



SIMON KEENLYSIDE – BLUE SKIES

*Matthew Regan (piano), Gordon Campbell (trombone)
Howard McGill (woodwind), Mike Smith (drums)
Richard Pryce (double bass)*

Smetana Hall of the Municipal House, Prague

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Hits from classic Broadway and Hollywood musicals continue to enjoy immense popularity with audiences. The British baritone Simon Keenlyside yielded to their special magic, too and recorded a CD *Something's Gotta Give* (label Chandos) which is full of songs from famous musicals. He will offer some of the them to Prague audience, including some of the best-loved numbers in the repertoire, such as Cole Porter's *Night and Day*, Rodgers and Hammerstein's *Oh What a Beautiful Mornin'*, and *If I Were a Rich Man* from *Fiddler on the Roof*.

The range represented, from the emotional tour de force of 'Soliloquy' to the charming character song 'Reviewing the Situation', showcases the many facets of Simon Keenlyside, one of the most sought-after and the most charismatic opera singers. In the world of musicals, he will perform the role of Fagin in Lionel Bart's *Oliver!* at the Grange Park Opera, Northington, Hampshire, England in June 2016.

In the 2016/2017 season, he will be Don Giovanni at the Metropolitan Opera New York (including live broadcast on 22nd October), Count Almaviva (*Le nozze di Figaro*) in La Scala Milan, and Macbeth, Don Giovanni and Golaud (*Pelléas et Mélisande*) at the Vienna State Opera.