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Dear Music Co-ordinator,

October 2016

Monday 13 March 2017: Zambezi Tales - Cadogan Hall, Sloane Terrace, SW1X - a participatory choral concert for 7-11yrs, the entire audience performing alongside The Royal Philharmonic Orchestra, our narrators & conductor Hilary Davan Wetton. Concerts at 11.15am and 1.30pm, lasting one hour.

Tuesday 24 January 2017 from 4-5.15pm. Lyric Theatre, Hammersmith "An Introduction to Zambezi Tales" Teachers' Workshop (free and optional) led by Hilary Davan Wetton, for teachers to explore the music of the show together.

The Classical Road Show warmly invites you and your school to take part in an exciting journey through Africa – you will be guided and helped along the way by our talented conductor, narrators and orchestra. Zambezi is a favourite work in The Classical Road Show repertoire with great music.

All your children have to do is learn the songs!

This is an unusual opportunity for young people of **all musical abilities** to experience choral music on a grand scale. Our core belief is that children learn best through participation, and to perform alongside world-class professionals in a major concert hall is a truly inspiring and memorable experience.

We offer teachers an informative, pre-concert workshop (see details above), led by our conductor Hilary Davan Wetton, to examine both the music and the learning materials. This is optional, but please let us know if you and/or any colleagues would like to book a free place.

Teachers' packs contain the audience songs on music sheets and CD, and words on paper and powerpoint. They also contain an optional Art Project to enable your pupils to design and paint tribal masks and shields, which may be brought to the concert.

Dressing up: Everyone in the audience is encouraged to come in costume. It doesn't have to be elaborate – face paints, animal prints, bright colours – more de-inhibiting than school uniform!

Hilary Davan Wetton combines his pioneering work in music education with conducting major concerts around the UK and abroad, live and on air. He will introduce the concert, spending c. 20 minutes introducing unusual orchestral instruments and rehearsing the songs, before the grand performance of Zambezi Tales.

Please book concert tickets by completing the enclosed booking form, preferably before the end of this term. You may request any number of places, for classes or choirs. Tickets are only £4 per head, but we have a policy of inclusivity for those who may have difficulty paying – please ask us about this.

We will send out Teachers' Packs at the beginning of the Spring term and hope to welcome you to Cadogan Hall in March. Please don't hesitate to contact us if you have queries at any time.

With warm good wishes

Amelia Shakespeare

Carol Leighton

Concert Administrator

Director



Hilary Davan Wetton



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The Classical Road Show has presented concerts for thousands of children annually since 1988. Since its London debut in 2005, it has produced 40 sell-out concerts in the QEH South Bank, Cadogan Hall and Fairfield Halls.

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