

The story of the  
Great Fire of London in 1666  
brought to life by Samuel Pepys  
and his loyal maid  
Jane Birch

Music: Richard M Brown  
Script: Fern Dickson &  
Sarah Harding  
Lyrics: Fern Dickson &  
Richard M Brown

**The Classical Road Show**  
presents

# FIRE!

**Monday 14 October 2019**

at 11.15am and 1.30pm

## Milton Court Concert Hall

Barbican, Silk Street, London EC2Y 9BH

**GUILD  
HALL**  
SCHOOL

GSMD Orchestra

**LM**  
LONDON MOZART PLAYERS

London Mozart Players

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

Introduced and conducted by  
**Benjamin Pope**

Narrators: **Michael Dore & Annabelle Brown**  
Chorus: Our audience of children

**£5** tickets for pupils (7-11yrs)  
and staff include teachers' pack of songs, word sheet, learning CD and additional teaching resources.

Please see reverse for details

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**Dear Headteacher / Music Co-Ordinator,**

**June/July 2019**

**Monday 14 October 2019: *The Great Fire of London* concert - Milton Court concert hall, Barbican performed by The London Mozart Players, side-by-side with GSMD Orchestra, narrators and our entire audience of children 7-11yrs. Concerts 11.15 and 13.30, last for one hour.**

**Monday 9 September 2019: from 4-5pm:** An optional, free Workshop to explore FIRE! music, with Benjamin Pope and all Music & Class Teachers involved. Guildhall School of Music Recital Room, Silk Street.

The Classical Road Show is delighted to invite your school to take part in this reprise of our very successful production of FIRE! by Richard Brown – re-telling the story of the Great Fire of London and how this momentous event changed London for the better, thanks to 'Wren and his Men'!

We offer a rare choral opportunity to your pupils of all musical abilities! Fun, original music to sing, accompanied by a world-class band in a major concert hall - it is not to be missed! We are told that this 'larger than life' experience has a great, knock-on effect on pupils' confidence and ability in both work and play!

**All the children have to do is learn the songs!**

We are offering **Music and Class Teachers** a pre-concert meeting with our conductor (see above), to examine the music of our concert piece and the learning materials we supply. This is optional, but please book if you want one or more teachers to attend.

**Teachers' packs** contain the audience songs on music sheets, word sheets and on a CD (with and without a voice-over). **Additional Teaching Resources** included in your pack explore the Fire of London, Samuel Pepys' diary and 17<sup>th</sup> century London life.

**Dressing up:** Everyone in the audience is encouraged to come in costume. It doesn't have to be elaborate. If you can manage a whole costume, that's fantastic, but a waistcoat, apron, cap, cravat or wig to get in the mood of 17th century London is all that is needed. Ideas will be included in your teachers' packs.

**Benjamin Pope**, who will conduct, has vast experience of performing all genres of music with top orchestras. Ben will introduce the concert, spending c. 20 minutes introducing the orchestral instruments and rehearsing the songs before the grand performance of FIRE! This all takes about one hour.

Please book tickets by completing the enclosed booking form. Tickets are only £5 per head, but we have a policy of inclusivity for those who may have difficulty paying – please ask us.

We greatly look forward to welcoming you to Milton Court's stunning Concert Hall, but please don't hesitate to contact us if you have any queries meanwhile.

With warm good wishes

**Sheila Bennett**

Concerts Manager

**Carol Leighton**

Director



Benjamin  
Pope



Annabelle  
Brown



Michael  
Dore

The Classical Road Show has presented concerts for thousands of children annually since 1988. Since its London debut in 2005, it has produced 49 sell-out concerts in the QEH South Bank, Cadogan Hall and Fairfield Halls.

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