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Christmas at Cadogan 2018

Christmas at Cadogan returns in 2018 for another series of concerts perfect for the festive season, featuring world class orchestras, choirs, soloists and family events. Highlights include **West End Does: Christmas** featuring stars of the West End and Broadway; the **English Chamber Orchestra** with an evening of Vivaldi; **The Sixteen** performing its *The Little Child* programme twice as part of the **Choral at Cadogan** series; the **Mozart Symphony Orchestra** providing the live accompaniment to a screening of *Father Christmas* and the **Royal Philharmonic Orchestra** brings back its annual sell-out show *A Christmas Cracker*.

Choral at Cadogan

The Choral at Cadogan series continues on **Monday 3 December** with **The Choir of St George's Chapel, Windsor Castle**, directed by **James Vivian** and accompanied on the organ by **Luke Bond**. The programme includes works which celebrate Advent and the coming of the Messiah including: the dramatic and impassioned opening processional, *Laudes Regiae* and the emotionally charged *Bogotóditse Djévo*. The Choir sing regularly in the presence of the Queen and other members of the Royal family, and most notably, sang for the wedding of the Duke and Duchess of Sussex in May 2018.

On **Monday 17** and **Tuesday 18 December**, **The Sixteen** and its founder and music director **Harry Christophers CBE** present an evening of music based around the theme of "The Little Child". The programme includes 20th and 21st-century carol settings by Howells, Richard Rodney Bennett, Leighton, Joseph Phibbs, Walton, Warlock and Cecilia McDowall set alongside traditional carols and motets from the renaissance by Kirbye, Byrd, Palestrina, De Wert and Sheppard. The Sixteen has also released a new album, *A Renaissance Christmas* on its award-winning record label **CORO** which shares some of the repertoire performed on the tour programme.

Other Choral Events

On **Monday 3 December**, **The Gallery Choir of Westminster Cathedral Choir School** perform a free festive coffee concert, with repertoire including carols and festive favourites by composers such as Reger, Rutter and Chilcott.

The **Barts Choir** present Handel's choral masterpiece *Israel in Egypt* on **Wednesday 5 December** and **Thursday 6 December**. London's largest professionally-rehearsed choir, joined by the **Trafalgar Sinfonia** and conductor **Ivor Setterfield** perform arguably Handel's most popular oratorio the *Messiah*.

No festive season is complete without an evening of **Carols by Candlelight**. Join **Highgate Choral Society** and **Mozart Festival Orchestra** on **Wednesday 12 December** for a concert of carols and seasonal classics alongside soprano **Fflur Wyn**, staged in full 18th century costume in an evocative candle-lit style setting.

On **Wednesday 19 December**, **The Bach Choir** conducted by David Hill continue the Christmas celebrations with special guests, **London City Brass** for an evening of festive Christmas music. The programme will include plenty of opportunities to stretch the vocal chords with the best carols, old and new.

Royal Philharmonic Orchestra

Friday 7 December sees the **Royal Philharmonic Orchestra** conducted by **Owain Arwel Hughes**, lead a classical Christmas celebration 'A Winter Wonderland'. The programme includes excerpts from Humperdinck's fairy tale opera *Hänsel und Gretel*, Prokofiev's *Lieutenant Kijé Suite*, Tchaikovsky's *Polonaise and Waltz* from Eugene Onegin, Delius's *Sleigh Ride* and the instantly recognisable themes from Tchaikovsky's *The Nutcracker Suite*.

The orchestra performs twice on **Sunday 16 December** in its annual and much-loved *Christmas Cracker*. They are joined by West End stars **Emma Hatton** and **Oliver Tompsett** for a sparkling programme of Yuletide classics including: *It's the Most Wonderful Time of the Year*, *White Christmas*, *The Christmas Song*, *Sleigh Ride*, *Jingle Bells*, *Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas*, *Winter Wonderland* and more.

Other Ensemble Events

On **Sunday 2 December** the hall welcomes the **English Chamber Orchestra** for an evening of Vivaldi. The ECO, led by conductor **Michael Collins** and the **Choir of the 21st Century** perform Vivaldi's joyous *Gloria*. Other highlights include his violin concerto '*La tempesta di mare*' and *Winter* from *The Four Seasons*.

