



Programme

A choral concert
featuring young singers
from 13 Asset Education primary schools
Britten Studio, Snape Maltings
Saturday 18th November 2023

Heroes (Widow Waspe)

This song, written by Francis Goodhand with children at Ringshall Primary School, was inspired by a 1955 newspaper article from the Daily Herald. The article talks about the plight of East Anglian farmers being forced to pay a tithe (or tax) on their crops (in the form of 10% of the crops) despite poor harvest and financial hardship. The song celebrates a 70 year old widow, Mrs. Waspe, who stood up to authorities and refused to give any of her crops, becoming a hero of her rural community. A shorter version of this song is used as our **Unsung Heroes Theme Song**.

Flypaper Man

Flypaper Man was the character chosen by year 5 children at St Helen's Primary School, working with composer Amy Mallett. It tells the story of a tradesman that could be found roaming the streets near their school back in Victorian times; a flypaper seller. In their songwriting the children created a backstory for the character and were intent on giving the Flypaper Man a grisly death fitting of this era.

The Ups and the Downs - Our Love Story

This beautiful ballad by Kitty Morgan and Castle Hill Primary School was inspired by Birkin Haward (1912-2002); an innovative modernist architect who worked for Ipswich architectural firm Johns Slater and Haward. This practice produced the designs for Castle Hill school which was built in 1950/51. The song is a love letter to his wife who died young, leaving him to bring up their three children with the support of his sister.

Whitton in Wartime

Working with composer Amy Mallett, year 5 children at The Beeches uncovered several wartime heroes in the history of their school and its surrounding area. Included in their song is Flight Lieutenant Gerald William Hill, who in 1953, took evasive action to avoid crashing his ailing plane into more populated areas of the Whitton housing estate. Also mentioned is Nellie Warren, a kind teacher who kept children safe during WWII, and more everyday heroes who brought groceries and supplies to residents during this time.

Halloween Smuggler's Tale

Wenhaston Primary School worked with composer Charly Jolly to combine several local tales in this song. Inspired by a 1855 prison record detailing the conviction of a smuggler, George Butcher, their song tells of how the convict comes face to face with two legendary local characters, the Black Shuck (Suffolk's famous 'devil dog') and Peggy the witch, who it is claimed can appear as a ghostly donkey by a nearby stile.

Michal Andruszko

This song was written by Charly Jolly with children from Bungay Primary School. It tells the tale of fighter pilot and former Bungay resident Michal Andruszko (1917-1987) who cheated death many times and was decorated for his great bravery. He was awarded a Distinguished Flying Cross for his devotion to duty in WWII.

You Should Remember Me

In this song, written by composer Kitty Morgan with children from The Oaks Primary School in Ipswich, we hear the voices of three heroes from the schools' history; Malcolm Tricker who in 1958 unearthed five iron-age torcs during building work in Holcombe Crescent; Icen queen Boudica who wants her jewellery back; and 20th Century footballing legend Jason Dozell.

The Fearless Firefighter

Year 5 children at Cliff Lane Primary and composer Kitty Morgan were moved by the account that Ipswich resident Ronald Smith gave of his father William's heroic duties as auxiliary firefighter for Ransomes, Simms and Jeffreys during WWII. Once, attending to a fire caused by a bouncing bomb that had fallen in Holywells park eventually demolishing houses in Myrtle Road and Unity Street, William rescued a puppy that then became their family pet.

Old Nat Dale

Old Nat Dale was written by Amy Mallett and year 5 and 6 children from Stutton Community Primary School. The song, in a sea shanty style, refers to historical resident Nathaniel (Old Nat) Dale, a much-loved character who ran the local pub, the King's Head until he died in 1865. The lyrics found at the beginning and end are words from a sign hung above the door of the pub. The song reflects ideas the children had about the stories Nathaniel might have told customers about his life, real or imagined.

Ernest Abram

Pupils at Shotley Primary School explored their rich naval history with composer Charly Jolly, choosing to write a song about local sailor Ernest Abram (1877-1914). Ernest served in the navy on HMS Ganges, but went AWOL when he found out his sisters were being sent away to new homes in Canada. He was captured, and later served as a petty officer at Shotley Gate. Sadly he was on a submarine that was torpedoed in 1914.

