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Tonight's Programme

Cockaigne Overture Elgar

Courtly Dances from Gloriana Britten

Fantasia on Greensleeves Vaughan Williams

Suite: The Three Elizabeths Coates

Interval (20 minutes)

Orb and Sceptre - Coronation March Walton

The Walk to the Paradise Garden Delius

Fantasia on British Sea Songs Wood

Pomp & Circumstance March No. 1 Elgar

Jerusalem Parry

Conductor - Jonathan Butcher

Please order interval drinks at the bar from 6:30pm. Refreshments and ice cream are available. Additional toilets available downstairs in this theatre.

Medina Theatre has facilities for people with disabilities and is a Non-Smoking Venue

Chairman's Welcome

On behalf of the Isle of Wight Symphony Orchestra, can I welcome you to our concert to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. To anyone joining us for the first time, a special welcome, we hope to see you again.

This concert will be a little different from our normal concerts, but is in keeping with the celebrations at this time, so we hope you enjoy it, and enter into the spirit of the evening.

Our next concert on July 7th 2012 will see the conclusion of this season. At that concert we intend to announce our provisional programme for the 2012/2013 season, as well as providing information about our season ticket scheme.

If anyone cannot make that concert but would like details of the season ticket scheme, I would ask them to contact my colleague Tim Isard on seasontickets@iwso.info or on 01983 400074.

Thank you again for your continued support.

Emma Dixey - Chairman, IWSO



Tonight's Music

Cockaigne Overture (In London Town), such as those which can be found in Op. 40

Edward Elgar (1857 - 1934)

Dedicated to 'My many friends, the members of British Orchestras'

Elgar composed the overture in 1901, shortly after completing Enigma Variations. The name Cockaigne comes from a mythical medieval land of easy and luxurious living and was humorously and ironically applied to London. Indeed it is one of the contenders for the origin of the word 'cockney'. The jaunty opening theme, the music describing a pair of lovers and a brass band, are woven together throughout the piece. Interspersed is a grander motive which Elgar calls nobilmente – a stretching out of a phrase in a noble manner, which he was to make much use of in his symphonies. The overture was an instant success and has remained popular ever since.

Courtly Dances from Gloriana Benjamin Britten (1913 - 1976)

This was Britten's sixth opera and commissioned for the coronation in 1953. by Covent Garden. It was a controversial choice to entertain a young queen as it shows the turbulent, declining years of Elizabeth I. Although it is rarely performed now the Courtly Dances stand in their own right as part of a suite. Britten has given his own twist to authentic Tudor dances

Arbeau's Orchesography, a sixteenth century dancing manual. La Volta, for example, is described:

> .. throw your arm round her, grasping her firmly by the waist. At the same time place your other hand below her busk (the lower point of the bodice) to help her leap...She will place her hand on her thigh to hold her petticoats in place, lest the swirling air should catch them and reveal her hare thigh....

In the opera the Queen commands the glowing ladies 'Go change thy linen.'

- 1. March
- 2. Coranto in duple time with little jumps to left and right.
- 3. Pavanne played by the brass. A slow stately dance in pairs parading round the room: slow slow quick quick slow
- 4. Morris dance played by the woodwind. Dancers wear bells round their legs and make them ring by keeping their toes together and tapping their heels. In the opera it was performed while the ladies were changing.
- 5. Galliard played by the strings in triple time. A chance to invent steps and showoff.
- 6. la Volta Elizabeth I's favourite dance. There is a painting of her dancing it with the Earl of Leicester
- 7. March

Fantasia on Greensleeves Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872 - 1958)

Arranged for flutes and strings, this version of Greensleeves comes from Vaughan Williams' pastoral opera Sir John in Love. The original tune appeared in the late 16th century and is therefore not, alas, by Henry VIII.

Suite: The Three Elizabeths Eric Coates (1886 - 1957)

Eric Coates was a viola player who was taught by Lionel Tertis and spent some time playing for Sir Henry Wood. He is, however, better known as a composer of light music including Sleepy Lagoon (Desert Island Discs) and the Dam Busters March.

