read / written: French, English
- notions of German
- studied: Latin

personal details

- lives in Brooklyn, NY

Performed with "l'Ensemble Vocal de Lyon"

May 1995, Temple des Terreaux, Lyon, France

Messiah, Georg Friedrich Haendel, Guy Cornut chorus conductor

May 29 - June 1, 1996, Basilique de Fourvières, Lyon, France

Ein deutsches Requiem, Johannes Brahms, Guy Cornut chorus conductor

Performed with "le Choeur de l'Orchestre de Paris"

season 2000 / 2001

March 28-29, 2001, Salle Pleyel, Paris

Messa da Requiem, Giuseppe Verdi

Georges Prêtre, conductor

Hasmik Papian, soprano

Iris Vermillion, mezzo-soprano

Marcus Haddock, tenor

Francesco Ellero d'Artegna, bass

Choeur de l'Orchestre de Paris, Arthur Oldham chorus conductor

Orchestre de Paris

April 5-6 2001, Cité de la Musique, Paris
Symphony of Psalms, Igor Stravinsky
Christoph Eschenbach, conductor
Choeur de l'Orchestre de Paris, Arthur Oldham chorus conductor
Orchestre de Paris

July 17, 2001, Festival de Beiteddine, Lebanon
Messa da Requiem, Giuseppe Verdi
Jean-Claude Casadesus, conductor
Kathleen Cassello, soprano
Grace Bumbry, mezzo-soprano
James Wagner, tenor
Simon Estes, bass
Choeur de l'Orchestre de Paris, Arthur Oldham chorus conductor
Orchestre National de Lille

season 2001 / 2002

September 20, 2001, Salle Pleyel, Paris
le Martyre de Saint Sébastien, Claude Debussy
Christoph Eschenbach, conductor
Dominique Labelle, soprano
Nadine Denize, mezzo-soprano
Susan Platts, contralto
Choeur de l'Orchestre de Paris, Arthur Oldham chorus conductor
Orchestre de Paris

Parsifal 3rd Act, Richard Wagner
Christoph Eschenbach, conductor
Susan Platts, contralto
John Keyes, tenor
Dietrich Henschel, baryton
Kristinn Sigmundsson, bass
Choeur de l'Armée Française, Capitaine Paul de Plinval chorus conductor
Choeur de l'Orchestre de Paris, Arthur Oldham chorus conductor
Orchestre de Paris

December 19, 2001, Salle Pleyel, Paris
Requiem op. 89, Antonin Dvorak
Vladimir Fedoseyev, conductor
Joanna Kozłowska, soprano
Béatrice Uria Monzon, mezzo-soprano
Miroslav Dvorsky, tenor
Arutjun Kotchinian, bass
Choeur de l'Orchestre de Paris, Arthur Oldham chorus conductor
Orchestre de Paris

February 14-16, 2002, Salle Pleyel, Paris
Le Freyschütz (concert version in French), Carl Maria von Weber, Hector Berlioz
Christoph Eschenbach, conductor
Michaela Kaune, soprano
Annick Massis, soprano
Clifton Forbis, tenor
José van Dam, bass
Marc Barrard, baryton
Jean-Philippe Courtis, bass

Carsten Stabell, bass

Choeur de l'Orchestre de Paris, Arthur Oldham chorus conductor

Orchestre de Paris

April 10-11, 2002, Salle Pleyel, Paris

Grande Messe des Morts (Requiem), Hector Berlioz

Christoph Eschenbach, conductor

Vinson Cole, tenor

Choeur de l'Orchestre de Paris, Arthur Oldham chorus conductor

Orchestre de Paris

May 15, 2002, Salle Pleyel, Paris

Beatrice and Benedict, Hector Berlioz

Marc Soustrot, conductor

Students soloists from the Master Class "le chant berliozien" held by Régine Crespin