Lucky Benjamin Sharman

Composer Francis Goodhand and the year 5 group at Ilketshall St Lawrence School were inspired by a historical criminal record they found recording the sentencing of burglar Benjamin Sharman in 1817. Benjamin was one of the 'lucky' convicts who escaped the gallows by being transported to Australia on the prison ship *Lady Castlereagh*. Their song tells of Benjamin's extra luck that he departed the ship before it almost sank on its return journey.

The Tragedy of Ebenezer Tye

Written with children from Edgar Sewter Primary School in Halesworth, composer Francis Goodhand's song remembers policeman Ebenezer Tye, who was murdered in 1862 at the tender age of 24, as he tried to stop a burglar. The burglar, John Ducker, was apprehended and became the last person to be publicly hanged in Suffolk. This song tells their stories, now forever entwined in a tale of tragedy.

Make a Change

Make a Change was written by Amy Mallett and year 5 and 6 children from Holton St Peter Primary School. It tells the story of Priscilla Buxton (1808 – 1852), a British slavery abolitionist. Priscilla survived a sickly childhood to become co-secretary of the London Female Anti-Slavery Society, supporting her dad Sir Thomas Fowell Buxton in his campaign to end slavery. In 1833 she helped to carry a petition of 187,000 signatures to present it to parliament.

Heroes Theme Song

Heroes don't wear capes, nor have muscles
Or even super powers. But still rock!
Heroes come in families -
Father, mother, sister, brother;
Firefighters, brave soldiers
Or simply caring for one another.
Putting a roof over our heads.
Combing our hair, feeding us,
Some of the time annoying us,
And often just spending time with us -
They save the day in simple ways by just being kind.
Be confident, not selfish, be brave, not boastful.
Be positive, not negative.
And just remember we can all be heroes!

Choral Director:**Composers:****Artistic Director:****Musical Director/piano:****Guitar/clarinets/sax:****Double Bass:****Assistant Choral Leaders:****Producer:****Chaperone:****Artwork:**

Tom Appleton
 Francis Goodhand, Charly Jolly
 Amy Mallett & Kitty Morgan
 Amy Mallett
 Francis Goodhand
 Charly Jolly
 Alfie Harries
 Evie Capon & Ieva Molyte
 Philippa Storey
 Sarah Hill
 Thea Cutting

**Choir:****Bungay Primary School:**

Calib Dean
 Brynley Morgan
 Isabella Mortimer
 Oscar Payne

Castle Hill Primary School:

Liana Aleksejeva
 Fearn Baldry
 Emili Cretan
 Delilah Quinton

Cliff Lane Primary School:

Fiona Babal
 Freya Lankester
 Jacob Saville
 Toby Smith
 Lexi Waller

Edgar Sewter**Primary School:**

Sophie Busby
 Ruby Munnings
 Alexia Ubee
 Mersey Walker

Holton St Peter Primary School:

Florence Chambers
 Frederick Pescod
 Arthur Snowden

Ilketshall Primary School:

Ben Sparshott
 Matilda Fairs
 Bella Myhill

Ringshall Primary School:

Nikodem Gal
 Bow Jarrold
 Jennifer Kirantee
 Charlie Rodger

Shotley Primary School:

Joshua Harper
 Poppy Humphrey

St Helen's Primary School:

Mia Bloomfield
 Woody Cameron
 Nicky Gargiulo
 Evdokia Kavarska
 Hatice Kose
 Yad Nareeman
 Oliver Wilson

Stutton Primary School:

Chelsea Hanney
 Rhia Low

The Beeches Primary School:

Aeris Dacus
 Savannah Jones
 Aarene Kidd-Stanton
 Viktoria Popovica

The Oaks Primary School:

Javanni Boateng
 Gabriella Foster
 Esme Holmes
 Kaine Hammond
 Lily Anne Maccabee
 Shay Phair
 Emily Porter
 Elsie-Belle Stephens
 Kalp Vyas

Wenhaston Primary School:

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