

The Classical Road Show
presents

WIDECOMBE FAIR

a tale of smuggling, wrecking and romance set in 19th century Devon

Music **RICHARD BROWN** Lyrics **NIGEL WILLIAMS**



Cadogan Hall
5 Sloane Terrace
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Sloane Square (1min)

TUESDAY 10 MARCH 2009

A participatory concert in The Classical Road Show
series for school children 7 – 11 yrs

Introduced and conducted by **HILARY DAVAN WETTON**

Narrators: **ANNABELLE BROWN**
AND MICHAEL ROUSE

Dancers: jumpUP dance school
Chorus: our audience of children



Royal Philharmonic Orchestra



'Pour, oh pour the Pirate Sherry, Fill Oh fill the Pirate glass' Illustration for 'The Pirates of Penzance', Savoy Operas, 1909 (colour litho) by Flint, Sir William Russell (1880-1969) ©Private Collection/ The Bridgeman Art Library

Performances lasting one hour at **11.15am** and **1.45pm**

£3 Group tickets for pupils (7-11yrs) and staff include Teachers' Pack of songs, word sheets, learning CD, history project.

£5 Unaccompanied adults.

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...orchestras and children in concert

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Dear Headteacher

October 2008

Widcombe Fair concert with The Royal Philharmonic Orchestra

Tuesday 10 March 09, 11.15am or 1.45pm, Cadogan Hall, SW1X: A choral project for 7 – 11 yr olds

We are delighted to invite your school to take part in this exciting concert, performing alongside the **Royal Philharmonic Orchestra**.

Widcombe Fair is a tale of smuggling, wrecking and romance, set in the early 19th century on the Devon coast. The drama is narrated by actors, brilliantly illustrated by the orchestra and dancers from a London ballet school, **and sung throughout by our audience of school children**. The hero of the story is young Dickon Trevaun, who journeys to Widcombe Fair with his wicked Uncle Tom Cobleigh and Tom's ruthless gang of smugglers. Ever present are the watching villagers (our audience of children) ready to take part in the rumbustious fairground songs, the ambush made by the gallant Captain Abberley and his soldiers, the excitement of the chase when Dickon and his horse are pursued by the murderous gang... Our hero survives various adventures before he safely returns home and the smugglers meet a deservedly gruesome end.



**Conductor;
Hilary Davan Wetton**

Teachers' packs include audience songs in script and on a CD. If you need further help to teach them to the children we may be able to offer a visit by our choral tutor. A free accompanying project, **Rural Life in Victorian England**, will also be included in your pack. This will also be available on our website.

Dressing up: Everyone in the audience is encouraged to look the part – farm workers' hats and neckscarves, soldiers' hats, country girls' dresses and shawls, Victorian mop caps – be as inventive as you like. This is musical theatre!

Introducing the orchestral instruments: Hilary Davan Wetton (pictured), renowned for his pioneering work in musical education, will introduce and conduct the concert. We will spend a short time hearing the individual instruments and rehearsing the songs before the performance of *Widcombe Fair*. The whole event lasts about **one hour**.

Encouraging your children's self belief: We hope that you will seize this rare opportunity to let your children learn to love choral music through participation, performing alongside the thrilling sound of a top professional orchestra. For many children this is a life-changing experience

All your children have to do is learn the music!

Please **apply to Cadogan Hall for as many tickets as you like, all at £3**. Some schools send us everyone, others just a few classes. If you have any queries, please ring me at any time. Please also note that we have a policy of **inclusion** for pupils who are unable to afford tickets; please ask me about our hardship fund.

I very much hope your school will join our action-packed concert cast!

With best wishes,

Fern Dickson



The Classical Road Show has presented concerts to thousands of children annually since 1988. Since its London debut in 2005, it has produced six sell-out concerts in the Queen Elizabeth Hall and Cadogan Hall

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