Choeur de l'Orchestre de Paris, Arthur Oldham chorus conductor

Orchestre de Paris

June 26, 2002, Salle Pleyel, Paris

Le Testament de Villon, Arthur Oldham

Arthur Oldham, conductor

Hanna Schaer, mezzo-soprano

Mark Tevis, tenor

David Wilson-Johnson, bass

Choeur de l'Orchestre de Paris, Arthur Oldham chorus conductor

Orchestre de Paris

season 2002 / 2003

October 19-20, 2002, Lille, France

Te Deum, Hector Berlioz

Jean-Claude Casadesus, conductor

Yves Salaens, tenor

Jacques Taddei, organ

Choeur de l'Orchestre de Paris, Arthur Oldham chorus conductor

Maîtrise (children's choir) Boréale, Bernard Dewagtère chorus conductor

Maîtrise de Paris, Patrick Marco chorus conductor

Orchestre National de Lille

October 23, 2002, Théâtre Mogador, Paris

Te Deum, Hector Berlioz

Jean-Claude Casadesus, conductor

Yves Salaens, tenor

Jacques Taddei, organ

Choeur de l'Orchestre de Paris, Arthur Oldham chorus conductor

Maîtrise Boréale, Bernard Dewagtère chorus conductor

Maîtrise de Paris, Patrick Marco chorus conductor

Orchestre National de Lille

(2003, Berlioz year, birth anniversary)

January 16-17, 2003, Théâtre Mogador, Paris

L'Enfance du Christ, Hector Berlioz

Christoph Eschenbach, conductor

Marie-Ange Todorovitch, mezzo-soprano

Dietrich Henschel, baryton

Nathan Berg, bass

Denis Combe-Chastel, baryton-bass

Philippe Dô, tenor

Toby Spence, tenor

René Schirrer, bass

Choeur de l'Orchestre de Paris, Didier Bouture and Geoffroy Jourdain chorus conductors

Orchestre de Paris

27-28 February 2003, Théâtre Mogador, Paris

Roméo et Juliette, Hector Berlioz

John Nelson, conductor

Susan Graham, mezzo-soprano

Vinson Cole, tenor

Laszlo Polgar, bass

Choeur de l'Orchestre de Paris, Didier Bouture and Geoffroy Jourdain chorus conductors

Les Cris de Paris, Geoffroy Jourdain chorus conductor

Orchestre de Paris

April 16-17, 2003, Théâtre Mogador, Paris

Le Cinq Mai, op. 6, Hector Berlioz

Christoph Eschenbach, conductor

Laszlo Polgar, bass

Choeur de l'Orchestre de Paris, Didier Bouture and Geoffroy Jourdain chorus conductors

Orchestre de Paris

June 11, 2003, Théâtre Mogador, Paris

Nuits d'été, program for chorus a capella

Ave Maria, Franz Liszt

Prière du Matin, Giacomo Meyerbeer

Stabat Mater, D'un Coeur qui t'aime, Charles Gounod

Le Ballet des Ombres, Sarah la Baigneuse, Hector Berlioz

Sur la Lagune, Hector Berlioz transcription by Clitus Gottwald

Choeur de l'Orchestre de Paris, Didier Bouture and Geoffroy Jourdain chorus conductors

season 2003 / 2004

October 3-4, 2003, Théâtre Mogador, Paris

Messe Glagolitique, Leos Janacek

Pierre Boulez, conductor

Elzbieta Szmytka, soprano

Nancy Maultsby, alto

Jon Villars, tenor

Nathan Berg, bass

Philippe Brandeis, organ

Choeur de l'Orchestre de Paris, Didier Bouture and Geoffroy Jourdain chorus conductors

Orchestre de Paris

January 7-8, 2004, Théâtre Mogador, Paris

Symphony No.3, Gustav Mahler

Christoph Eschenbach, conductor

Susan Platts, alto

Choeur de l'Orchestre de Paris, Didier Bouture and Geoffroy Jourdain chorus conductors

Maîtrise des Hauts de Seine, Gaël Darchen chorus conductor

Orchestre de Paris

January 22-23, 2004, Théâtre Mogador, Paris

Das Klagende Lied, last version of 1899, Gustav Mahler

Christoph Eschenbach, conductor

Marina Mescheriakova, soprano

Dagmar Peckova, alto

Paul Groves, tenor

Dietrich Henschel, baryton

Choeur de l'Orchestre de Paris, Didier Bouture and Geoffroy Jourdain chorus conductors

Choeur de l'Armée Française, Pascale Jeandroz chorus conductor
Orchestre de Paris

March 24-25, 2004, Théâtre Mogador, Paris

"l'Orchestre de Paris" celebrates Carlo Maria Giulini birthday

Stabat Mater, Karol Szymanowski

Christoph Eschenbach, conductor

Michaela Kaune, soprano

Patricia Bardon, contralto

Stephen Salters, baryton

Choeur de l'Orchestre de Paris, Didier Bouture and Geoffroy Jourdain chorus conductors

