

The Classical Road Show presents

The story of the epic air battle which
changed the course of history, brought to
life by a young pilot and his sister

Music: Richard Brown

Text: Sarah Harding
& Fern Dickson

BATTLE OF BRITAIN

our finest hour

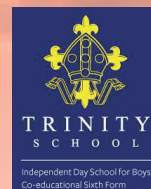
This is a participatory concert in
The Classical Road Show series
for school children 7 – 11 yrs

Conducted by: **Ben Pope**

Narrators: **Sam Archer &
Annabelle Brown**

Chorus: **Our audience of
children**

Tuesday 10 July 2018
at 11.15am & 1.30pm (concerts last 1 hour)



**Trinity School Concert Hall,
Shirley Park, Croydon CR9 7AT**

£4 Group tickets for pupils (7-11yrs) and staff include
Teachers' Pack of songs, learning CD, History project.

£6 for unaccompanied adults

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The Classical Road Show

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Ben Pope



Sam Archer



Annabelle Brown

Dear Headteacher / Music Co-ordinator,

January 2018

Battle of Britain – Tuesday 10 July 2018, 11.15am and 1.30pm, Trinity School Concert Hall, Croydon

Participatory concerts (1 hour) for 7-11yrs, the entire audience performing in song, accompanied by The London Mozart Players; narrators Sam Archer & Annabelle Brown

Concerts introduced and conducted by Ben Pope

The Classical Road Show warmly invites you and your school to take part in **the post-Premiere performance of their new commission which features The Battle of Britain**. Come and re-live those fraught times, when a Nazi invasion of Britain seemed inevitable, but was repulsed by the heroism not only of the fearless young pilots and their allied forces, but of people from all walks of life on the ground.

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 Battle of Britain booking form. The workshop will take place in the Shirley Methodist Church, Croydon CR0 8SD from 4 – 5pm on Wednesday 23 May 2018.

Dressing up encourages that 'tread the boards' feeling and is a great de-inhibiting factor. Dress doesn't have to be elaborate, but you could come with a gas mask, as a pilot or an evacuee – or even as Winston Churchill!

Ben Pope, is one of the conductors who are taking over the baton from Hilary Davan Wetton. (Hilary retired from our Classical Road Shows, having conducted them for 30 years, but happily remains as our Musical Director.) Ben works extensively with international orchestras at home and abroad, with a particular allegiance to The Royal Philharmonic, for concerts, recordings and educational projects. We are delighted to welcome him to our podium!

Teachers' packs will be sent out to participating schools at the end of the Spring term. As well as the music for your songs, we will send you links to historical information from The RAF Museum, The Imperial War Museum and Kenley Revival. (RAF Kenley is the UK's best preserved Battle of Britain airfield and a proud part of Croydon's heritage).

Please book concert tickets as early as possible in the Spring term by sending the enclosed booking form which is also available on our website under Upcoming Concerts. You may request any number of places, for classes or choirs. Tickets are only £4 per head, but we have a policy of inclusivity for those who may have difficulty paying. Croydon Council have kindly said that we may apply for financial help on behalf of schools who would otherwise be unable to travel to Trinity School. Please email us about both of these offers as necessary.

We greatly look forward to welcoming you to this great new show! Please be in touch at any time if you need more information.

With warm good wishes

Sheila Bennett
Concerts Manager

Carol Leighton
Director

The Classical Road Show has presented concerts for thousands of children annually since 1988. Since its London debut in 2005, it has produced 43 sell-out concerts in the QEH South Bank, Cadogan Hall and Fairfield Halls.

Directors: Adrian Watney *Chairman*, Carol Leighton *Director*, Meddie Wang *Treasurer*, Stephen Swabey *Co. Secretary*, Sheila Bennett (Concerts Manager), Richard Abbott, Fern Dickson, Mike Dudgeon OBE, DL, Jenny Robinson, Paul Roffey, Eliza Thompson
Musical Consultant: Richard Brown.

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