City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra

Best of Broadway Symphony Hall Friday 16 February, 2024 7:30pm

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## INTRODUCTION

I am thrilled to be joining the CBSO for this 'Best of Broadway' concert. The Birmingham Symphony Hall is truly one of my favourite places to perform, so to be back again is a real treat, especially performing alongside Louise Dearman, Scott Davies and Oliver Tompsett.

The repertoire for the concert is fantastic, showing so many sides of musical theatre. From classic Rodgers and Hammerstein to the more modern sounding works of Stephen Schwartz, and with the CBSO bringing it all to life, everyone is in for an evening of brilliant musical theatre.

It's hard to pick a favourite song from the list, but some stand out moments for me would be performing 'Over the Rainbow' as this is the song that started my career and I never tire of singing it, along with the 'Wicked' section as I am a massive fan of the show, even more so since taking on the role of Glinda in Wicked.

The group numbers are also so much fun to perform, 'The Rhythm of Life' is a wonderful way to start off the show with the intricate solo lines weaving together creating a unique musical theatre sound and ending the first half with one of my childhood favourites 'Grease'.

'Grease' allows us to let our hair down, go back to high school and revel in that 50s sound, whilst finishing on songs like 'One' from 'A Chorus Line' and 'La Cage Aux Folles' really hits you with that classic Broadway sound.

It's going to be a glorious evening.

Styne, Gypsy: Overture, 6mins Coleman, The Rhythm of Life from Sweet Charity, 4mins

Arlen, Over the Rainbow from The Wizard of Oz, 5mins

Reilly, Mister Cellophane from Chicago, 4mins

Kander/Ebb, Maybe This Time from Cabaret, 4mins

Loesser, Luck Be A Lady from Guys & Dolls, 4mins

Menken, A Whole New World from Aladdin, 3mins

Lopez, Let It Go from Frozen, 4mins

Menken, If I can't Love Her from Beauty & the Beast, 5mins

Jacobs/Casey, Grease: Medley, 10mins

Interval

Bernstein, Something's Coming from West Side Story, 4mins
Rodgers, The Sound of Music from The Sound of Music, 5mins
Berlin, Anything You Do, 4mins
Parker/Lopez/Stone, I Believe from The Book of Mormon, 4mins
Schwartz, Popular from Wicked, 3mins
Schwartz, Defying Gravity from Wicked, 4mins

Willson, The Music Man: Overture, 5mins

La Cage aux Folles, 4mins
Hamlisch, One from A Chorus Line,
4mins

Herman, I Am What I Am from

Michael England, Conductor Sophie Evans, Singer Louise Dearman, Singer Oliver Tompsett, Singer Scott Davies, Singer

Presented in association with West End International.

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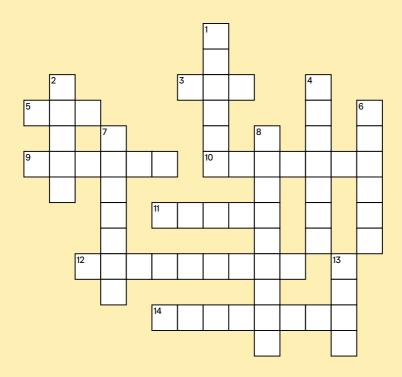
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# THE BROADWAY CROSSWORD



#### Across

- [3] If I Can't Love \_\_\_? (Beauty and the Beast)
- [5] Don't \_\_\_ For Me Argentina (Evita)
- [9] In "The Lion King," what type of animal is Rafiki?
- [10] The Wicked Witch of the West's real name in Wicked?
- [11] A Whole New \_\_\_\_? (Aladdin)
- [12] "Hairspray" takes place in this east American City.
- [14] "Monty Python and the Holy Grail" is the basis of which play?

#### Down

- [1] What musical takes place at Rydell High?
- [2] I dreamed a \_\_\_\_\_? (Les Misérables)
- [4] Music for 'Hamilton' was composed by Lin-Manuel \_\_\_\_\_?
- [6] In "The Book of Mormon," missionaries are sent to spread the word in which east African country?
- [7] Music for 'Sweet Charity' was composed by Cy \_\_\_\_\_?
- [8] This Marvel character got their own Broadway musical.
- [13] Which Broadway show features the song "Memory"?

