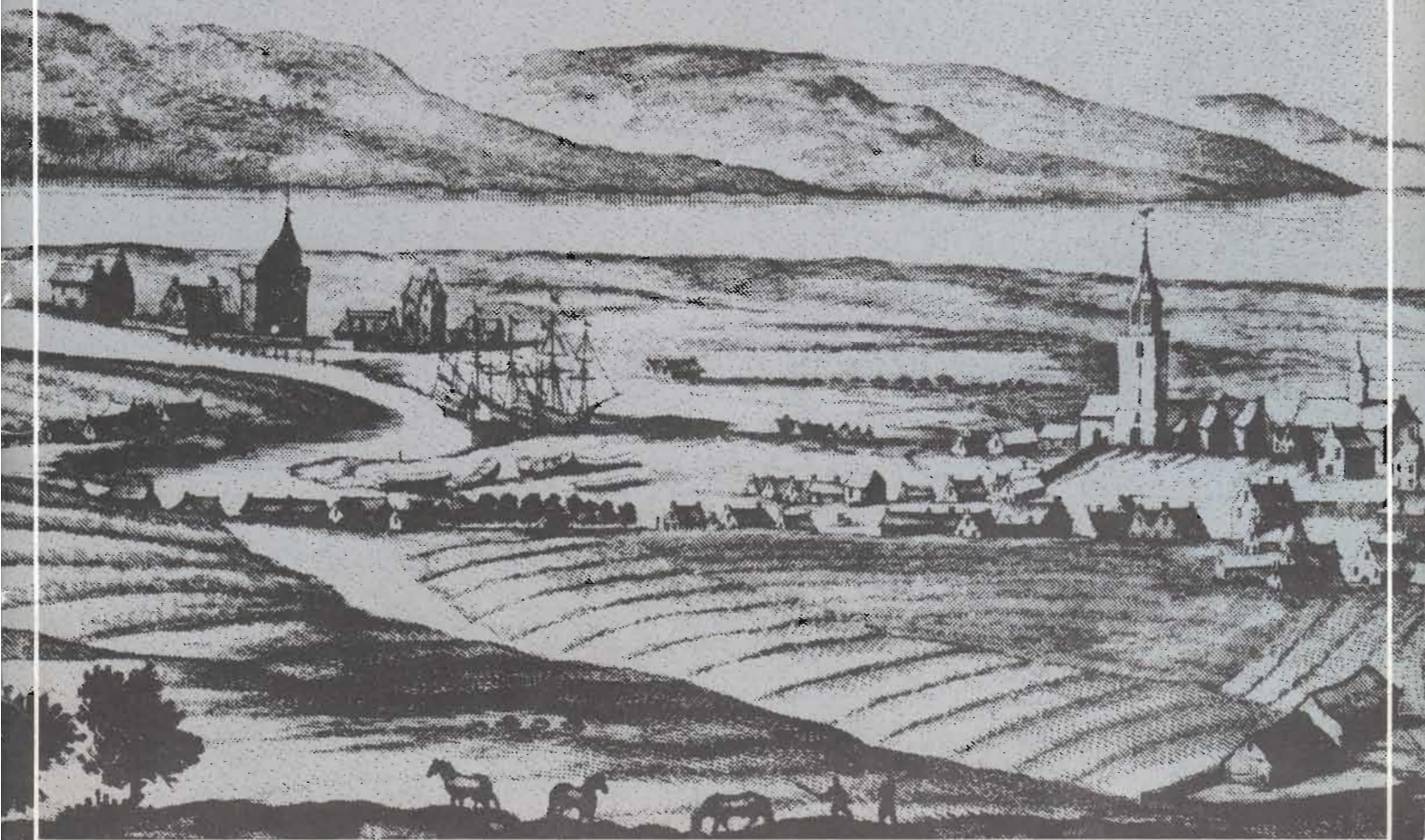


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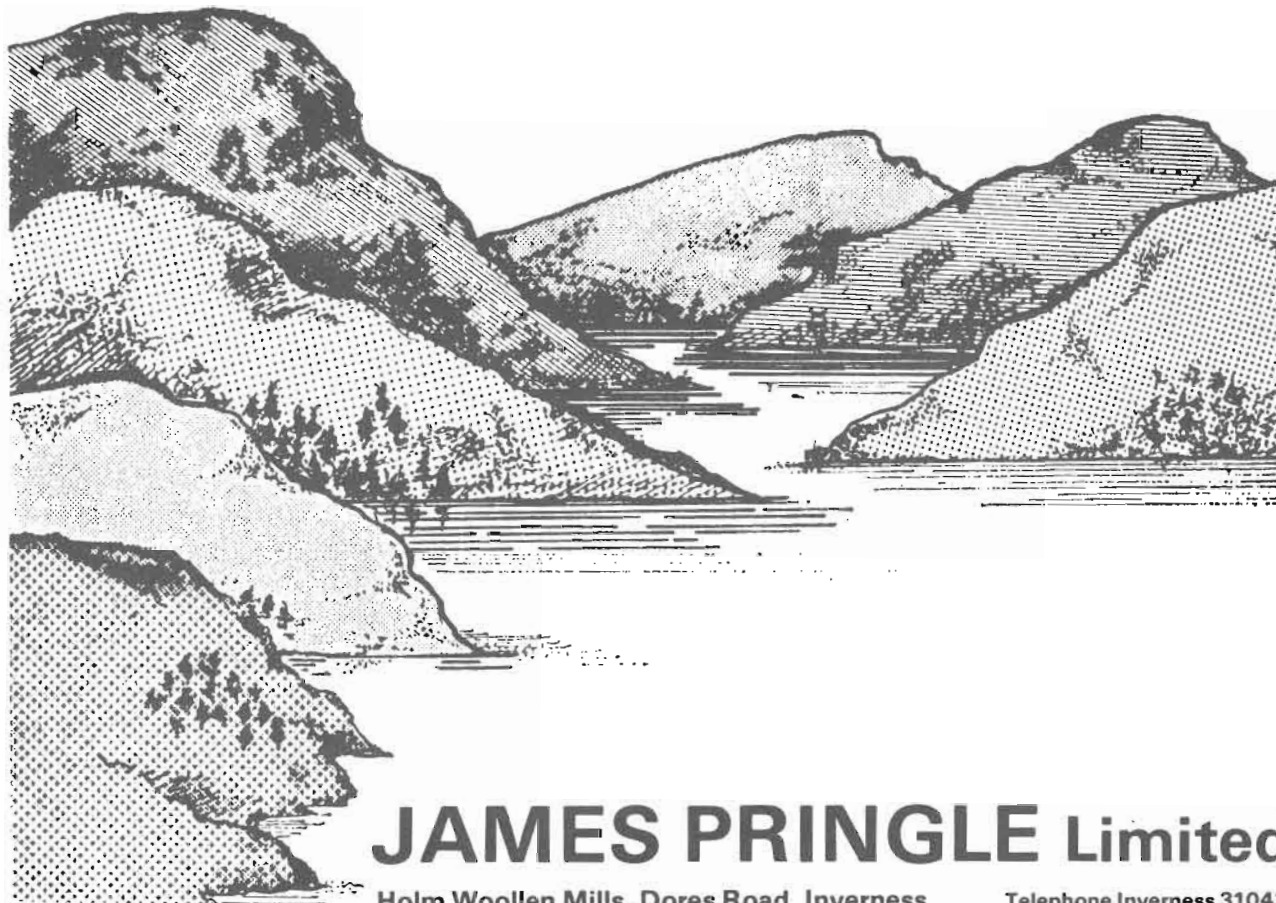
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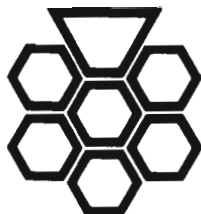
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# Inverness Opera Company

## Hon. President's Remarks

Welcome to *Showboat*. The Company has produced a colourful spectacle full of movement and fun and hope to do justice to the popular music and meaningful story. This is a revival for us as the show was first produced by our Company in 1964 when it was staged at the Empire Theatre. I suspect that not one of you will admit to being old enough to remember it first time around, although one or two members on stage, if pressed, will admit to taking part then. Our Committee make no excuses for repeats after a reasonable interval. Such shows in our marvellous new theatre come over afresh.