Orchestre de Paris

May 7-16, 2004, Palais Omnisports de Paris Bercy

The Tales of Hoffman, Jacques Offenbach

Staged version

Jean-Claude Casadesus, conductor

Jérôme Savary, director

Michel Lebois, scenography

Michel Dussarat, costume designer

Bruno Ciulli, lighting designer

Sylvie Laligne, director assistant

Marcus Haddock, Fabrice Dalis, José van Dam, Alain Fondary, Désirée Rancatore, Laura Rizzo,

Béatrice Uri Monzon, Adriana Mastrangelo, Inva Mula, Marie-Ange Todorovitch, Viorica Cortez,

Michel Trempont, Ricardo Cassinelli, Antoine Normand, Frank Leguérinel, Martial Defontaine,

Catherine Dune

Choeur de l'Orchestre de Paris, Didier Bouture and Geoffroy Jourdain chorus conductors

Orchestre de Paris

June 15, 2004, Théâtre Mogador, Paris

Mitteleuropa 20th century, program for chorus a capella

Bela Bartok

Chansons Populaires Slovaques

Zoltan Kodaly

Nuits dans la Montagne

Soir

Bohuslav Martinu

Madrigaux II et III

Karol Szymanowski

Chants Kurpiens I, III, V, VI

Choeur de l'Orchestre de Paris, Didier Bouture and Geoffroy Jourdain chorus conductors

June 21, Cour du Sénat, Paris, "Fête de la Musique"

Mitteleuropa 20th century, program for chorus a capella

Bela Bartok

Chansons Populaires Slovaques

Zoltan Kodaly

Nuits dans la Montagne

Soir

Bohuslav Martinu

Madrigaux II et III

Karol Szymanowski

Chants Kurpiens I, III, V, VI

Choeur de l'Orchestre de Paris, Didier Bouture and Geoffroy Jourdain chorus conductors

season 2004 / 2005

September 29-30, 2004, Théâtre Mogador, Paris

Symphony No.9, Ludwig van Beethoven

Christoph Eschenbach, conductor

Eva Mei, soprano

Nora Gubisch, mezzo-soprano

Robert Dean Smith, tenor

Andreas Schmidt, bass

Choeur de l'Orchestre de Paris, Didier Bouture and Geoffroy Jourdain chorus conductors

Orchestre de Paris

January 26-27, 2005, Théâtre Mogador, Paris

Meerstille und glückliche Fahrt, Ludwig van Beethoven

Sylvain Cambreling, conductor

Choeur de l'Orchestre de Paris, Didier Bouture and Geoffroy Jourdain chorus conductors

Orchestre de Paris

February 23-24, 2005, Théâtre Mogador, Paris

Ein deutsches Requiem, Johannes Brahms

Christoph Eschenbach, conductor

Michaela Kaune, soprano

Matthias Goerne, baryton

Choeur de l'Orchestre de Paris, Didier Bouture and Geoffroy Jourdain chorus conductors

Orchestre de Paris

May 19, 2005, Théâtre Mogador, Paris

First Walpurgis Night, Félix Mendelssohn-Bartholdy

Richard Hickox, conductor

Catherine Wyn-Rogers, mezzo-soprano

Toby Spence, tenor

Olaf Bär, baryton

Roderick Williams, baryton-bass

Choeur de l'Orchestre de Paris, Didier Bouture and Geoffroy Jourdain chorus conductors

Orchestre de Paris

June 14-15, 2005, Théâtre Mogador, Paris

A Midsummer Night's Dream, Félix Mendelssohn-Bartholdy

Marc Minkowski, conductor

Jennifer Smith, soprano

Della Jones, mezzo-soprano

Choeur de l'Orchestre de Paris, Didier Bouture and Geoffroy Jourdain chorus conductors

Orchestre de Paris

June 23, 2005, Eglise Saint-Eustache, Paris

Program a capella in the memory of Carlo Maria Giulini

Félix Mendelssohn-Bartholdy

Johannes Brahms

Choeur de l'Orchestre de Paris, Didier Bouture and Geoffroy Jourdain chorus conductors

Philippe Brandeis, organ

season 2005 / 2006

February 7, 2006, Théâtre Mogador, Paris

Requiem Mass in D minor, K 626, Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