The **Czech National Symphony Orchestra** returns with conductor **Heiko Mathias Förster** on **Tuesday 4 December 2018**. The orchestra performs a programme of classical favourites for all ages including: Dvorák's *Carnival Overture*, Massenet's *Mediation De Thais*, Smetana's *The Bartered Bride Overture*, Dvorák's *Largo from Symphony No.9*, Strauss's *Thunder & Lightning Polka*, Tchaikovsky's *Marche Slave*, Debussy's *Claire de Lune*, Piazzolla's *Libertango* and Dvorák's *Finale from Symphony No.9*. Violinist **Jennifer Pike** also joins the orchestra for a performance of Vaughan Williams' *The Lark Ascending*.

Renowned folk singer **Maddy Prior** joins up once again with the **Carnival Band** on **Saturday 22 December** for a celebratory show, *Carols & Caspers*. This year's Christmas Party sees them perform a range of familiar and less familiar festive tunes on a mix of renaissance, modern and ethnic instruments.

London Concertante celebrates Christmas on **Friday 28 December** with an evening of Viennese music. The repertoire includes Strauss's *Die Fledermaus Overture*, Tchaikovsky's *The Nutcracker Suite*, Strauss *Tritsch-Tratsch Polka*, Tchaikovsky's *Waltz from Sleeping Beauty*, Brahms's *Hungarian Dance No.5* and Strauss' *Blue Danube Waltz*.

To see in the New Year on **Monday 31 December**, BBC Radio 4 and Classic FM personality **Rainer Hersch** returns to perform on stage. The **Rainer Hersch Orchestra** are joined by special guests, recorder wiz **Piers Adams** and star baritone **James Oldfield** for a new show featuring festive favourites as well as music from (or almost from): Vivaldi's *The Four Seasons*, Ravel's *Bolero*, Telemann's *Recorder Concerto in C*, plus much more.

The Rat Pack at Christmas

On **Saturday 8 December**, series favourite the **Rat Pack** are back alongside Dean Martin's **The Goldiggers** and internationally-renowned 14-piece **Manhattan Swing Orchestra**. With **Stephen Triffitt** as Frank Sinatra, **Mark Adams** as Dean Martin and **George Daniel Long** as Sammy Davis Jr, the ensemble performs festive classics including *White Christmas* and *Let It Snow* as well as favourites such as *I've Got You Under My Skin*, *That's Amore* and *New York, New York*.

A West End Christmas at Cadogan Hall

Hit Broadway music theatre concert producers, **Club 11 London** and Tony-Award winning **Brian Zeilinger** and **Jack Maple for Take Two Theatricals** team together to bring a festive celebration to the hall on **Sunday 9 December**. **A West End Christmas** is conducted by **Alex Parker** with an **18-piece orchestra** and showcases all genres of Christmas music featuring an all-star cast, including: **Reeve Carney, Sharon D. Clarke, Janie Dee, Alice Fearn, Alexander Hanson, Trevor Dion Nicholas, Joanna Riding, Jenna Russell, Danielle Steers, Rebecca Trehearn** and **Michael Xavier**, with more special guests to be announced.

The Children's Trust Christmas Concert

The Children's Trust returns to Cadogan Hall on **Monday 10 December** for its Christmas Concert hosted by journalist and BBC news presenter **Nicholas Owen**. Special guests include: **Alistair McGowan**, recorder virtuoso **Piers Adams** of Red Priest, soprano **Ana Maria Rincon**, the **Amici Ensemble**, **Chichester University Orchestra**, **Putney High School Choir** and celebrity readings will join together to celebrate the festivities. Conducted by **Crispin Ward** the programme includes: Handel's *Hallelujah Chorus*, Vivaldi's *Recorder Concerto*, Karl Jenkins's *Adiemus*, Prokofiev's *Troika*.

Family Events

Cadogan Hall welcomes a number of performances perfect for the whole family over the festive period. Join stars from the West End and Broadway on **Saturday 1 December** for a family extravaganza, **West End Does: Christmas**. The concert will feature festive songs and carols with orchestral accompaniment and gospel choir, **Sing Gospel**.

The hall will be filled with festive cheer on **Tuesday 11 December** with **The Choir with No Name's Big Christmas Singalong** who bring all the sing-along Christmas classics. The organisation runs choirs for homeless and marginalised people and brings all four of its choirs to Cadogan Hall for this 10th anniversary Christmas spectacular.

