

Private Invitation to meet Gottfried Wagner, great grandson of the composer Richard Wagner, at the home of Robert Chalmers, 16 Oaker Avenue, West Didsbury, Manchester, M20 2XH.

You are invited to attend one or both of two private one-hour colloquia in which Gottfried will discuss with Robert the influence of his great-grandfather, the composer Richard Wagner, and his family both on him and on subsequent world history, which he has documented in his extensively researched book, entitled:

Du sollst keine anderen Götter haben neben mir
Richard Wagner – Ein Minenfeld

Thou shalt have no other gods besides me: Richard Wagner – a minefield

1. Mendelssohn, Wagner and Antisemitism discusses the huge debt which Wagner owed to Mendelssohn and the former's influence in promoting rabid antisemitism both through his publications and through his operas.

Monday 13th November Apéritif from 6:30 p.m.

Presentation and discussion 7:15 – 8:15 p.m.

2. Wagner and the New Bayreuth discusses the failure of his family and the Bayreuth establishment to come to terms with its role during the Nazi era and the personal consequences of his refusal to accept this.

Wednesday 15th November Coffee and tea from 1:30 p.m.

Presentation and discussion 2:00 – 3:00 p.m.

There is no charge but space is limited. Please respond *asap* to this invitation if you would like to attend, preferably by emailing me at r.chalmers@manchester.ac.uk or by phoning 0161 445 9446, indicating which session(s) you would be able to attend.

Please let me know *asap* if you wish to cancel so that others can be invited in your place.

Robert Chalmers 30th October 2023



