

The Classical Road Show
presents

THE BATTLE OF TRAFALGAR

A participatory concert for school children 7 - 11yrs
bringing the famous battle to life

Music: DAVID LYON

Words: TERESA COLLARD

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MONDAY 16 MARCH 2020

Performances lasting one hour at 11.15am and 1.30pm



Cadogan Hall
Sloane Terrace
London SW1X

£5 Tickets for pupils (7-11yrs) & staff
include Teachers' Pack of songs, word sheets,
learning CD, history project

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Royal Philharmonic Orchestra

**The Royal
Philharmonic
Orchestra**



Nelson/ Narrator: **David Leonard**
Dancers: **ARC Dance Academy London**
Ships' Crew: **Our Audience of Children**

Conducted by: **Benjamin Pope**

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Dear Headteacher / Music Co-ordinator,

September 2019

The Battle of Trafalgar concerts with **The Royal Philharmonic Orchestra, Cadogan Hall**
Monday 16 March 2020 at 11.15am & 1.30pm (last for one hour). **A great choral project for 7-11yrs.**

We warmly invite you to take part in this exciting concert in which our entire audience of children play the part of two ships' companies - **HMS Victory and Royal Sovereign** - under the stage command of **Admiral Nelson (David Leonard, narrator)**, with the **Royal Philharmonic Orchestra** providing the ship's band. The story unfolds in authentic detail, illustrated by sea shanties sung by the children, dancers from **ARC Dance Academy London**, and vivid orchestration in **David Lyon's** score. The dramatic moment in the battle when Nelson is fatally wounded is very affecting!

This is a rare opportunity for your pupils to experience **choral music on a grand scale** and to learn about an important period of English history. Our core belief is that children learn best through participation. Our children are now getting used to being accompanied by the thrilling sound of a live, top professional orchestra – truly a life-enhancing experience for them.

To take part, all you have to do is learn the songs! The teaching materials we provide make these concerts accessible to children of all musical abilities, not just trained choirs. **Our conductor-led workshop for teachers** has proved extremely popular, and ensures insider knowledge of the concert piece and unanimity of approach! Free workshop places are available for all staff involved in teaching the songs: please reserve places using the *The Battle of Trafalgar* booking form. The workshop will take place in the Lyric Theatre, Hammersmith, from 4 – 5pm on Monday 21 January 2020.

Dressing up Part of the theatrical experience is dressing up so we are hoping for a lot of sea-farers in the audience, anything from a cabin boy to a fully-fledged Admiral! But a simple striped shirt or neckerchief will be enough to convince us.

Benjamin Pope will conduct this concert: he has huge experience, conducting orchestras and choirs including the RPO and Halle Orchestras and many other national and international groups, both at home and abroad. He is the conductor for Resound, the RPO's educational programme, which includes *Noisy Kids* and *Orchestras Live*. We are delighted that Ben is now a regular conductor for our Classical Road Shows.

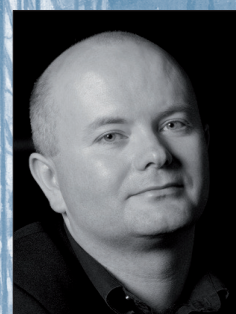
Please reserve concert tickets right now (and pay later), by sending us the enclosed booking form, (also available on our website, under *Upcoming Concerts*). You may request any number of places, for classes or choirs. **Tickets are only £5**, but we have a policy of inclusivity: if any have difficulty paying, please ask us about this. **Teachers' Packs** will be sent to participating schools at the end of the autumn term, to allow time to prepare the music.

We very much look forward to welcoming you on board!

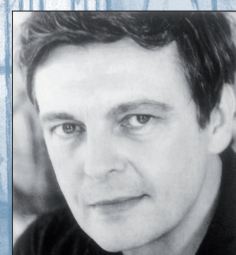
With warm good wishes

Sheila Bennett
Concerts Manager

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Pope



David
Leonard



The Classical Road Show has presented concerts for thousands of children annually since 1988. Since its London debut in 2005, it has produced 51 sell-out concerts mainly in Cadogan Hall, but also in Fairfield Halls and Milton Court, Barbican.

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