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## **MICHAEL ENGLAND**

Michael England's diverse career encompasses classical music, ballet, film, radio, television and musical theatre. In London's West End, he has been Musical Director for productions of Les Misérables: The Phantom of the Opera, Jerry Springer -The Opera (also BBC TV), Monty Python's Spamalot, The Producers, The Pajama Game and Miss Saigon. He has also conducted productions of The Sound of Music, Cats, Top Hat (UK), Evita, (Oslo), Aspects of Love (Ireland), Grease (Ljubljana), Cats (Hong Kong) and The Pirates of Penzance (Australian Tour/Sydney). Television includes work as conductor and orchestrator for the live broadcast of BBC Sports Personality of the Year 2017. (broadcast live to 8 million) and he was Musical Director for the UK television premiere, The Sound of Music - Live, for ITV television, Michael has conducted many of the top UK orchestras including the Philharmonia, City of Birmingham Symphony, Royal Scottish National, Royal Philharmonic Concert, BBC Concert, BBC Philharmonic, Royal Northern Sinfonia, Royal Liverpool Philharmonic, Orchestra of Welsh National Opera, Orchestra of Opera North, National Symphony Orchestra.



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#### **SOPHIE EVANS**

#### **LOUISE DEARMAN**





Sophie hails from Tonypandy in the Rhondda Valley, Wales. She came to prominence in 2010 as a finalist in the BBC series Over the Rainbow and was subsequently chosen to play the alternate Dorothy in selected performances of The Wizard of Oz at the London Palladium. Other theatre roles include Martha in The Night Before Christmas and Dora in A Little of What you Fancy, both for the Salisbury Playhouse, and most recently two glorious years playing Glinda in Wicked at the Apollo Victoria. Sophie has toured the world as a featured soloist with Russell Watson, Paul Potts, Michael Flately's Lord of the Dance, Voices of the West End and The Knights of Music with Philip Schofield. Her UK tours include From Rags to Riches and the Great British Songbook. Her screen debut was in Edgar Wright's The World's End, starring alongside Simon Pegg, Nick Frost and Martin Freeman, and she has since featured as Debbie in the BAFTA Award winning film Pride. Sophie's most recent CD, Icons, was released in September last year.

Louise's theatre credits include both Glinda and Elphaba in Wicked at the Apollo Victoria, Daisy in Side Show at the Southwark Playhouse, Miss Adelaide in Guys and Dolls UK Tour, Mrs D in the world premiere of The Waterbabies at the Leicester Curve, Soloist in Judy UK Tour, The Woman in Tell Me On A Sunday International Tour, Eva Peron in Evita UK Tour, and more. As a soloist, Louise has performed with many orchestras including the BBC Concert, London Concert, Royal Philharmonic, Hallé, Manchester Camerata, Bournemouth Symphony, Royal Liverpool Philharmonic and the John Wilson Orchestra. She has performed solo shows at The Other Palace, Leicester Square Theatre, Prince Edward Theatre (with Kerry Ellis) and performed The National Anthem at the Capital One Cup Final (Wembley Stadium). Her recordings include You and I; Here Comes the Sun (Big Hand Recordings - 2012); It's Time (Silva Screen - 2013); For You, For Me (Big Hand Recordings 2018); Bond and Beyond (EP -2014). Louise's book, Secrets of Stage Success, was published by Nick Hern Books in 2015.