In 1941 Coates received a suggestion from the Rev Arthur Hall of Barnes to compose a piece to celebrate three generations of the British monarchy. The suite was first performed in1944 and dedicated to the then Queen Elizabeth. It was revived in 1953 for the coronation and used in the 1960's as the theme music for The Forsyte Saga. Unlike Britten, Coates makes no concession to Tudor instruments or music but mingles his own style with that of the popular view of 'merry England'.

I. Halcyon Days (Elizabeth Tudor)

This portrait of Elizabeth I begins with a motive that links the three movements together. It is played first as a fanfare on the horns and is followed by a country dance.

II Springtime in Angus (Elizabeth of Glamis)

Angus was one of the favourite places of Queen Elizabeth, later the Queen Mother, and is depicted by a folk song with a Scottish snap played on the oboe to the gentle accompaniment of a nearby cuckoo.

III March. Youth of Britain (The Princess Elizabeth)

A typical Coates march portrays the present Queen while still a princess. It owes much to Elgar who was a champion of the composer.

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INTERVAL

Orb and Sceptre - Coronation March 1953

William Walton (1902 - 1983)

Following the success of Crown Imperial, written for the coronation of George VI in 1937, Walton was asked to compose a march for the coronation of Elizabeth II in 1953. The piece owes its structure to the Pomp and Circumstance marches of Elgar, having a brisk section followed by a slower majestic march in a distant key. However, Walton's first section is brighter with jazzy syncopations in all sections of the orchestra. Only the occasional brass fanfares remind one it was written for a coronation

The Walk to the Paradise Garden Frederick Delius (1862 - 1934)

This orchestral interlude comes from Delius' fourth opera, A Village Romeo and Juliet. Paradise Garden is, in fact, a pub where the two lovers plan to drown themselves.

Fantasia on British Sea Songs Henry Wood (1869 - 1944)

The Fantasia was arranged by Henry Wood in 1905 to celebrate the centenary of the Battle of Trafalgar and has been played at most Last Night of the Proms ever since. Not all the pieces are sea songs but present a certain nostalgia.

- 1. Saucy Aresthusa solo euphonium
- 2. Tom Bowling solo cello

- 3. Jack's the lad (hornpipe) solo violin
- 4. Spanish Ladies
- 5. See, the conquering hero comes
- 6. Home Sweet Home solo oboe
- 7. Rule, Britannia!

Pomp & Circumstance March No. 1 Edward Elgar (1857 - 1934)

Written in 1901 this, the best known of Elgar's four marches, was performed first at the Proms. The words were added when it became part of Elgar's Coronation Ode for Edward VII in 1902.

Jerusalem C H H Parry (1848 - 1918)

Words by William Blake, re-orchestrated by Edward Elgar.

Written originally for voices and organ in 1916 for the Fight for Right campaign, Jerusalem was subsequently orchestrated and became the hymn for Women's Suffrage and later the Women's Institute.

Song Words and Flag Waving

See, the Conquering Hero Thomas Morrell (1703 - 1784)

See, the conqu'ring hero comes!
Sound the trumpets, beat the drums.
Sports prepare, the laurel bring.
Songs of triumph to him sing.
See, the conqu'ring hero comes!
Sound the trumpets, beat the drums.

Rule Britannia James Thompson (1700 - 1748)

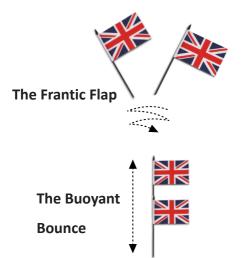
When Britain first, at Heavens Command Arose from out the Azure main, Arose, arose, arose from out the Azure main, This was the charter, the charter of the land, And guardian Angels sung this strain;

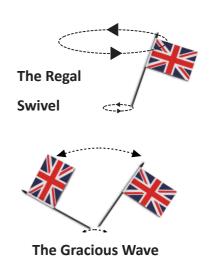
Rule Britannia! Britannia rules the waves. Britons never, never, never will be slaves. Rule Britannia! Britannia rules the waves. Britons never, never, never will be slaves.

