# Programme - 11 October 2020 **Return to Sorento**

Ernesto de Curtis (1875-1937)	Torna a Sorento (Return to Sorento)*
Toots Thielemans	Bluesette*
Enrico Toselli (1883-1926	Serenada
Scottish Traditional	Ye Banks and Braes
Traditional	Two Irish Melodies
Deufermine Fred	*arranged by: Zygmunt Zgraja

Performing: Eva Hurt and Gisela Meyer

Leo Brouwer (b 1939)	Montuno
Irish Traditional	Danny Boy
Francisco Tarrega (1852-1909)	Adelita Marietta
The Beatles Maria Linnemann (b 1947)	Help Murmures (Whispers)

## Performing: Jurand Jakub Zygadlo

Lyrics: Jacques Prévert (1900-77) Music: Joseph Kosma (1905-1969) Les feuilles mortes - Dead leaves

Verse 1: I wish you remembered the happy days when we were together -life was more beautiful then, the sun shone brighter than today. The dead leaves amass - and so do memories and regrets.

The north wind takes them to the cold place of oblivion. I have not forgotten the song that you sang to me: Chorus: It is a song that resembles us: you loved me -I loved you; and we lived together, you, loving me - I, loving you. But life separates those who love - very softly, without making any sound. And the sea erases on the sand the footprints of the lovers apart.

Verse 2: (not taking into account repeated lyrics)

But my love, silent and faithful, smiles and appreciates life. I loved you fully - you were so happy - how can you wish I forget you? ..... and the song that you sang for me: I shall hear it, always.

## *Lyrics: E.Y. Harburg* (1896-1981) Music: Harold Arlen (1905-1986)

Somewhere over the rainbow

- this famous song was featured in "The wizard of Oz" and does not really need any further introduction!

# *Lyrics: Gus Kahn (1886-1941)* Music: W. Schwandt (1904-1998) and F. Andre (1910-1960)

# Dream a little dream of me

Beautiful words – even the hotels use the first opening to advertise their comfortable beds – as seen when we stayed in the Premier Inn on our holiday this year. "Stars shining bright above you" - no rain in this one.

## Lyrics: Arthur Freed (1894-1973) Music: Nacio Herb Brown (1896-1964)

Singin' in the Rain from the motion picture of the same name.

Gene Kelly is unforgotten and shines in this lovely scene, both singing and dancing (I spare you the second activity...). Just after his rendezvous with his newly found love, he is exhilarated - and when he splashes through the water in joy, it takes me right back to my childhood. The other day, someone introduced me to the masterful cartoon of Paddington bear 'performing' just this scene – it's well worth looking up on YouTube!

Performing: Gisela Meyer

Aleksander Tansman	(1897-1986)
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Tempo de Polonaise Oberek (Mazurka)

Feliks Horecki (1796-1870)

Francisco Tarrega (1852-1909)

Czarasz

Two Mazurkas

Performing: Jurand Jakub Zygadlo

Dimitri Shostakovich (1906-75)	Second Waltz*
Franz Schubert (17797-1828)	Wiegenlied (Lullaby)*
Ronnie Hazlehurst (1928-2007)	Last of the Summer Wine (theme)
Francesco Sartori (b 1957)	Time to say Goodbye

Performing: Eva Hurt and Gisela Meyer (+ Jurand Jakub Zygadlo in the last item)

**\*Zygmunt Zgraja** born 1937 in Myslowice, Poland, is a virtuoso on the chromatic harmonica and a prolific composer, arranger and advocate of the use of this lovely instrument. He has composed classical as well as popular music including a "Concert Phantasy for Harmonica and Symphony Orchestra".

**Eva Hurt** is a classical singer and harmonicist. She has been performing regularly in the UK and Europe for 20 years and is considered to be the first Polish internationally acclaimed classical harmonicist. After graduating from the Karol Szymanowski University of Music in Poland, Eva continued her studies at the Trinity College in London and the University of Cambridge in England. Eva is prize-winner of 10 competitions and winner of 8 including the World Harmonica Festival, Trossingen, Germany and the 'National Harmonica League Festival' in Bristol, UK. She has appeared at important festivals in the UK, Germany and Poland.

As a harmonicist Eva plays classical and crossover music while her vocal talents as a lyrical soprano cover anything from early music to contemporary works.

Eva is a funding member and artistic director of "Four Seasons" concert series for families in London which has been running continuously since 2014.

Enthused by her work as a music teacher, Eva published many music tutor books including, "Triola -Tutor Book for Children" <u>LEVEL 1</u> and <u>LEVEL 2</u> (published by <u>Seydel Sohne</u>). In 2018 Eva released her studio CD, 'My First Harmonica Album', a fabulous collection of harmonica pieces that anyone can listen to. For more information, please visit: <u>www.evahurt.com</u>

*Jurand Jakub Zygadlo* has been performing internationally for over 20 years.

He holds the professional title of Instrumentalist, a Masters Degree in Music Education and a Qualified Teachers Status for England and Wales.

Jurand studied at the Trinity Laban Conservatoire in London and at the Karol Szymanowski Academy of Music in Katowice.

As a session player/ accompanist he has recorded and performed live for National Hungarian, German and Polish TV.

*He is author of the guitar tutor book "6 Strings Fun" and co-author of the Ukulele Rock School exam syllabus.* 

In 2019 Jurand and guitarist Krzysztof Nieborak released the CD "Green Sleeves which contains of classical and Latin America standards for two guitars.

**Gisela Meyer** was born in Frankfurt am Main, Germany. She studied piano and cello in Frankfurt and piano solo in Weimar. In London, she obtained a Masters in Performance (accompaniment) at the GSMD. Gisela's subsequent work as accompanist brought her to the path of singing, and she took up singing professionally in 2014, studying privately with Jessica Cash. Gisela is a freelance musician and teacher. She is tutor for Singing, Piano and Chamber Ensembles at the City Lit and consultant, exam accompanist and cello tutor at the City and Islington Sixth form college. Gisela performs regularly in concerts as a soloist and in ensembles, as a pianist as well as a singer –lately, with lighter repertoire, also as a Singing pianist. For more information and to sign up for Gisela's concert mailing list, please visit: <u>giselameyer.me.uk</u>