Saturday 15 December sees **The Pink Singers** present '**Sleighting It!**', their tinsel-tastic, jingle-belling, Christmas-cracking show. The programme features arrangements of favourite festive songs plus some unexpected treats from around the world. Joined by the award-winning **Burntwood Chamber Choir** for an evening which promises to bring uplifting music in the run up to Christmas.

On **Friday 21 December 2018** the hall welcomes back the **Mozart Symphony Orchestra** to perform the charming score of *Paddington Bear's First Concert*, narrated by legendary **Sir Trevor McDonald**. Raymond Brigg's film *Father Christmas* is projected on the big screen, with live orchestral accompaniment conducted by **Philip Mackenzie**. The evening also includes a medley of melodies from the movie *Frozen*.

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Listings

West End Does: Christmas Saturday 1 December, 2pm & 7pm Willemijn Verkaik/Joe McElderry/Louise Dearman/Eva Noblezada/Jamie Muscato/Emma Kingston/Jade Davies/Alfonso Casado/Warwick Davis	English Chamber Orchestra Sunday 2 December, 6:00pm Raphaella Papadakis/Lotte Betts-Dean/Stephanie Gonley/Caroline Dale/Harry Winstanley/Michael Collins Vivaldi <i>Gloria</i> Vivaldi 'Winter' from <i>The Four Seasons</i>
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	<p>Vivaldi <i>Concerto for Violin in E flat major (La tempesta di mare)</i> Vivaldi <i>Concerto for Violin and Cello in B flat major</i> Vivaldi <i>Flute Concerto (Il cardellino)</i></p>
<p>Free Festive Coffee Concert Monday 3 December, 11am Gallery Choir of Westminster Cathedral Choir School</p>	<p>The Choir of St George's Chapel, Windsor Castle Monday 3 December, 7:30pm James Vivian/Luke Bond</p> <p><i>Anon Laudes Regiae</i> Byrd <i>Rorate Caeli</i> Plainsong <i>Rorate Caeli (in English)</i> Byrd <i>Ne irascaris – Civitas sancti</i> Byrd <i>Fantasia in C</i> Wise <i>Prepare ye the way of the Lord</i> Weekles <i>Rejoice in the Lord</i> Gibbons <i>This the record of John</i> Plainsong <i>Salus aeterna</i> Brahms <i>Es ist das heil uns kommen her</i> Schein <i>Es ist das heil uns kommen her</i> Praetorius <i>Es ist ein Ros</i> Arr. Ledger <i>Up, awake and away!</i> Goldschmidt <i>A tender shoot</i> Stainer <i>How beautiful upon the mountains</i> Berkeley <i>I sing of a maiden</i> Verdi <i>Ave Maria</i> Arvo Pärt <i>Bogoróditse Djévo</i></p>
<p>Czech National Symphony Orchestra Tuesday 4 December, 7.30pm Heiko Mathias Förster, Jennifer Pike</p> <p><i>Smetana The Bartered Bride Overture</i> Vaughan Williams <i>The Lark Ascending</i> Massenet <i>Méditation from Thaïs</i> Dvořák <i>Carnival Overture</i> J.Strauss <i>Thunder & Lightning Polka</i> Tchaikovsky <i>Marche Slave</i> Debussy <i>Claire de lune</i> Piazzolla <i>Libertango</i> Dvořák <i>Finale from Symphony No.9 (From the New World)</i></p>	<p>Barts Choir presents Handel's choral masterpiece Wednesday 5 & Thursday 6 December, 7:30pm Trafalgar Sinfonia/Ivor Setterfield</p> <p>Handel <i>Israel in Egypt</i></p>
<p>Royal Philharmonic Orchestra: A Winter Wonderland Friday 7 December, 7.30pm Owain Arwel Hughes</p> <p><i>Humperdinck Excerpts from Hänsel und Gretel</i> Prokofiev <i>Lieutenant Kijé Suite</i> Tchaikovsky <i>Polonaise and Waltz from Eugene Onegin</i> Delius <i>Sleigh Ride</i> Tchaikovsky <i>The Nutcracker Suite</i></p>	<p>The Rat Pack at Christmas Saturday 8 December, 7.30pm Stephen Triffitt as Frank Sinatra/Mark Adams as Dean Martin/George Daniel Long as Sammy Davis Jr/The Goldiggers and The Manhattan Swing Orchestra</p>

