

Redbridge Schools' Choral Festival, 13 March 2018

## **Royal Albert Hall 7.00pm**

### **Programme**

**National Anthem** – arr. Alan Pegrum

(to be added)

### **RESPONSES**

**From Cllr Joyce Ryan**

“Many congratulations to all involved in the concert this evening. So much hard work and preparation goes into working towards the final production. The standard, as always, was excellent. A really interesting and innovative programme. A good move to have collaboration with both Services [Music Service and Drama Centre]. Hopefully that collaboration will grow in the coming months.

It was a pleasure to be there and just wonderful for all our students fortunate to perform in such a world famous iconic venue. Please pass on my best wishes, thanks and congratulations to the staff involved. A memorable occasion.”

**From Rebecca Kantor – Beal High School**

“I would just like to say a huge thank you for another opportunity for our school to take part in the Choral Festival yesterday. Our students loved every minute of the concert, the prestigious occasion and experience, and will remember it for years to come. It is always an event which never fails to amaze me. The Symphony Orchestra sounded absolutely stunning yesterday; so professional as always. The exceptionally high standard is something I miss hugely as an ex RMS colleague. I am very proud of the staff who were able to showcase their musical talents through their compositions and performing; many of whom I consider dear friends.

I loved the visual clips between each item and the concert was super slick. The timings were fantastic too as it meant it wasn't too long and the students were back at a fairly reasonable time. I thought the involvement of the Redbridge Drama Centre was also fantastic and poignant. At a time when Creative Arts is on a decline and in direct threat due to financial constraints, this was a great opportunity to showcase the importance of the Arts. “

**From Tess - Assistant Headteacher, Cleveland Road Primary**

“This is just a little note to say a HUGE thank you to everyone in the Music Service for all the hard work, energy and planning that went into last night’s spectacular performance. This is the third time I have taken part in the RAH concert, having taught in different boroughs previously, and I can honestly say that this one has been the best yet.

The level of dedication needed to put on a concert of this magnitude has been extraordinary and I am overwhelmed by the talent of the whole team – that there were so many original compositions with such wonderful orchestrations... Chris, Jane, John and Elizabeth (goodness, that girl has an amazing future ahead of her)... I lost track of how many times I got choked up trying to sing yesterday...

I have been telling my choir how lucky they are to have had this incredible opportunity and I know how much they appreciate all you have done, too. So many times yesterday I heard them say things like, "I can't believe I'm here." This particular, from one young man who has had a lot of difficulties with behaviour and who, when he sings, literally transforms.

What you have achieved with this performance isn't just a great show...it is life-changing. So thank you, thank you.

I hope this note makes sense – I'm pretty tired this morning!

Anyway, a massive thanks to you all from everyone here at Cleveland. I hope you all know how

much you are appreciated.

Very best to everyone and kindest regards.”

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Redbridge Schools' Choral Festival, 21 March 2016

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Redbridge Schools' Choral Festival, 18 March 2014

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### **Programme**

**National Anthem** – arr. Alan Pegrum

**Procession of Nobles** – Rimsky Korsakov

**Yanomamo** – Peter Rose and Anne Conlon

The Living Trees

The Monkey's Tale

The Jaguar

Yanomamo

**Ain't No Mountain High Enough** – N. Ashford and V.Simpson, arr. Roger Emerson, orch.  
Malcolm Ball

**Recorders: "Maja Pade"** - original composition © Niru Desai, arr. M. Goble and M. Hyman

**Jupiter**, The Bringer of Jollity from **The Planets** – Holst

**Selection from Carmina Burana** – Orff

O Fortuna

Fortune Plango Vulnera

Ecce Gratum

Chramer, Gip Die Varwe Mir

Blanziflor et Helena

O Fortuna

*INTERVAL*

**African Drumming & Dance presentation**

**What If?** – Chris Wilcox (first performance)

**Be the Change**□□□□□

**My Dream**

**1<sup>st</sup> World War Commemoration:**

**The Soldier** - Brooke (to be read by Vivyan Ellacott)

**The Banks of Green Willow** – Butterworth

**Radetsky March** – J Strauss

**In the Mood** - Miller

**Can you hear me?** – Bob Chilcot

**Mayor's Address**

**The Beatles in Revue** – Lennon and McCartney, arr. Ed Lojeski, orch. Malcolm Ball

**Jerusalem** – Parry



**Cllr Joyce Ryan, Cabinet Member for Leisure and Community Services.**

As the Cabinet Member for Leisure and Community Services, I would like to congratulate all the participants in the 'Hope and Dreams' community service concert at the Royal Albert Hall.

It was a magnificent concert. The selection and variety of the pieces presented was so well thought out.

