



On your marks ...

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# Music!

Friday 29 June 2012  
7.30pm  
St Luke's Church  
Gibbon Road  
Kingston upon Thames  
KT2 6AB

Kingston Philharmonia  
St Paul's Singers  
(St Paul's C of E Junior  
School, Kingston)

# Programme

# TONIGHT'S CONCERT

## Javelin

**Michael Torke (1961 - )**

Written in 1994 for the 50th anniversary of the Atlanta Symphony orchestra, 'Javelin' was adopted by the 1996 Olympics Committee and given a place in its 'Sonic Olympiad'. Its title may have played some part in this, but you can also hear why: it is up-beat, vigorous, and combines pace, athleticism and stamina. It also has a big tune – of the sort that we have come to expect in cowboy movies and screen-busters such as Top Gun. 'Javelin's' big tune expresses achievement and pride. You can almost picture the athlete on the rostrum.

## A Sporting Chance

**Bob Chilcott (1955 - )**

A Sporting Chance is a fun and lively choral work on the theme of sport, games, and exercise. Each of the seven movements celebrates a different sport - you'll find running, soccer, weightlifting, and more - and words by the composer provide an entertaining narrative of each event. Look out for exciting choral effects, such as panting, rapping, and grunting, as well as active audience participation.

## Orchestra Games

**Gregory Smith (1957 - )**

**Narrator: Tessa Pritchard**

Gregory Smith's output reaches from serious music to Broadway. He has written a lot for television, and has worked extensively for Walt Disney. He was commissioned to write music for the 2002 Salt Lake Winter Paralympics .

Tonight we will be performing one of his educational pieces, designed to introduce instruments of the orchestra and some of the musical styles you are likely to encounter at a concert. Happy listening!

# TONIGHT'S PERFORMERS

## LEVON PARIKIAN – CONDUCTOR

Levon Parikian is much in demand as Guest Conductor with orchestras throughout Britain. He is Principal Conductor of several London-based orchestras, and the City of Oxford Orchestra, and is Artistic Director of the Rehearsal Orchestra. He has worked extensively with students and youth orchestras, including the Royal Holloway University of London, where he also teaches conducting.



Levon Parikian studied conducting privately with Michael Rose and David Parry, and at the Canford Summer School with George Hurst. He then pursued his studies at the St. Petersburg Conservatoire with the great Russian teacher Ilya Musin.

## CLARE HOWICK – LEADER



Clare Howick has been leader of Kingston Philharmonia since a student. She has established herself as one of the leading violinists of her generation. Her first CD recording, Cyril Scott: Sonata Lirica and Other Works (on the Dutton Epoch label) was awarded Editor's Choice in *Gramophone* magazine. Clare's most recent disc for Naxos is of violin works by British Women Composers which was awarded Editor's Choice in *Classical Music* magazine.

Clare has performed most of the violin concerto repertoire with several orchestras including the Philharmonia Orchestra and has appeared at major festivals in the UK including the Cheltenham International Festival. She has broadcast on BBC Radio 3 and Classic FM as well as worldwide.

Clare combines solo and chamber performances with appearing as guest leader of many orchestras, including the City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra, Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra, Philharmonia Orchestra and BBC National Orchestra of Wales.

## TESSA PRITCHARD – NARRATOR

Tessa has worked in the theatre, tv and film for the last 25 years. Notably she appeared in *Tea With Mussolini* directed by Franco Zeffirelli playing Connie Raynor. In the West End, theatre performances include Eva Peron in *Evita*, Jemima in *Cats* directed by Trevor Nunn, Diana in the European premiere of *Nine* at the Donmar Warehouse directed by David Leveaux. Other roles include Elsa in the *Sound of Music*, Fraulein Kost in *Cabaret* at the Chichester Festival Theatre; Rachel in *My Cousin Rachel*; Madam N in *Little Hero*, Veronika Wigg at the Edinburgh Festival; Beatrice in *A View From The Bridge*.



TV credits include *Me and the Girls* starring Tom Courtenay playing Bonnie MacIntyre; Agatha Christie in *Agatha Christie Vanishes*, Beth in *Casualty*; Maureen Baker in *Doctors*.

## THE ST PAUL'S SINGERS

St Paul's C of E Junior School, has a long tradition of the enjoyment to be found in singing. Our senior choir, 'The St Paul's Singers', all pupils from Years Five and Six, were established over twenty years ago under the direction of Alison Renvoize.

Amongst their achievements has been singing many times for the Royal Opera House Covent Garden, recording Massenet's 'Werther' at the Abbey Road Studio for EMI and achieving the Highly Commended Performance Award in the finals of the 28th National Festival of Music for Youth at the Royal Festival Hall.

More recently the choir was thrilled to win a 'Distinction and First Prize' at the Leith Hill Musical Festival, 'Most Promising Choir Award' at the Landmark Art Centre Festival of Choirs and have also enjoyed collaborating this year with Surrey Brass in their ever popular 'Carols by Candlelight'.

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**Michael Torke – *Javelin***

**Bob Chilcott – *A Sporting Chance***

**Gregory Smith – *Orchestra Games***

## FUTURE CONCERTS

**Saturday 10th November 2012**

**St John the Evangelist, Grove Lane, Kingston**

Joint concert with Teddington Choral Society

**Friday 7th December 2012**

**Open Rehearsal, 49 High Street, New Malden**

**Saturday 6th April 2013**

**St John's Smith Square, City of Westminster**

Includes world premiere of new piece for violin and orchestra  
(soloist Clare Howick) by Paul Patterson

**Saturday 29th June 2013**

**St Andrew's Church, Maple Road, Surbiton**

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[www.kingstonphil.org.uk](http://www.kingstonphil.org.uk)**