Havering Concert Orchestra

Programme



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Havering Arts Council and Havering Adult
College present

THE HAVERING CONCERT ORCHESTRA

at the

QUEEN'S THEATRE, HORNCHURCH

Sunday 21st November 1993 - 8pm

Conductor/Soloist Leader Guest Conductor

Jeffrey Lague Catherine Cheshire Graeme Wright

Carnival Overture

Dvorak (1841-1904)

The Carnival overture was the second of a trilogy originally entitled 'Nature, Life and Love'. Thus, in addition to the lively music representing the somewhat hectic side of existence, there is a lovely pastoral middle section offering an interlude of contemplation and repose before we are thrown, once again, into the hurly-burly of the carnival.

'Konzertstuck' in F Minor

Soloist: Jeffrey Lague

A prior engagement to play Mozart's C Minor Concerto means that our regular conductor, Robert Ferguson is unable to appear this evening. We had originally asked Jeffrey Lague to play the Moszkowski Piano Concerto in this programme but he has agreed to conduct instead and play Weber's Konzertstuck in place of the Moszkowski which, in view of the scale and exceptional difficulty of the former work, would have been an inappropriate choice under the circumstances. However, we hope to include this most attractive romantic concerto in a future concert.

The Weber will be conducted by Graeme Wright, who has for a number of years been our principal 'cellist.

One of the outstanding composers of Romantic Opera, with such works as 'Der Freischutz' and 'Euryanthe' to his credit, Carl Maria Von Weber was also an outstanding pianist. His pupil, Sir julius Benedict wrote of him that "He was certainly one of the greatest pianists who ever lived."

It was Benedict that Weber told the programme to the Konzertstuck, which is given below:

"The lady sits in her tower: she gazes sadly into the distance. Her knight has been for years in the Holy Land: shall she ever see him again? A fearful vision rises to her mind: her knight is lying on the battle-field deserted, alone and mortally wounded. Could she but die with him! She falls exhausted and sensless. But hark! What is that distant sound? What glimmers in the sunlight from the wood? What are those forms approaching? Knights and squires with banners waving amidst acclamations of the people. And there - it is he!. She sinks into his arms. Love is triumphant. The very woods and waves sing its song and a thousand voices proclaim its victory."

1. Waltz

2. Czardas

This year is the centenary of the death of one of the supreme masters of Romantic Music. Peter Ilyich Tchaikovsky. It is generally agreed that his ballet music was his greatest achievement and his three masterpieces in the genre are probably unsurpassed. 'Swan Lake' was the first of these and we end the first half with two well-loved excerpts, The Waltz and the Hungarian Dance or 'Czardas' which builds to an exciting conclusion.

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The 'Wand of Youth' owes its existence to a musical play written by Elgar when he was fourteen. The plot concerns a magic land where "old" people are taught to be more sympathetic towards the young.

This youthful production was remembered by Elgar when he was himself "old" and he fashioned two suites from his early effort. Our selection is made from both of these.

'Dance of the Blessed Spirits'

Gluck (1714-1787)

This famous orchestral interlude from the opera 'Ofeo ed Euridice' occurs in the second act after Orpheus has charmed the furies at the mouth of Hades with his Lyre and the scene changes to a lovely vision of the Elysian fields.



THE ORCHESTRA

First Violins Double Bass

Catherine Cheshire Pam Amos Celia Rhodes Arthur Gaubert Gabrielle Scott Yvonne Simmons Colin Foan Diane Lynch

Robert Veale

Flutes

Oboes

Gillian Foan Joan Luck Ankie Postma

Horns

Second Violins

Paul Kelly

John Phillips

Dorothy Todd Stan VanLint

Karen Woolfe

Karen Williams

Jenny Robinson Glenn Somerville Judith Roads Tania English

Clarinets

Brian Luck Claire Adams Mike Youings John Ward Jamie Merrick

Percussion

Janice Flanders George Scott Guest

Violas

Vic Bradnam Francis Hider Christine Hider Sue Norris

Bassoons

Sarah Head Helen Gilks

Trumpets

'Cellos

Graeme Wright Mark Rallis Geoffrey Pink Brendan O'Connor Ruth Tyler Tony Wright

Vincent Taber James Kirton Stanley Cooper

Trombones

Keith Bleasdale Warren Middleton

London Suite

Coates (1886-1957)

From Sullivan onwards, British composers have excelled as writers of light classical music. One recalls that not only have such diverse composers as Edward German, Billy Mayer and Haydn Wood distinguished themselves in the genre but also that Elgar produced many charming miniatures in this vein.

However, the 'Uncrowned King of Light Music' with a string of successes to his name such as 'The Dam-Busters March', 'By the Sleepy Lagoon' and 'Calling all Workers' was undoubtedly Eric Coates.

The London Suite was written in 1932 and evokes nostalgia for a past era. There are three movements.

Covent Garden

A tarantella paints a bustling picture of the days when Covent Garden was a fruit and vegetable market. As if to underline the fact, Coates quotes Horn's song 'Cherry Ripe'.

2. Westminster

This is a meditation, a contemplation of the Houses of Parliament and the Abbey in the calm of night. At the close, Big Ben chimes the hour.

3. Knightsbridge

This great thoroughfare is typified by one of Coates' most famous marches, which those past in the first flush of youth might remember as the theme music of the BBC Radio feature "In Town Tonight."

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