

GEORGE FRIDERIC HANDEL (1685 – 1759)

**ESTHER**

(1718 version)

LYNDA RUSSELL • NANCY ARGENTA • MICHAEL CHANCE  
THOMAS RANDLE • MARK PADMORE • MICHAEL GEORGE**Oboe Sonata in G minor (HWV 404)**

Anthony Robson, oboe

**THE SIXTEEN  
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