

The Classical Road Show

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PRESS RELEASE

Zambezi Tales by Richard Brown, lyrics by Nigel Williams

Royal Philharmonic Orchestra, Cadogan Hall, May 06

Narrators: Jacqui Dankworth, Colin Griffiths-Brown, Nicola Dawn

Conductor: Hilary Davan Wetton

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African folk lore was celebrated in two recent concerts, when almost two thousand children from twenty five schools in London and the South East converged on Cadogan Hall in tribal gear. On the tips of their tongues were the songs they had learnt, to play a full part in this lively concert. The narrators and children sang tales from the Shona and Tonga tribes, accompanied by Brown's evocative orchestral sounds.

This is The Classical Road Show's second London series and both have been sell-outs. Hilary Davan Wetton, their musical director, is convinced that they fulfil a need by injecting a robust choral project into the school curriculum. Hilary is best known for his Masterclass series on Classic FM and has a fistful of awards for the recordings of mainly neglected English composers that he has conducted with major London orchestras.



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Longmartin (Jonathan Lane pictured left, with Adrian Watney, Classical Road Show Chairman and the Mayor of Guildford) as sponsors, were delighted to deliver this rare chance for young children to perform alongside top professionals. It does wonders for morale.

Also in the audience were the Dep Mayor of Kensington Cllr Robert Freeman and Mrs Freeman and the Lord Mayor of Westminster, Cllr Alexander Nicoll (pictured right).



On the left, pupils from Our Lady of Dolours School are ready for concert action.

The opportunities that The Classical Road Show gives to our children are superb and we seize them with both hands; Nicola Cottier, Headteacher. The children were absorbed and totally entranced; Mike Dudgeon, The Mercers' Company. It was a fantastic atmosphere with so many children being inspired by music. And what an amazing piece of music, we all felt quite emotional at the end: Susanna Majendie. I really enjoyed Zambezi Tales and thought it a triumph Rosie Oxley.

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