

*Giuseppe* was composed by Mayr in 1829 for graduation concerts at the academy of music in Bergamo over which he presided. His inspiration was a Biblical opera that had won great popularity, Méhul's *Joseph*, which had premiered in Paris in 1807, featuring prayers, hymns and unassuming arias. Mayr, however, drew on a much wider musical canvas to include grand arias, duets, a cavatina and a final chorus. He also repeatedly references popular melodies by his contemporaries Donizetti, Rossini and Bellini as befits a pasticcio oratorio.

Johann Simon  
**MAYR**  
(1763–1845)



simon-mayr-chor  
ensemble e.V.

## Giuseppe

Pasticcio oratorio in three acts (1829)

Libretto by Alexandre Duval (1767–1842) and Franz Sales Kandler (1792–1831)

Benjamino ..... Freya Apffelstaedt, Alto  
Giuseppe ..... Markus Schäfer, Tenor  
Utoban ..... Philipp Polhardt, Tenor  
Simeone ..... Niklas Mallmann, Bass  
Giacobbe ..... Matthias Hoffmann, Bass  
Ruben ..... Fang Zhi, Tenor  
Neftali ..... Konstantin Igl, Tenor [5], Micha Matthäus, Bass-baritone [6] [7] [8]

## Simon Mayr Chorus • Concerto de Bassus

Franz Hauk, Director

WORLD PREMIERE RECORDING

[1]–[7] Act I 32:15 [8]–[12] Act II 33:49 [13]–[16] Act III 20:11

A detailed track list can be found inside the booklet

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