Christoph Eschenbach, conductor

Sally Matthews, soprano

Nathalie Stutzmann, alto

John Mark Ainsley, tenor

Franz-Joseph Selig, bass

Choeur de l'Orchestre de Paris, Didier Bouture and Geoffroy Jourdain chorus conductors

Orchestre de Paris

May 10, 2006, Théâtre Mogador, Paris

La Vida Breve (concert version), Manuel de Falla

Rafael Frühbeck de Burgos, conductor

Maria Rodrigues, soprano

Marie-Ange Todorovitch, mezzo-soprano

Vincente Ombuena, tenor

Jérôme Varnier, bass

Pedro Sanz, baryton

Nuria Pomares, flamenco dancer, castagnettes

Choeur de l'Orchestre de Paris, Didier Bouture and Geoffroy Jourdain chorus conductors

Orchestre de Paris

May 17, 2006, Théâtre Mogador, Paris

Messa di Gloria, Giacomo Puccini

Yutaka Sado, conductor

Paul Groves, tenor

Willard White, baryton-bass

Choeur de l'Orchestre de Paris, Didier Bouture and Geoffroy Jourdain chorus conductors

Orchestre de Paris

June 10-16, 2006, Théâtre du Châtelet, Paris

Daphnis and Chloe, integral ballet, Maurice Ravel

Pierre Boulez, conductor

Choeur de l'Orchestre de Paris, Didier Bouture and Geoffroy Jourdain chorus conductors

Orchestre de Paris

June 23, 2006, Verdun Cathedrale, commemorative concert for the 90th anniversary of Verdun Battle (présidé par le Ministre délégué aux Anciens Combattants), France

Symphony No.9, Ludwig van Beethoven

Christoph Eschenbach, conductor

Michaela Kaune, soprano

Nora Gubisch, alto

Nikolaï Schukoff, tenor

Albert Dohmen, bass

Choeur de l'Orchestre de Paris, Didier Bouture and Geoffroy Jourdain chorus conductors

Orchestre de Paris

June 24, 2006, Saint-Eustache Church, Paris

Program for chorus a capella

Francis Poulenc

4 Motets pour un Temps de Pénitence

Salve Regina

Ave Verum Corpus

Litanies à la Vierge Noire

Benjamin Britten

Old French Carol
A Hymn to the Virgin
Festival Te Deum, op 32
Jubilate in C
Antiphon, op 56b

Samuel Barber

Agnus Dei

Choeur de l'Orchestre de Paris, Didier Bouture and Geoffroy Jourdain chorus conductors

Philippe Brandeis, organ

season 2006 / 2007

September 13-14, 2006, Salle Pleyel, Paris

Symphony No.2 in C minor "Resurrection", Gustav Mahler

Christoph Eschenbach, conductor

Simona Saturova, soprano

Mihoko Fujimura, mezzo-soprano

Choeur de l'Orchestre de Paris, Didier Bouture and Geoffroy Jourdain chorus conductors

Orchestre de Paris

September 29, 2006, Chartres Cathedrale, festival "Journées Lyriques de Chartres", France

Requiem Mass in D minor, K 626, Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

Pierre-Michel Durand, conductor

Diana Higbee, soprano

Stéphanie d'Oustrac, alto

Yann Beuron, tenor

François Lis, bass

Choeur de l'Orchestre de Paris, Didier Bouture and Geoffroy Jourdain chorus conductors

Orchestre de Paris

December 7, 2006, Salle Pleyel, Paris

Scenes from Faust, Robert Schumann

Christoph Eschenbach, conductor

Matthias Goerne, baryton

Annick Massis, soprano

Alan Held, bass

John Mark Ainsley, tenor

Yvonne Naef, soprano

Michail Schelomianski, bass

Elsa Maurus, soprano

Jing Yang, mezzo-soprano

Cassandre Berthon, soprano

Choeur de l'Orchestre de Paris, Didier Bouture and Geoffroy Jourdain chorus conductors

Maîtrise de Paris, Patrick Marco chorus conductor

Orchestre de Paris

March 14-15, 2007, Salle Pleyel, Paris

Messa da Requiem, Giuseppe Verdi

Christoph Eschenbach, conductor

June Anderson, soprano

Guang Yang, mezzo-soprano

Miroslav Dvorsky, tenor

Mikhail Petrenko, bass

Choeur de l'Orchestre de Paris, Didier Bouture and Geoffroy Jourdain chorus conductors
Orchestre de Paris