Most of the costume has been made by our wardrobe team or provided out of our own wardrobe store and all the scenery has been made by the Company. I am happy to say the membership goes from strength to strength with 50 players this year supported by 20 members of the orchestra.

May I remind you of our Patrons' scheme? For a subscription currently £1.00 per year you can become a Patron of the Company and get advance booking privileges as well as the right to vote at our AGM. Applications for Patron membership should be made to our Secretary,

Mrs J MacInnes, 1 Drumblair Crescent, Inverness. We are always looking to increase the list of Patrons who are a valued supporters club.

Our Company thrives on work and already has advanced plans to stage *My Fair Lady* in Eden Court Theatre on 16-18 November 1978. It is our policy at present to do two shows a year in Eden Court and probably these will take place every spring and autumn.

But enough of the future and curtain up on *Showboat!* I wish you a pleasing and entertaining evening.

*Kay Grigor*

# Show Boat

Overture .. .. .

## Act I

No.

- 1 Opening—
  - (a) Coloured Chorus .. .. . "Cotton Blossom"  
(Coloured folk work on de Mississippi)
  - (b) Captain Andy's Entrance and Bally-Hoo .. .. .  
(Captain Andy, Captain Andy)
  - (c) Song (Ravenal) .. .. . "Where's the Mate for me?"  
(Who cares if my boat goes up-stream?)
- 2 Duet (Ravenal and Magnolia) .. .. . "Make Believe"  
(Only make believe I love you)
- 3 Song (Joe) and Men .. .. . "Ol' Man River"  
(Dere's an ol' man called de Mississippi)
- 4 Opening—Scene II .. .. .
- 5 Concerted Number .. .. . "Can't help lovin' dat man"  
(Fish got to swim, and birds got to fly)
- 6 Opening—Scene III .. .. .
- 7 Song (Ellie) and Girls .. .. . "Life on the Wicked Stage"  
(Life on the wicked stage)
- 8 Song (Ravenal) .. .. . "Till good luck comes my way"  
(The man who ventures with chance)
- 9 Opening—Scene IV .. .. .
- 10 Opening—Scene V .. .. .
- 11 Duet (Ellie and Frank) .. .. . "I might fall back on you"  
(Little girl, you are safe with me)
- 12 Bally-Hoo (Queenie) and Chorus .. .. . (Hey! where yo' think yo' goin'?)
- 13 Opening—Scene VI .. .. .
- 14 Opening—Scene VII .. .. .
- 15 Duet (Ravenal and Magnolia) .. .. . "You are Love"  
(Once a wand'ring ne'er-do-well)
- 16 Opening—Scene VIII and Finale—Act I .. .. .
- 17 Entr'acte .. .. .

