



**Saturday 25th January 2025**

Conductor : John Traill

Leader: Bree Enemark

Narrator: Phil Cheesman

New Forest School of Dance

**Today's Programme: "Heroes and Villains"**

**John Williams:** *Star Wars*

**John Williams:** *Selections from Hook*

**Bernard Hughes:** *The Knight Who Took All Day*

**Danny Elfman:** *Spiderman*

**Anderson-Lopez/Lopez:** *Music from Frozen*

Please note that photography is not permitted in the concert hall.



Welcome to the City of Southampton Orchestra's 2025 Family Concerts. We are delighted to be welcoming our returning guests Phil Cheesman and the New Forest School of Dance.

***John Trill: Conductor***



John Trill specialises in conducting symphonic and contemporary repertoire, and he is committed to making music accessible to all. Director and Supernumerary Fellow in Music at St Anne's College, Oxford, he has been course director of courses in Instrumental Conducting, and Orchestration, at Oxford University. From 2017-2020 he was a Teaching Fellow at Royal Holloway University London, responsible for courses in ensemble performance, conducting, and composition. Previous posts include Teaching Fellow at Kings College London, lecturer at the Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama and Bristol University, and Head of Performance at Bangor University. In January 2022 John became a Professor at the Royal Military School of Music.

### ***Phil Cheesman: Narrator***

Mild-mannered professional nerd Phil has a long history of amateur performing, starting with ballet at age three, then picking up all sorts of instruments and theatre skills through school and university and beyond.

The intervening decades have seen him appear on stage in various guises and a wide range of bands, one highlight being soloing with Dave Brubeck.

These days he can be found playing piano at church, accordion in a Bluegrass band, board games in the pub or silly video games with his kids.

Phil counts it an enormous privilege to have had such a long association with the CSO and greatly enjoys the opportunity to lark around narrating these concerts, helping bring their splendid music to life in such a fun way!

### ***The New Forest School of Dance***

The New Forest School of Dance was established in 1978 by Mary Richardson and has gone from strength to strength ever since. Although the vast majority of pupils dance for fun, the school is very proud of the success of both present and former pupils. Past pupils have gone on to study at major colleges and many are dancing and teaching both here and abroad. Children from the school are regularly accepted as Royal Ballet School Mid and Senior Associates.

[www.newforestschoolofdance.co.uk](http://www.newforestschoolofdance.co.uk)

**Saturday 22nd March 2025, 7:30pm**

**Turner Sims, Southampton**

**Joe Davies: Guest conductor**

**David Palmer: Piano**

Shostakovich: *Chamber Symphony (arr Barshai)*

Stravinsky: *Concerto for piano and winds*

Tchaikovsky: *Symphony no. 2*

**Saturday 21st June 2025, 7:30pm**

**Romsey Abbey**

**John Traill: Conductor**

**Hannah Arnold: Cello**

Mayer: *Faust—Overture*

Elgar: *Cello Concerto*

Brahms: *Symphony no. 4*