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## **'Set Works' Concert with the Halle Orchestra**

### **Bridgewater Hall**

**Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> October 2021**

29<sup>th</sup> September 2021

Dear Parents/Guardians,

I am writing to invite your child, as a member of the music GCSE or A-level class, on a trip to the Bridgewater Hall on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> October 2021, to see the 'Set Works' Concert with the Halle orchestra. The concert is a matinee performance and the trip includes coach travel, to and from the Bridgewater Hall.

The concert has been organised in collaboration with Trafford music service secondary provision, who consulted Heads of Music in Trafford to create a concert that would best serve students studying for GCSE and A-Level music. 'The Orchestra Through the Ages' takes pupils on a guided tour of music from the Renaissance to the 21st century. Featuring a number of orchestral pieces from the OCR and Eduqas syllabi for GCSE and A-level music, the concert demonstrates the development of the symphony orchestra with a brief history and musical analysis of some key pieces.

### ***PROGRAMME***

#### **Chapter 1: The Founding Fathers**

Giovanni Gabrieli – Sonata no. XIII

Johann Sebastian Bach – VII 'Badinerie' from Orchestral Suite No. 2 in B minor

Joseph Haydn – Symphony No. 104 in D, 'London' – First movement

#### **Chapter 2: The Prodigies**

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart – Clarinet Concerto in A – III Finale

Felix Mendelssohn Symphony No. 4 in A, 'Italian' – First movement

#### **Chapter 3: Romanticism and Nationalism**

Amy Beach – Gaelic Symphony in E minor – First Movement

Sibelius – 'Lemminkäinen Suite', Lemminkäinen's Return

#### **Chapter 4: 20th Century and beyond**

Zoltan Kodaly – Hary Janos: Battle and Defeat of Napoleon and Intermezzo,

Terry Riley – In C

Hans Zimmer – Pirates of the Caribbean

This is an invaluable opportunity for our students to experience a live orchestra and repertoire to support their understanding of the development of musical conventions. The Haydn and Mendelssohn Symphonies are the set works which the A-Level group will study and analyse in detail for the A-Level final exam.



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Students will leave their period 4 lesson and be transported by coach to the Bridgewater Hall at 1pm. We have secured a large coach so that the students can be sat socially distanced in year group bubbles, as is current policy for coach travel companies.

**Students will therefore need to bring a packed lunch on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup>**, which can be eaten on the coach. They are expected to leave the coach in immaculate condition and take their lunch rubbish away with them. The coach will return to collect students at the end of the concert at 3pm and return them to the Moorside Road entrance to UGS at approximately 3.40pm (depending on traffic). Should parents wish their children to make their own way home from the Bridgewater Hall, please indicate this on Parent Pay. Students, including the year 12 class, will not be allowed to make their own travel arrangements without parental permission.

**The cost of the concert, including coach travel, is £15.40 per student.** The trip will be added to your Parent Pay account and making payment will also indicate that you give your permission for the trip. Please contact the school directly if you need financial support.

We are so looking forward to a touch of 'normality' for our students and are delighted to be facilitating the opportunity to experience live music.

Yours Faithfully,

Ms. J Langham  
Head of Music  
Urmston Grammar

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