



'GLORIA IN LONDINIUM'

London 2012

Olympic Children's Anthem

Recorded at the Abbey Road Studios

By 300 Potters Bar & Welwyn Hatfield children.

Performed at the Olympic Stadium

Capital Arts Opera Minor

Wyllyotts Theatre

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Education Outreach Scheme

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INSPIRE TO EXCELLENCE

- Opera Minor was founded in 2002 as an Education Outreach Scheme by Kathleen Shanks, Director of Capital Arts.
- Opera Minor gives rehearsal and performance opportunities to children of differing ages, faiths and ethnic backgrounds to experience choral singing, opera and musical theatre.
- Working in tandem with schools, Opera Minor has a strong community base. Children work as a team towards a common aim.
- Opera Minor gives children an opportunity to work with professional performers at the very highest level. It provides an exercise in quality of performance, discipline, commitment and social interaction.
- Opera Minor is without charge and therefore is open to every child who has an interest, irrespective of social background.
- Opera Minor provides children with a cultural activity that has achieved recognition in the top ranks of the performing arts world.
- Opera Minor is an invaluable showcase for contemporary composers and directors and gives children a chance to premiere new works.
- 2007 Community Award. The scale of Opera Minor's work ensures a standard of performance which no one school can match within a normal timetable. Every school should work directly with the arts and cultural communities in their area. The Rt Hon Gordon Brown, Prime Minister, 20 June 2007.
- 2007 If we can help to foster a love of the arts in young people's souls, we will have given one of the greatest gifts of all - for it is this wonder and appreciation, in my view, that makes us truly human. HRH Prince of Wales

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Since its foundation in 2002 the following schools have taken part in the Opera Minor Education Outreach Scheme.

Primary Schools

Alban City
Birchwood
Brookmans Park
Cranborne
Frith Manor
Green Lanes
Holwell
Ladbroke
Little Heath
Oaklands
Oakmere
Ponsbourne

Pope Paul

St. John's Digswell

St. Philip Howard

The Ryde

Preparatory Schools

Lochinver House

Stormont

Secondary Schools

Chancellor's

Dame Alice Owen's

Mount Grace

Public Schools

Queenswood

Tring Park School for the Performing Arts

Kathleen Shanks: Capital Arts Founder and Creative Director
Kathleen divides her professional career between her work as a music director, composer and artistic director of Capital Arts. She has also worked as a music consultant for major record labels Decca and Sony BMG and she arranged music for the film 'Assassin's Creed' for Twentieth Century Fox, starring Jeremy Irons and Michael Fassbender. As a Music Director, Kathleen has specialised in opera and musicals. She has trained children's choruses for West End Shows for Andrew Lloyd Webber's the Really Useful Group, Cameron Mackintosh Ltd and Bill Kenwright Ltd. She has trained children's choirs for the main opera houses in London as well as major classical choral works for London choirs and orchestras. Kathleen has conducted at all the major London concert halls for Raymond Gubbay's 'Glory of Christmas' concerts. She has performed before royalty on a number of occasions and for state leaders at Chequers and 10, Downing Street. Kathleen's New York performances are sponsored by Bond No9 perfume. Her music is published by the American publishing company, Hal Leonard Corporation.

Since 2002 Opera Minor children have taken part in a number of operas, West End musicals, TV performances, films, concerts and recordings.

Raymond Gubbay Ltd operas at the Royal Albert Hall

Carmen 2002, 2005, 2009, 2010, 2013
Madam Butterfly 2003, 2007, 2011, 2015
La Bohème 2004, 2006, 2014
Tosca 2008

Raymond Gubbay Ltd musical at the Royal Albert Hall

Show Boat 2006

Bill Kenwright Ltd musical at the New London Theatre

Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat 2005 – 2007

Recordings

Angelis Sony BMG 2007
Gloria In Londinium 2012 for London Olympics

Wish Films

Jim Jam 2006 filmed at Elstree Studios

Major film for Twentieth Century Fox

Assassin's Creed 2016
with Jeremy Irons and Michael Fassbender

BBC Recordings

Children in Need 2011, 2012
Radio 2 Carmina Burana 2002

Plus concerts with

London Bach choir
Concordia choir USA
Leicester Philharmonic choir
Barts choir

2017

January 14th 2017

Capital Arts Theatre production of 'Joseph and the Technicolor Dreamcoat' at St Paul's Church (actors' church) Covent Garden

April 1st and April 2nd

Capital Arts Theatre production of 'Doomwatch Castle' at the Wylyotts Theatre, Potters Bar

November 18th 2018

'Heroes Concert at St. Paul's Church, Covent Garden

March 2019

Opera 'Mefistofele' with Chelsea Opera at the South Bank Centre

March 2020

BBC 'Blue Earth Rises' TV documentary

January 2022

Invictus Concert at St. Paul's Church Covent Garden

December 2023

Christmas Concert at St. Paul's Church Covent Garden

December 2024

Christmas recital at Spencer House, London

May 2025

'Let's Put On A Show' at St. Paul's Church Covent Garden