## Act II

19	Prelude and Opening—	
	(a) At the World's Fair	.. .. . <i>(When we tell them about it all)</i>
	(b) Fatima's Dance	.. .. .
	(c) Dandies on Parade	.. .. . <i>(When the sports of gay Chicago)</i>
20	Ensemble	.. .. . "Why do I love you?" <i>(I'm walking on the air, dear)</i>
21	Coloured Chorus	.. .. . "Dahomey" <i>(Dyunga Doe! Dyunga Doe!)</i>
22	Scene II	.. .. .
23	Opening—Scene III and Song ( <i>Julie</i> )	.. .. . "Bill" <i>(I used to dream that I would discover)</i>
24	Reprise ( <i>Magnolia</i> )	.. .. . "Can't help lovin' dat man" <i>(Fish got to swim, and birds got to fly)</i>
25	Scene IV (a) <i>Captain Andy's Entrance</i>	.. .. .
	(b) Song ( <i>Magnolia</i> )	.. .. . "After the Ball" <i>(A little maiden climbed)</i>
26	Scene V—Reprise ( <i>Joe</i> )	.. .. . "O! Man River" <i>(O! man River, dat ol' Man River)</i>
27	Scene VI—Reprise ( <i>Revenal</i> )	.. .. . "You are Love" <i>(You taught me to see one truth)</i>
28	Scene VII	
	(a) Reprise	.. .. . "Cotton Blossom" <i>(Cotton Blossom, Cotton Blossom)</i>
	(b) Song ( <i>Kim</i> ) and Chorus	.. .. . "Dance away the Night" <i>(Music in the air)</i>
29	Finale	.. .. .

## Show Boat

### Characters in order of appearance

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**Showboat Cast — Belles, Beaux, etc.**

Jill Armstrong, Marion Cathcart, Joan Don, Shirley Fraser, Moira Grant,  
Sheila Mather, Margaret McArthur, Biddy McBean, Cynthia MacDonald,  
Helen MacLeod, Anna Saunders, Una Spence, Ann Sullivan, Wilma Torrance,  
Susan Ord.

Ronnie Barnes, Scott Crawford, Donald Matheson, Keith MacDonald, Calum McDougall, Jimmy MacMillan, and Norman Walker.

### Coloured Chorus

Eleanor Barnes, Jean Blackhall, Liz Callegari, Cath Fraser, Moira Jamieson, Pat MacDonald, Janet MacInnes, Dot Mackenzie, Eleanor MacVinish, Isobel Ronaldson, Lindy Stefaniak, Alison Wormell, Sheena Wolstencroft, Geoff Davies, Scott Don, James Gordon, Bob McCorkindale, James Thomson.

## Dancers

Principal: John Sandever

**Fatima:** Alison Munro (Thursday, Saturday) Elaine Dingwall (Friday)

## Synopsis of Scenes

### Act I

- Scene 1 The Levee at Natchez on the Mississippi — *in the late Eighteen-eighties.*
- Scene 2 Kitchen Pantry of the "Cotton Blossom" — *a Half Hour Later.*
- Scene 3 Outside a Waterfront Gambling Saloon — *Simultaneous with Scene 2.*
- Scene 4 Auditorium and Stage of the "Cotton Blossom" — *One Hour Later.*
- Scene 5 Box-office, on Foredeck of the "Cotton Blossom" — *Three Weeks Later.*
- Scene 6 Auditorium and Stage of the "Cotton Blossom" — During the Third Act of "The Parson's Bride" — *That Evening.*
- Scene 7 The Top Deck of the "Cotton Blossom" — *Later That Night.*
- Scene 8 The Levee — *Next Morning*

### Act II

- Scene 1 A Midway Plaisance, Chicago World's Fair, 1893.
- Scene 2 A Room on Ontario Street, 1904.
- Scene 3 Rehearsal Room of the Trocadero Music Hall — *About 5 pm.*
- Scene 4 Trocadero Music Hall — *New Year's Eve, 11.30, 1904.*
- Scene 5 In front of the Office of "The Natchez Evening Democrat," 1927.
- Scene 6 Top Deck of the new "Cotton Blossom," 1927.
- Scene 7 Levee at Natchez — *the Next Night.*