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#### **OLIVER TOMPSETT**

#### **SCOTT DAVIES**



Oliver trained at the Arts Educational School in London. He has played a host of leading roles in the West End including Edward Lewis in Pretty Woman at the Savoy Theatre, Shakespeare in & Juliet at the Shaftesbury Theatre, Charlie Price in Kinky Boots at the Adelphi Theatre, Sky Masterson in Guvs & Dolls at the Phoenix Theatre, Galileo in We Will Rock You at the Dominion Theatre. Drew Bolev in the original London cast of Rock of Ages at the Shaftesbury Theatre and subsequently at the Dominion Theatre, Fivero in Wicked at the Apollo Theatre. Sky in Mamma Mia! at the Prince Edward Theatre. Caliph in Kismet at the Arcola Theatre and Harry Litton in Over My Shoulder at the Wyndhams Theatre. He is a regular performer on the concert platform and has worked with symphony orchestras worldwide including the Royal Scottish National, Royal Liverpool Philharmonic, Hallé, Manchester Camerata and Bangkok Symphony Orchestra.



Scott was born and educated in Glasgow to a musical family, his father being a violinist with the Royal Scottish National Orchestra. He continued his musical education at the Royal Scottish Academy of Music and Drama. His opera work includes Spoletta in Tosca, Remondado in Carmen, The Painter in Lulu, Borsa in Rigoletto, Don Riccardo and, on occasions, the title role in Ernani, all for English National Opera. His theatre work includes the title role in The Phantom of the Opera (Her Majesty's Theatre), The Father in Halisinia (National Theatre), Gus. Bustopher Jones and Growltiger in Cats (UK Tour), Mr Snow in Carousel and Kayama Yesaemon in Pacific Overtures (Leicester Haymarket), Chess (European Tour) and Sandy in Brigadoon (Victoria Palace). Scott's concert work includes performances with some of Europe's leading orchestras including the City of Birmingham Symphony, Royal Scottish National, Hallé, Gothenburg Symphony, Swedish Chamber, BBC Concert and RTE Concert Orchestra. Scott celebrated his 2,000th performance as The Phantom in The Phantom of the Opera in November 2019.



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# **PERFORMERS**

#### **VIOLINI**

Jonathan Martindale\*
Alexandra Caldon
Jane Wright\*#
Ray Liu
Bethan Allmand\*
Angus Bain
Nathan Bomans\*
Robert Bilson
Katharine Gittings
Wendy Quirk
Anais Boyadjieva
Adam Hill

#### **VIOLIN II**

Lowri Porter\*
Moritz Pfister\*
Jennifer Christie
Timothy Birchall\*
Gabriel Dyker\*#
Tam Mott
Heather Bradshaw\*
Richard Thomas\*
Georgia Hannant\*
Amy Littlewood

#### VIOLA

David BaMaung\*
Michael Jenkinson\*\*
Catherine Bower\*\*
Jessica Tickle\*
Amy Thomas\*
Sarah Malcolm\*
Catherine Howe
Isobel Adams

#### CELLO

Eduardo Vassallo\*# Arthur Boutillier\* Kate Setterfield\*# Miguel Fernandes\* Catherine Ardagh-Walter\*# Helen Edgar\*#

#### **DOUBLE BASS**

Julian Atkinson\*# Jeremy Watt\* Julian Walters\*# Aisling Reilly

#### **FLUTE**

Marie-Christine Zupancic\*#

#### **PICCOLO**

Japheth Law

#### OBOE

Emmet Byrne\*

#### **COR ANGLAIS**

Rachael Pankhurst\*

#### **CLARINETS**

Oliver Janes\* Joanna Patton\*#

#### BASS CLARINET/ SAXOPHONE

Mark O'Brien\*

#### **BASSOON**

Nikolaj Henriques\* Margaret Cookhorn\*

#### **HORN**

Mark Phillips\*# Jack Sewter Olivia Gandee Jeremy Bushell\* Alec Ross

#### **TRUMPET**

Christian Barraclough Jonathan Holland Gwyn Owen Jonathan Quirk\*#

#### TROMBONE

Richard Watkin\* Anthony Howe\*#

#### **BASS TROMBONE**

David Vines\*#

#### TUBA

Grady Hassan

#### TIMPANI

Matthew Hardy\*

#### **PERCUSSION**

Andrew Herbert Barnaby Archer Iris van den Bos

#### HARP

Katherine Thomas\*

#### **DRUM KIT**

Andy McGlasson

#### **PIANO**

Mark Aspinall

#### **GUITAR**

Pete Callard

#### **BASS GUITAR**

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