



PLUCKY WOODWIND SOUNDS

St Stephens Church Cavalier Hall

Sunday 19th November 2023

All pieces performed by the Phoenix Mandolins only unless specified

Preludio e Fuga

Claudio Mandonico (1957 –)

Lament for the victims of war

Betty Beath (1932 –)

La vita è bella with Helen Skelton on flute

Nicola Piovani (1946 –) arr. Tomaso Gabucci

English Suite with Helen Skelton on recorder

Elke Tober Vogt (1957 –)

Marche Funebre

Fernando Sor (1778 – 1839) arr. Nima Ranjbar

Rosita de Cuba

Jose Pincos

INTERVAL

Four Sea Pictures

Eileen Pakenham (1914 – 2009)

Romance Sans Paroles

Carlo Albanesi (1858 – 1926) arr. Nima Ranjbar

Concertino in D with soloists Helen Skelton on recorder and Nima Ranjbar and Tony Vasse on guitar

Johann Albrechtsberger (1736 – 1809)
arr. Anna Langley

Fun with Fugues 4 and 5 with Helen Skelton on flute

Andrew Boden (1949 –)

Hungarian Journey with Helen Skelton on flute

Francois Menichetti (1894 – 1969)

I Got Rhythm with Helen Skelton on flute

George Gershwin (1898 – 1937)
arr. Tomaso Gabucci

Phoenix Mandolin Players (In alphabetical order)

Conductor – Vlad Bourceanu

1st Mandolins

David Cotton
Ian Segui

2nd Mandolins

Paul McCormick
Ros McGuirk

Guitar

Sue Antell
Paula Dilger
Mike Mooring
Nima Ranjbar
Tony Vasse

Mandola

Roberto Garcia
Catherine Cox

Bass

Chris Hartgroves

Flute and Recorder

Helen Skelton



Vlad Bourceanu is an honours graduate of the Royal Academy of Music, London. He has taken Masterclasses and lessons with Erich Gruenberg, Ruggiero Ricci, Maurice Hasson, Jean Harvey and many others. He has also played, in orchestras, under the batons of Bernard Haitink KBE, Sir Colin Davis, Vladimir Ashkenazy, Gennady Rozhdestvensky and Edward Gardner - and has led orchestras under Kurt Masur and Ilan Volkov, amongst many others.

He is also a conductor and music critic, having been Assistant Conductor at Opera Holland Park for a production of "La Traviata", with Anne-Sophie Duprels in the title role.



Helen returned to playing the flute and various recorders in 2018, after a very long break to focus on her family and civil service career. Under the guidance of her recorder teacher Andrew Collis and flute teacher Ya-Zheng (Judy) Chen MA RAM, she achieved distinction in the Advanced Certificate for recorder and also for flute. She plays with Camden Light Orchestra and attends the North London Society of Recorder Players. She lives in Finchley with her long suffering family and two cats.

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