## The Orchestra

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I. Gibb

A. MacAlpine

### Viola

J. Janney

### 'Cello

E. Taylor

### Bass

K. Fisher

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H. Drummond

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John Doyle

### *Assistant Producer*

Bill Harvey

### *Musical Director*

J. Baxter Murray

### *Assistant Musical Director and Accompanist*

Muriel McCulloch

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1952	Yeomen of the Guard	1969	Guys and Dolls
1953	Merrie England	1970	Summer Song
1954	Concerts, etc.	1971	Brigadoon
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1958	Maid of the Mountains	1972	Carousel
1959	The Gypsy Baron	1973	Fiddler on the Roof
1960	The Merry Widow	1974	Oklahoma
1961	Oklahoma	1975	Trial by Jury
1962	Die Fledermaus	1975	The Boy Friend
1963	White Horse Inn	1976	Cabaret
1964	Showboat	1977	The Mikado
		1977	No No Nanette

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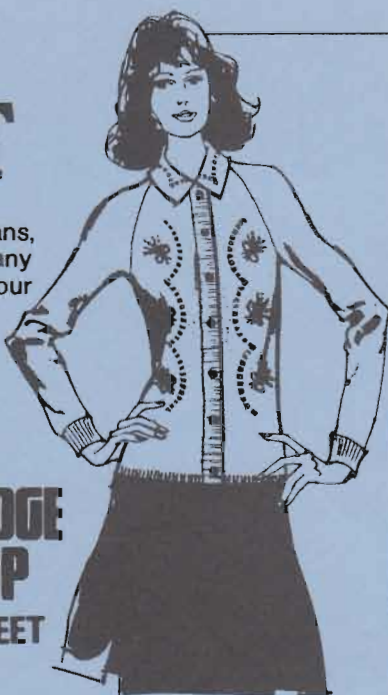
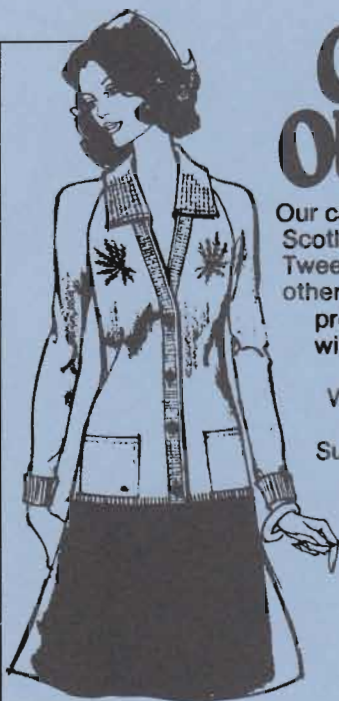
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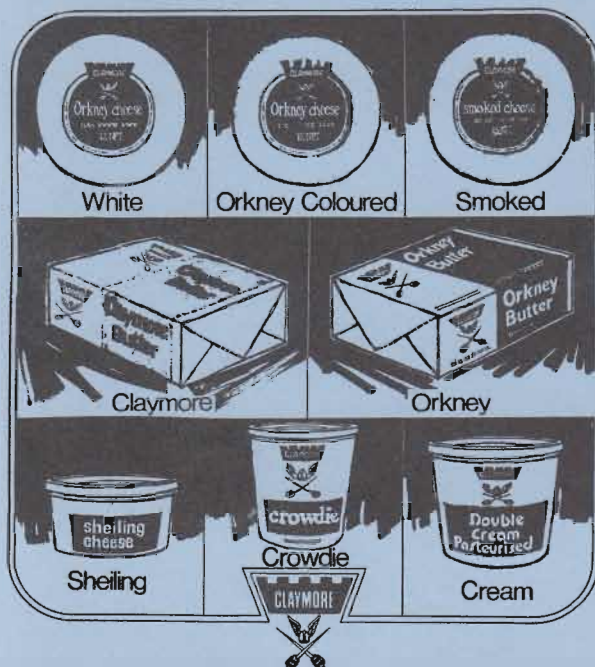
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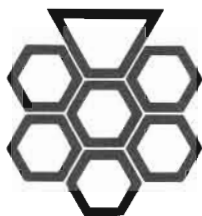
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**18 MARCH**

### Music Festival Concert

7.45 pm

Another 'Concert of Festival Items' to conclude the 32nd Inverness Music Festival.