April 25-26, 2007, Salle Pleyel, Paris

Gloria for soprano solo, chorus and orchestra, Francis Poulenc

Jean-Claude Casadesus, conductor

Annick Massis, soprano

Choeur de l'Orchestre de Paris, Didier Bouture and Geoffroy Jourdain chorus conductors

Orchestre de Paris

June 19, 2007, Salle Pleyel, Paris

Concert for the 30th Anniversary of "le Choeur de l'Orchestre de Paris", Didier Bouture and
Geoffroy Jourdain chorus conductors

Program for chorus a capella

Ballade de la Reine morte d'aimer, Maurice Ravel, transcription by Vincent Manac'h

D'un Coeur qui t'aime, Charles Gounod

Dancing in the Wind, Edith Canat de Chizy, World Premiere, commission for "l'Orchestre de
Paris"

Sur les Lagunes, Hector Berlioz, transcription by Clytus Gottwald

Le Jardin Féérique, Maurice Ravel, transcription by Thierry Machuel

season 2007 / 2008

September 12-13, 2007, Salle Pleyel, Paris

Fantasy for piano, orchestra and choir op. 8, Ludwig van Beethoven

Christoph Eschenbach, conductor

Lang Lang, piano

Choeur de l'Orchestre de Paris, Didier Bouture and Geoffroy Jourdain chorus conductors
Orchestre de Paris

December 20, 2007, Salle Pleyel, Paris

Exceptional Concert for the "Orchestre de Paris" 40th Anniversary and the "Société des
Concerts du Conservatoire" 180th Anniversary

Various Pieces and Guests

Christoph Eschenbach, conductor

Choeur de l'Orchestre de Paris, Didier Bouture and Geoffroy Jourdain chorus conductors
Orchestre de Paris

January 08: Departure for New York

season 2008 / 2009

- August 19 2008, audition for the Dessoif Choirs - New Member of the Dessoif Symphonic
Choir -

Jan 12, 2009, Carnegie Hall, NYC

Symphony No3, Gustav Mahler

George Mathew, artistic director and conductor

Glenn Dicterow, concertmaster and solo violin

Susanne Mentzer, mezzo-soprano

Joseph Alessi, trombone

Matthew Muckey, posthorn

Mahler for Children Orchestra and Chorus:

Women of the Dessooff Symphonic Choir, James Bagwell, music director

The Cathedral Choristers of the Cathedral of St John the Divine, Bruce Neswick chorus conductor

Children's Choir of of the Church of St Ignatius Loyola, Mary Huff director

- May 11 2009, audition for the Dessooff Choirs - New Member of the Dessooff Choirs -

June 11-13, 2009, Avery Fisher Hall, NYC

War Requiem, Benjamin Britten

Lorin Maazel, conductor

Lionel Bringuier, conductor

Nancy Gustafson, soprano

Vale Rideout, tenor

Ian Greenlaw, baritone

The Brooklyn Youth Chorus

The Dessooff Symphonic Choir

New York Philharmonic

June 24-27, 2009, Avery Fisher Hall, NYC

Symphony No8, Gustav Mahler

Lorin Maazel, conductor

Christine Brewer, soprano

Nancy Gustafson, soprano

Jeanine De Bique, soprano

Mary Phillips, mezzo-soprano

Wolfgang Schöne, bass

Jason Grant, bass-baritone

The Brooklyn Youth Chorus

The Dessoff Symphonic Choir

The New York Choral Artists

New York Philharmonic

season 2009 / 2010

November 12, 2009, Congregation Rodeph Shalom, NYC

James Bagwell, conductor

Ernst Bloch's Sacred Service

The Dessoff Choir

March 6, 2009, Merkin Hall, NYC

James Bagwell, conductor

Lukas Foss' Psalms for two pianos and chorus

Kyle Gann's Transcendental Sonnets for two pianos and chorus (NY premiere)

Harold Farberman's Talk for piano, percussion, and chorus (world premiere)

The Dessoff Choir

March 28, 2009, Avery Fisher Hall, NYC

Ivan Fischer, conductor

Symphony No9, Ludwig von Beethoven

The Dessoff Symphonic Choir

Budapest Festival Orchestra

May 8, 2009, Calvary/St. George's, NYC

Guest conductor

"The Roots of Bach and Beyond," including several Bach motets and other baroque works

The Dessoff Choir