Jerusalem William Blake (1757 - 1827)

And did those feet in ancient time
Walk upon England's mountains green?
And was the Holy Lamb of God
On England's pleasant pastures seen?
And did the Countenance Divine
Shine forth upon our clouded hills?
And was Jerusalem builded here
Among those dark Satanic mills?

Bring me my bow of burning gold!
Bring me my arrows of desire!
Bring me my spear! O clouds unfold!
Bring me my Chariot of Fire!
I will not cease from mental fight;
Nor shall my sword sleep in my hand
Till we have build Jerusalem
In England's green and pleasant land.

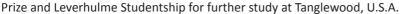


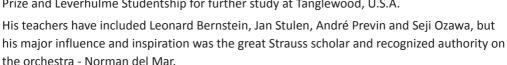


Jonathan Butcher - Conductor

Jonathan Butcher is an experienced yet versatile conductor whose repertoire not only encompasses all the major Orchestral, Choral and Operatic works, but also includes a large selection of 20th and 21st century compositions. He has a particular passion for chamber orchestra repertoire and is much admired for his work with young people and students. Jonathan conducted orchestras at the Royal College of Music for twelve years.

Whilst studying at the Royal College of Music, where he was awarded a Foundation Scholarship, he won all the major conducting prizes, including The Sir Adrian Boult Conducting Scholarship (on three consecutive occasions), The Arthr Bliss





He has worked with many orchestras and ensembles, including the London Mozart Players, Royal Philharmonic Concert Orchestra, English Symphony Orchestra, New London Orchestra, Guildford Philharmonic Orchestra, National Centre for Orchestral Studies, Divertimenti, London Bach Orchestra, Promenade Orchestra of Radio Hilversum, Holland, Surrey Sinfonietta, National Orchestra of Malta and the Staatsphilharmonie Rheinland-Pflaz.

On the lighter side he has conducted two Hoffnung Concerts in Munich and in 2004 Jonathan conducted several New Year concerts in and around Ludvigshaven, Germany.

At present he holds musical directorships with three orchestras and is artistic director of Surrey Opera with whom he has conducted many acclaimed productions.

Other opera companies Jonathan has worked with include Opera 80 (now E.T.O.), New Sussex Opera, Chelsea Opera Group and Court Opera.

In music theatre Jonathan has a wide and varied experience, including Sweeney Todd and Follies, West Side Story and Phantom of the Opera at Her Majesty's Theatre, Haymarket.

Jonathan was, for a number of years, musical advisor to the Robert Bouffler Music Trust who, under his initiative and directorship, promoted a number of Opera projects for young people.

Jonathan has a natural gift and flair for communicating with audiences and is in much demand for conducting and presenting children and family concerts which he devises himself. In 1999 he established the Family Lunchtime concerts at Polesden Open Air Theatre, working with such celebrities as Hannah Gordon, Angela Rippon, Johnnie Morris, Bill Oddie, Ian Lavender, Sir Trevor McDonald and Peter Purvis.



Kate Turnbull - Leader

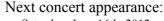
Kate studied at the Royal Academy of music with Derek Collier. She began her professional orchestral life as tutti first violin with the BBC Philharmonic Orchestra but soon moved to the Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra as principal first violin. She is the violinist with Kokoro, the contemporary group of the BSO so manages to not just spend her life playing the symphonic repertoire! She regularly plays in London with the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra and the BBC concert orchestra.



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Kate Turnbull (Leader)
Sandy Hunt
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Helen Mansfield
Helen Noyce
Helen Parry
Josie Snow

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Emma Dixey
Roberta Boreham
Carol Caulfield
Helen Foster
Kate Lillington
Rebecca Loader
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Cor Anglais

Jane Pelham

Clarinets

Mark Gregory Ginny Kelly

Bass Clarinet

Rachel Tweddle

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Matthew Courtney Jenni Cooper

Contra Bassoon

Richard Moore

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