Saturday 14 January 2023 West Road Concert Hall, Cambridge

FAMILY CONCERT Lucy's Legendary Dancing Day Out!



Saturday 20 May 2023 at 7.30pm West Road Concert Hall, Cambridge



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Hamlet Overture Fantasy Overture to Romeo & Juliet

Shostakovich Hamlet Suite

Bernstein Symphonic Dances from 'West Side Story'

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Cambridge Philharmonic presents

Aaron Copland (1900-1990) Hoe-Down

Gioachino Rossini (1792-1868) La Danza Tarantella (excerpts)

> Astor Piazzolla (1921-1992) Libertango

Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky (1840-1893) Swan Lake (excerpts)

Lucy Hollins

Participation Song: Let's Dance



Leonard Bernstein (1918-1990) *Overture* to *West Side Story*

Cambridge Philharmonic Orchestra Lucy Hollins: Conductor/Presenter Harry Sever: Conductor Lorena Randi & Alice O'Brien: Dancers

Hello and welcome to Lucy's Legendary Dancing Day Out!

We hope you've come with your dancing shoes on, ready to move to the music, rock to the rhythms and swing as you sing!

All of the music you're going to hear today is music to dance to. We start with **Aaron Copland's** *Hoe-Down*, which is a lively American folk dance often associated with cowboys. **Giachino Rossini's** *La Danza* is based on a rapid, whirling dance from southern Italy called a *Tarantella*. **Astor Piazzolla's** *Libertango* is a fiery Argentinian tango. Lots of you might recognise bits of the music from the famous ballet *Swan Lake* by **Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky**. Some of you might also know the dance-fuelled film *West Side Story* with music by the American composer Leonard Bernstein – you're going to hear a bit of that too. All of this music is fun, exciting and dramatic. We want you to enjoy it – so if you feel moved to dance along in your seat, please do!

As well as listening to the amazing orchestra, there will be an opportunity for you to join in with our **participation song**, *Let's Dance*, which has been written specially for this concert. The song has been written to encourage even the most reluctant of dancers to get grooving, so open your hearts and your voices and have a go!

Opposite we have highlighted two of the pieces we are going to play today – *Hoe-Down* and *Overture to West Side Story;* and on the following pages you will find some fun activities to do.

Thank you so much for coming to our concert. We hope it puts a spring in your step!

Lucy Hollins

Hoe-Down

Aaron Copland (1900-1990)

Aaron Copland is one of America's most famous composers. He learnt piano with his older sister, and started writing down his musical ideas when he was eight years old. People often say Copland's music 'sounds American': it makes you think of cowboys on horseback riding across vast prairies, adventures and the American pioneering spirit. Copland believed that simple tunes could be beautiful and often used folk songs as his melodies.

He wrote lots of different types of music, including symphonies, film scores and music for smaller chamber ensembles. This piece is from the ballet *Rodeo* which is about a cowgirl who dresses up as a cowboy to impress the head wrangler on the ranch. A hoe-down is a dance competition that is often noisy and riotous, and full of energy as the cowgirls and boys pair off.

Can you hear the woodblock (in the percussion section of the orchestra) sounding like a horse clip-clopping – at a run at the beginning, and slowing to a walk later on? Can you hear the instruments sound like they're tuning up before the dancing starts at a fun party for lots of cowgirls and boys?

Overture to West Side Story Leonard Bernstein (1918-1990)

Leonard Bernstein is another very famous composer from America. As well as being a conductor and composer he often appeared on radio and TV, and for many years presented his own series introducing and explaining music to children. Bernstein and Copland were great friends; Bernstein often performed Copland's music on piano and conducted his orchestral pieces.

As a composer, Bernstein wrote symphonies, musicals, ballets and operas. He was often inspired by his Jewish heritage, or the jazz music he heard all around him.

West Side Story is a high-energy musical: a reimagining of Shakespeare's most famous tragedy *Romeo and Juliet,* transported from Italy, hundreds of years ago, to 1950s New York. It is full of passion and jealous rivalries, with Romeo and Juliet now called Tony and Maria, while the rival gangs Montagues and Capulets are now the Jets and the Sharks. The musical's overture includes the *Mambo*, a fast-paced, Cuban-inspired dance that's guaranteed to make you want to move – which is exactly what Bernstein wanted. For him, music wasn't about writing or reading notes on a page, but about how it made you feel physically.

Can you imagine lots of boys and girls joining in the dancing? Listen out for the musicians shouting out 'Mambo'!

Lucy's Legendary Activity Pages!

Let's begin with a wordsearch... how many instruments and composers' names can you find?

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Top tip... the words are in all sorts of directions, up, down and across!

Spot the instrument...

What instrument is this? How many can you see in the orchestra? How is it played? What does it sound like?



Lucy Hollins



Lucy Hollins was appointed Principal Guest Conductor of the Cambridge Philharmonic this season. A conductor, animateur and presenter, her leadership experience ranges across vocal and instrumental music-making with professional, amateur, youth and adult ensembles at the very highest level of each. It has seen her appear on TV and radio, premiering new works, adjudicating competitions, touring extensively throughout the UK and internationally, and working alongside

some of the world's finest musicians and directors. As a concert designer and presenter, Lucy is passionate about bringing music to diverse audiences. Lucy is Head of Music at the University of Warwick, Associate Chorus Director of the London Symphony Chorus, Conductor of CBSO SO Vocal, Creative Lead at the Royal Scottish National Orchestra, and a tutor for the Association of British Choral Directors. A leading expert in the field of music education and engagement, Lucy is a Vocal Leader for Music of Life and Conductor of the London Symphony Orchestra's Junior Choir.

