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Alasdair Malloy

Family and Children's Concerts Presenter



Alasdair Malloy is a creative musician crossing musical boundaries, working as a concert presenter, percussionist, glass harmonica player, programme deviser and arranger. Presenting a celebrated catalogue of innovative family and children's concerts across the globe, in July 2017 he was awarded an Honorary Doctorate by the University of the

West of Scotland, for his contribution to music and education.

Alasdair's extensive programme catalogue covers all school subjects as well as a host of family favourites, from magic and mystery to film, food and travel. He works closely with a number of the UK's top orchestras including the Royal Liverpool Philharmonic Orchestra, Hallé, City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra, Orchestra of the Swan, Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra, Ulster Orchestra, The Orchestra of Opera North, Sinfonia Viva and Oxford Philharmonic. Abroad, Alasdair works each season with the Hong Kong Sinfonietta, as well as regularly with the Malaysian Philharmonic Orchestra, Singapore Symphony Orchestra and Shanghai Symphony Orchestra (the première of his highly acclaimed 'Bugs!!' won the National Silver Award for best performance in China for children in 2005). In Europe he appears with the Orchestre d'Auvergne, Orchestre de Chambre de Paris, Orchestre Philharmonique de Strasbourg, Orchestre National Bordeaux Aquitaine, Orchestre de Chambre de Lausanne, Orchestre Philharmonique de Monte-Carlo and the RTE Concert Orchestra in Dublin.

Having spent over 25 years as principal percussionist with the BBC Concert Orchestra, Alasdair is in strong demand as a percussionist in other genres - regularly arranging, recording and performing with celebrated artists including Jarvis Cocker and Scott Walker. His 20th year of working with Mike Oldfield culminated in a performance at the London 2012 Olympic Games opening ceremony. Alasdair often incorporates percussion-inspired features within his family concert programmes.

As the country's leading Glass Harmonica specialist, Alasdair has performed at the Concertgebouw in Amsterdam, Aldeburgh Festival, St John's Smith Square and Kings Place London, and St George's in Bristol. Alasdair premiered David Horne's *Vapours* and *Fireflies* with the Scottish Chamber Orchestra and the Royal Liverpool Philharmonic Orchestra respectively. In October 2014, Alasdair performed in Krakow, Poland, at the opening of the

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ICE Kraków Congress Centre for which the noted Polish film composer Zbigniew Preisner composed a work specifically for the occasion. He is regularly invited to record with acclaimed artists such as Icelandic pop star Björk and can be heard on numerous film soundtracks; two of the Harry Potter films, the BAFTA and Oscar winning Hollywood blockbuster *Gravity* and most recently *Aeronauts*. In October 2019, Alasdair was invited to perform at 'Chihuly Nights', an exhibition that transformed Kew Gardens, showcasing American artist Dale Chihuly's glass sculptures.

Having made his BBC Proms solo debut in 1998, Alasdair has returned to the festival numerous times including a recent collaboration with the Kanneh-Mason siblings and author Michael Morpurgo for a special presentation of Saint-Saens' *Carnival of the Animals*. Other notable festival appearances include Bury St Edmunds, Chester, Henley, Arundel, Lichfield and Risør in Norway.

In July 2019, Alasdair was appointed Artistic Advisor on the 'Apollo: One Giant Leap' project celebrating the 50th anniversary of the moon landing, working closely with composer Geoff Edge and Dorchester Arts.