

Charity Concert



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TALENT CONCERT

INVITATION TO A UNIQUE MUSICAL EVENT
CADOGAN HALL, CHELSEA ▶ WEDNESDAY 30 MARCH 2011



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WELCOME

An introduction from Gina Miller



I am delighted to invite you to an inspirational evening of music hosted in partnership with the ZETLAND FOUNDATION. It is widely acknowledged that music and the performing arts have the ability to alter moods and emotions but more than that, it is a key that can unlock the world of learning, confidence and development. **“Music is what feelings sound like”** someone once said but I would also add that for many of us it lifts our spirit and keeps us sane. For the disadvantaged, vulnerable and disabled, music and performance can enhance lives, create positive change and encourage social and emotional development.

The AMBER TRUST and MAGPIE DANCE are two of our grantee charities that do extraordinary work in this field and I do hope you and your friends can join us in supporting them.

We are also delighted to support the Royal Scots Dragoon Guards for the extraordinary courage they display on our behalf.

An introduction from Lord Zetland



We at the ZETLAND FOUNDATION are incredibly grateful to Gina and her team at MILLER PHILANTHROPY for choosing us as the small charity with which to share this special musical event.

The ZETLAND FOUNDATION was founded in June 2000 with the simple aim of supporting highly talented young people in the Arts, particularly musicians, through that deeply difficult period between raw talent and earning power.

There can be few sweeter emotions than being in a position to assist an aspiring young musician to achieve his or her personal goal. The first four acts in this programme are perfect examples of what the ZETLAND FOUNDATION is all about.

Please help us to continue to realise these dreams by joining us on 30th March.

PROGRAMME

6.30 Doors open

7.30 Richard Birchall
Mandhira de Saram
Veronika Ilinskaya
Ensemble

8.30 *Interval - Complimentary wine will be available*

8.50 Elliot Allinson
Heather Peace
Derek Paravicini
Royal Scots Dragoon Guards Piper

9.45 Depart

PERFORMERS



RICHARD BIRCHALL

Richard is one of the UK's most exciting and talented young musicians, earning a laudable reputation as a cellist, composer and arranger. He started his career as a chorister at St George's Chapel, Windsor Castle and has appeared as concerto soloist with many orchestras. In January 2011 he performed Pierre Boulez's *Messagesquise* in the opening concert of the Park Lane Group New Series. He has also been commissioned to write a new piece for the series which will be premiered by cello octet *Cellophony*.

Playing J.S.BACH Prelude from Suite no.1 in G major for solo cello.
SCHUMANN Adagio & Allegro for cello and piano.



MANDHIRA DE SARAM

Mandhira is an extremely promising young violinist from Sri Lanka. She was awarded a Music Scholarship to North London Collegiate School and was also a Leverhulme Scholar at the Junior Royal Academy of Music where she performed both as a violinist and pianist. She graduated with First Class Honours from Oxford University and was the winner of the renowned Worcester College arts prize. Mandhira is achieving acclaim as a talented soloist, chamber musician and orchestral violinist around the UK and abroad.

Playing "Zigeunerweisen" by PABLO DE SARASATE.



VERONIKA ILINSKAYA

Veronika is a talented, award winning, young Russian pianist who made her first appearance as a soloist with orchestra at the age of ten. She graduated with honours from the Guildhall School of Music in London and then from the Mannes School in New York.

In January 2011 Veronika performed Nikolai Medtner's 3rd Piano Concerto - the first time in London since 1946. She works with one of the UK's leading young composers Benjamin Ellin.

Playing "Waltz de Faust" by GOUNOD/LISTZ.

Richard, Mandhira and Veronika will perform together WEINIAWSKI's Legende, arranged for piano trio by Richard Birchall.

PERFORMERS



ELLIOT ALLINSON

Elliot is an exuberant twelve years old classically trained in both music and dance. His impressive resume includes significant performances in Matilda with The Royal Shakespeare Company, Chitty Chitty Bang Bang on the National Tour and Oliver! at the Theatre Royal, as well as a TV appearance in the BBC series Spooks.

Elliot, accompanied by his brother Adam, will be performing a "Billy Elliot Medley".



HEATHER PEACE

Heather has been an acclaimed actress since 1997 when she appeared as Miranda in Shakespeare's "The Tempest" at the New Vic Theatre.

She has also appeared in a variety of TV series including Emmerdale, The Bill, Dangerfield and London's Burning - playing Sally 'Gracie' Fields, the first female fire fighter. Heather's first love is music - whilst at drama school she held a jazz residency in Manchester's Canal St and was later signed to Simon Cowell's label, releasing a cover of "The Rose" on the back of "London's Burning". The rapid success of her acting career has meant her music has been on the back burner but is now very much her focus. Heather will be touring in the UK from March 31st until April 15th and appearing at numerous summer festivals.



DEREK PARAVICINI - AUTISTIC SAVANT

Due to a premature birth, Derek is blind with severe learning difficulties whilst also exhibiting many of the traits of autism; however he possesses a unique savant music ability. By the age of four, he had taught himself to play a large number of complex pieces on the piano. Now 31 years old, but with the developmental intelligence of a six year old, Derek is known as the 'human i-pod' and can play and adapt any musical piece from any genre from first hearing the piece. He has played in some of the world's most renowned venues including Ronnie Scott's and the Queen Elizabeth Hall in London, the Mandalay Bay Arena in Las Vegas, Nevada and in Phoenix, Arizona.

There is no doubt that Derek has a truly unique musical mind, he is proof of what the work of the AMBER Trust charity can achieve.



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The **ONLY** Brit award winning Pipe Band

We are extremely pleased that one of the pipers of Royal Scots Dragoon Guards (Carabiniers and Greys) will be closing our event.

The World Famous Royal Scots Dragoon Guards have been at the forefront of Pipe music since first achieving fame in 1972 when their haunting version of "Amazing Grace" rocketed to the top of the charts all around the world.

The Regiment

The Royal Scots Dragoon Guards are Scotland's senior regiment and only regular cavalry regiment. The Regiment, formed in 1971, is currently based in Fallingb., Germany. They form the main armoured force for the 7th Armoured Brigade, the famous Desert Rats.

Tonight's appearance is to raise awareness and funds for the families of killed or wounded (physically and psychologically) soldiers - both in terms of offering practical help and helping them deal with their loss over the decades to come.