**Cllr Joyce Ryan, Cabinet Member for Leisure and Community Services.**

**2012**

Dear Eric,

The Mayoress and I would like to thank and congratulate you, Graham Smith and all concerned for a ma

Kind regards

Chris

Cllr Chris Cummins

The Worshipful the Mayor

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Dear Eric,

Thank you and your team for once again putting on a magnificent 'show' and educational opportunity for

James Johnson

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Eric,

Warmest congratulations for a particularly splendid concert. Really very enjoyable and also fantastic to s

Regards

Pat

Pat Reynolds

Director of Children's Services

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Eric,

The RAH 2012 was fantastic last night. Thanks to you and your staff for all the hard work. The children a

Regards

Ronke

Ronke Martins-Taylor

Chief Officer - Services to Young People

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Eric,

I thoroughly enjoyed yesterday evening's concert and write to thank you for the opportunity to be part of

We in the NRW are very proud of our association with the Music Service, and grateful for all the help w

You should be justifiably proud of the performance as a whole and of the enduring tradition of high quali

The proposed hub will no doubt offer exciting new opportunities and if the NRW can help in any way p

Miles

Miles Harwood

New Redbridge Wind Orchestra

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Hi Eric,

. . . we would all like to say how wonderful it was yet again to be part of the extravaganza at the Royal A

Regards and well done once again!



Linda Snow

Headteacher

Oakdale Junior School

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Dear Eric

I wanted to take a moment to tell you how impressed I was with the Albert Hall concert on Thursday eve

Congratulations – and thank you!

Jo

Ms Jo Pomeroy

Headteacher

Woodford County High School

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Dear Mr Forder,

I had to write to you and let you know how much we all enjoyed the concert at the Royal Albert Hall last

The orchestra were absolutely phenomenal (as always), and the dedication and hard work of all the Mus

Credit to you and all your staff for a really amazing evening, and a real achievement for Redbridge.

Regards,

Karen Kaye (formerly Kemp)

**2008**

Dear Sir,

Yesterday evenings concert at the Albert Hall organised by Redbridge Music Service was one of the mo

Yours Faithfully

Charles Whitham

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Dear Eric,

What a marvellous night! Fantastic! Congratulations to yourself and all those involved! You're doing a gr

Best Wishes and Good Luck!

Jack Petchey OBE

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Dear Mr Forder,

I felt that I just had to write to you to congratulate you and the whole team at RMS on another fantastic evening.

The first choral festival that I took part in was 1978, when I was at Redbridge Junior School, and then I went to the Royal Albert Hall.

Anyway thank you again for a wonderful evening- can't wait for 2010!

Kind Regards

Karen Kemp

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Dear Eric,

Heartiest congratulations to you and all the teachers, musicians and supporters who gave the borough a wonderful evening.

I would very much like a CD when these are produced. If it is not too late, I would very much like to rese

With kindest regards and good wishes,

Geoffrey Brewer

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I am so pleased that my sister-in-law flew in from Ireland to experience and share in the evening with me

With very best wishes,

Councillor Mrs Joyce Ryan  
Mayor of Redbridge

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Dear Eric,

I cannot tell you how proud and delighted I was to be at the 17th biennial Redbridge Schools Choral Festival.

What a fantastic music service we have, really dedicated staff and talented students all working together.

I was particularly pleased with the finale; I am a real fan of Les Miserables, having seen it at least twelve times.

Eric, please pass on my congratulations, thanks and best wishes to all your staff and schools involved.

Councillor Mrs Joyce Ryan

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A quick message Eric before my sister in law has got to get moving to the airport. What a wonderful night.

Joyce

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Dear Eric,

Just a quick message to say how much my children, parents, staff and I enjoyed the very emotional and

Regards John  
Head teacher, Snaresbrook

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Hello Eric,

Many people have been complementary about the Klezmer item and I was proud of the performance the

I understand there will be a world music night on July 14. If the children could have the opportunity to pe



Thank you for all you do to organise the choral festival. For the first time I was able to watch most of it fr

Alison Woodward

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Dear Mr Forder,

I am writing to say how much my husband and I enjoyed the Redbridge schools music festival at the Alb

My daughter was lucky enough to be chosen to dance with the Yiddish dance group, and it has been an

Thank you for all the good work you and your team do with the young people of Redbridge.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Shepherd

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Hi Eric,

I just wanted to express my thanks to you and your team for facilitating such a magnificent choral festival

Events like these make Redbridge seem more like a family and certainly a local authority that we are ex

Peter Lewis  
Head teacher Wanstead Church School

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Dear Mr Forder,

On behalf of JMI I want to thank you for inviting all of us to the choral festival last night. I must congratulate

Your aims are so important in the present world and we wish you every success in the future. Please do

Yours Sincerely

Betty Collick  
JMI

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Dear Eric,

I hope the rest of the show went as well as 'Deep Space 9' because if it did, it must have been great. I c

Phil Lawrence  
Elms Studios/ Publishing

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Dear Eric,

I wanted to say what a wonderful evening it was last night. I think it was the best ever and so moving, e

I am just so proud of our music service, long may it continue to reign. Please pass on my thanks to all th

Once again an absolutely magical evening and one that I'm sure no one will forget.

Kind Regards

Sue Nolan