Seats £1.00, 80p, 60p

**19 MARCH** 

### Taking Off (Cert X)

with Buck Henry and Lynn Carlin  
directed by Milos Forman

7.45 pm

Forman's first American film: a sharp and unnervingly funny study of middle-class family life and the various crises revealed within it, when the daughter runs away and her parents start frantically hunting for her through the hippy world of New York. In colour.

Seats 85p, 70p

**20 MARCH**

### Scottish National Orchestra

7.45 pm

**Sibelius:** Finlandia, Oceanides, The Bard

**Sibelius:** Symphony No. 7 in C

**Brahms:** Piano Concerto No. 1 in D minor

Conductor: Sir Alexander Gibson

Soloist: Peter Frankl

Seats £2.75, £2.25, £1.75, £1.25

**21 MARCH**

### Purcell String Quartet

7.45 pm

A recital of the internationally acclaimed Canadian quartet

**Mozart:** Quartet in D major, K575

**Bartok:** Quartet No. 6 (1939)

**Brahms:** Quartet No. 3, Op. 67 in B flat

Seats £2.00, £1.70, £1.35, £1.00

**22 MARCH**

### Joseph Suk and Michael Binns

7.45 pm

A violin and piano duo by two outstanding musicians

**J.S. Bach:** Sonata in E major

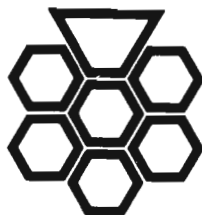
**Beethoven:** Sonata in G major, Op. 96

**Janacek:** Sonata

**Dvorak:** Sonatina in G major, Op. 100

Seats £2.00, £1.70, £1.35, £1.00

Booking opens 13 March



## Eden Court Theatre Forthcoming Events

**23-25 MARCH** 

**Carrie** (USA 1976) Cert X  
with **Sissy Spacek**, **Piper Laurie**  
directed by **Brian de Palma**  
7.45pm

The latest — and easily the best — of the post-*Exorcist* horror movies involving malignant children adolescents. *Carrie* establishes **Brian de Palma** as one of Hollywood's most important young directors through its combination of spectacular *grand guigno* and sensitive characterisation of *Carrie* herself, a shy, repressed girl with the power of telekinesis. In colour.  
Seats 85p, 70p

**25 MARCH**  
**Children's Saturday**  
**Morning Films**  
10.30am Seats 15p

**26 MARCH**  
**Easter Sunday Service**  
7.00pm

Conducted by **Dr John M Moore** with the choirs of **Inverness Baptist Church**.  
NB—Tickets available from the **Baptist Church**, **Castle Street**, and from **Eden Court**.

**27-29 MARCH**  
**The Corries**  
7.45pm

Yet another return by public demand!  
Seats £2.75, £2.25, £1.75, £1.25  
NB—Different seat price areas in operation

**30-31 MARCH**  
**Alastair McDonald**  
**In Concert**  
7.45pm  
Seats £2.00, £1.70, £1.35, £1.00

**1 APRIL**  
**Platform, Inverness** present  
**The John Green Quartet**  
12.15pm Stalls Foyer  
An exciting contemporary jazz sound featuring **Tom Torrance** (Flute and Guitar), **Eddie Grant** (Bass) and **Alex Ross** (Drums).  
Seats 50p

**1 APRIL**  
**Spotlight On The**  
**Girls' Brigade**  
2.30pm and 7.45pm  
A colourful display of **Girls' Brigade** activities from 12 regions throughout Scotland.  
Seats £1.50, £1.25, £1.00, 75p

**2 APRIL**   
**Amarcord** (Italy 1976) Cert X  
7.45pm  
directed by **Federico Fellini**. English subtitles.  
Seats 90p

**3 APRIL**  
**Edinburgh Quartet**  
7.45pm  
**Mendelssohn:** "Capriccio"  
**Britten:** Quartet No.3  
**Beethoven:** Op.132 in A minor  
Seats £2.00, £1.70, £1.35, £1.00



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