Harry Sever



Harry Sever took on the music directorship of the Cambridge Philharmonic this season. A BBC Music Magazine 'Rising Star' conductor, his recent and upcoming engagements include *Siegfried* (Sønderjyllands Symfoniorkester/Den Ny Opera), *Carmen* (Opera North), *The Fairy Queen* (Longborough Festival Opera), *Fantasio* (Garsington), *La Traviata* (Opera Holland Park), concerts with the orchestra of Welsh National Opera and recordings with the orchestra of Opera North. He is currently the Ring Cycle Conducting

Fellow at Longborough Festival Opera. His education work has included projects with The Royal Opera House Covent Garden, The Royal Opera Academy Copenhagen, British Youth Opera, Birmingham Conservatoire and Trinity Laban Conservatoire. A composer for stage and screen, Harry's shows *Mr Men & Little Miss, James and the Giant Peach* and *Guess How Much I Love You* have toured internationally.

Lorena Randi



Lorena has been dancing all her life. Starting out at the local dance school, at 11 she went on to the Royal Ballet School. Seeking a more modern approach, Lorena studied at London Contemporary Dance School, graduating in 1995. Her formative years were spent working and dancing with Michael Clark 1998-2006. Other choreographers and companies she has danced with include Mark Morris; Fabulous Beast Dance Theatre; Aletta Collins and Arthur Pita. Lorena has danced with Baryshnikov at the Barbican and for Alexander McQueen in Paris. She has also danced extensively in opera

which led her to become choreographer for many opera productions across the UK, Europe and US. Her choreography work reflects her dance career, as it also crosses into music, art, fashion and theatre. Her collaboration with artist Martin Creed – 'work1020' – is still performed internationally. Other collaborations include Adele; Will Young; Nike; Adidas.

Alice O'Brien



Alice O'Brien trained at Tring Park School for the Performing Arts where she graduated with a Trinity Level 6 Diploma in Professional Dance. At Tring Park she won the Tring Park Choreography Cup in 2018 and 2019 and in her 3rd year was given the opportunity to showcase two pieces of work for Encore Dance Company's UK tour. She also had the opportunity to work with various creative artists including Anthony Van Laast CBE, Ruth Brill, Etta Murfitt from Matthew Bourne's New Adventures and Simeon Qsyea. While training Alice also danced with the National Youth Ballet of Great

Britain where she received the 'Group Choreography' and 'Nijinska Award for Outstanding female choreographer'. Since graduating Alice has been freelancing as a professional dancer, choreographer and teacher. Most recent credits include dancing as a soloist in the Premier League's end of season promotional video 'The Stage Remains'. Alice has also spent the last few months choreographing for National Youth Ballet where her choreography premiered at Sadlers Wells Theatre in September.

Cambridge Philharmonic Orchestra

Cambridge Philharmonic is a symphony orchestra and choir that was first formed in 1887 – making us one of the oldest music societies in the country! We rehearse each week in Cambridge during school term-time. We perform six or seven concerts a year, sometimes with both orchestra and choir and sometimes separately. Each year we performn an opera with soloists, as well as a concert especially for families, like today. Many of our musicians have jobs during the day that aren't anything to do with music – there are doctors, teachers, engineers and artists, who love to play music together.

Violin 1

Freya Goldmark (guest leader) Kate Clow (co-leader) Margaret Scourse Abigail Tan Sarah Ridley Roz Chalmers Ariane Stoop Naomi Hilton

Violin 2

Hilary Crooks Emma Lawrence Anne McAleer Joyce Yu Emilie van der Aa-Burton John Richards David Favara Emily Staszel

Viola

Ruth Donnelly Mari O'Neill David Yadin Agata Richards Anne-Cecile Dingwall Robyn Sorensen Edna Murphy Emma McCaughan Peter Conlon Jeremy Harmer

Cello

Anna Edwards Daniel Coldridge Linda Hindmarsh David Brown Angela Bennett Helen Hills Lucy O'Brien Isabel Groves Pete Smith Catherine Wilson Clare Gilmour

Double Bass Sarah Sharrock Tony Scholl Susan Sparrow

Flute

Alison Townend Sarah Blazeby Adrienne Jackson

Piccolo Adrienne Jackson

Oboe Tom Gillam Rachael Dunlop Katy Wyatt

Cor Anglais Katy Wyatt

Clarinet Daniel Prozesky David Hayton Graham Dolby **Bassoon** Neil Greenham Jenny Warburton

Horn

Tony Hawkins Gareth Edwards James Riehl Chris Wykes

Trumpet Colin Bloch Laureen Hodge Neil Thornton

Trombone Ryan Higgin Denise Hayles

Bass Trombone Gary Davison

Tuba Ed Neuhauser

Timpani Dave Ellis

Percussion Dave Ellis Lizzie Brightwell Dan Johnstone Peter Ashwell Lewis Blee

Harp Lizzy Scorah

Piano/Celeste Dawn Hardwick

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Saturday 20 May 2023	<i>The Sounds of Shakespeare</i> With works by Tchaikovsky, Shostakovich & Bernstein West Road Concert Hall, Cambridge
Saturday 8 July 2023	Mascagni: <i>Cavalleria Rusticana</i> Leoncavallo: <i>Pagliacci</i> Saffron Hall, Saffron Walden

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