<p>A West End Christmas at Cadogan Hall Sunday 9 December, 6.30pm Alex Parker/Reeve Carney/Sharon D. Clarke/ Janie Dee/Alice Fearn/ Alexander Hanson/ Trevor Dion Nicholas/ Joanna Riding/ Jenna Russell/ Danielle Steers/ Rebecca Trehearn/ Michael Xavier <i>More artists and special guests to be announced.</i></p>	<p>The Children's Trust Christmas Concert Monday 10 December, 7.30pm Chichester University Orchestra/Putney High School Choir/Amici Ensemble/Crispin Ward/Piers Adam/Alistair McGowan</p> <p>Handel <i>Hallelujah Chorus</i> Vivaldi <i>Recorder Concerto</i> Karl Jenkins <i>Adeimus</i> Prokofiev <i>Troika</i></p>
<p>The Choir with No Name's Big Christmas Singalong Tuesday 11 December, 7.30pm The Choir with No Name (choirs from London, Liverpool, Birmingham and Brighton)</p>	<p>Carols by Candlelight Wednesday 13 December, 7.30pm Highgate Choral Society/Mozart Festival Orchestra/Steven Devine/Fflur Wyn</p> <p>Cullen <i>Joy to the World</i> Handel <i>Christmas Sequence from Messiah</i> Pearsall <i>In dulci jubilo</i> Handel <i>Zadok the Priest</i> Willcocks <i>I Saw Three Ships</i> Handel <i>Let the Bright Seraphim</i> And carols for all <i>Good King Wenceslas</i> <i>Once in Royal David's City</i> <i>While Shepherd's Watched their Flocks</i> <i>O Come all ye Faithful</i> <i>Hark! The Herald Angels Sing</i></p>
<p>The Pink Singers – Sleighing It! Saturday 15 December, 7:30pm The Pink Singers/Burntwood Chamber Choir</p>	<p>Royal Philharmonic Orchestra: Christmas Cracker Sunday 16 December, 3 & 7pm Nick Davies/Emma Hatton/Oliver Tompsett</p>
<p>The Sixteen Monday 17 & Tuesday 18 December, 7.30pm Harry Christophers</p> <p><i>Sweelinck Hodie Christus natus est</i> Howells <i>Sing lullaby</i> RR Bennett <i>Susanni</i> Traditional <i>The Saviour's Work (The babe in Bethlem's manger laid)</i> Walton <i>All this time</i> Plainsong <i>Anima nostra (Offertory for Holy Innocents)</i> Kirbye <i>Vox in Rama</i> Leighton <i>Coventry's Carol</i> Traditional <i>Down in yon forest</i> Byrd <i>This day Christ was born</i> Palestrina <i>A solis ortu cardine</i> Piae Cantiones 1582 <i>Puer nobis nascitur</i> De Wert <i>Vox in Rama</i> Traditional <i>It came upon a midnight clear</i> Phibbs <i>Lullay; lullay, thou lytil child</i> Original tune 1591 <i>Coventry Carol</i> Byrd <i>Lullaby my sweet little babe</i> McDowell <i>Now may we singen</i></p>	<p>The Bach Choir Wednesday 19 December, 7.30pm David Hill/Philip Scriven/London City Brass - Matthew Green/Nigel Bates</p>

Sheppard <i>A solis orlu cardine</i> Warlock <i>Benedicamus Domino</i>	
Paddington Bear's First Concert & Father Christmas screening Friday 21 December, 1.30pm & 4.30pm Sir Trevor McDonald/Philip Mackenzie/Alice Mackenzie <i>Robert Lopez Music from the movie Frozen</i> <i>Chappell Paddington Bear's First Concert</i> <i>Hewer Raymond Brigg's Father Christmas (film screening with live orchestra, voice overs and sound effects)</i>	Maddy Prior and the Carnival Band: Carols and Capers Saturday 22 December, 7.30pm
Viennese Christmas Spectacular Friday 28 December, 7.30pm London Concertante <i>Strauss Die Fledermaus Overture</i> <i>Tchaikovsky The Nutcracker Suite</i> <i>Strauss Tritsch-Tratsch Polka</i> <i>Tchaikovsky Waltz from Sleeping Beauty</i> <i>Brahms Hungarian Dance No.5</i> <i>Strauss Blue Danube Waltz</i>	Reiner Hersch Orkestra: The New Year's Eve Bash Monday 31 December, 7pm Rainer Hersch/Piers Adams/James Oldfield

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