Sunday 17th July - Twilight Recital

transformation was applied to the famous songs of the period, in an endless game.

In the middle of these experimentations a new style of music was born, consisting of writing or improvising ornamentations (usually known as 'diminutions') upon well-known pieces in a way that is amazingly similar to 20th century jazz improvisation.

By the second half of the 16th century the practice of re-elaborating previous material was at its height, and every way of transforming music was being employed. This concert is a demonstration of what could have been done even with a small ensemble, playing around universally known themes.

We hope you will enjoy finding and following the thread that musically connects every group, as listeners and musicians certainly did during the renaissance.

Ricardo Simian

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Monday 18th July - Open-air theatre

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7.30pm The Creed Chapel, Ashton (gates open 5pm)

Five Children and It, by E Nesbit

Cast

Toby Gaffney - Psammead and Cast Michael Geary - Robert and Cast Matthew Watkin - Cyril and Cast Leela Selvon - Anthea and Cast Kate Middleton - Jane and Cast

Directors - Oliver Gray and Marcus Fernando

Producer - Jennifer Righy

Costumes - CurlyWilly Productions

Special Effects - The Blue Chicken Company

The classic book 'Five Children and It' was the first story to be written by E Nesbit, author of The Railway Children. Five children discover a grumpy, ugly sand fairy living in a sand pit. Sand fairies are able to grant absolutely any wish you could care to name. There are only two rules: one wish per day, and whatever is wished for will completely disappear at sundown.

The children make ample use of their new-found power and wish for all sorts of things: money, a castle, even wings to fly with. But if you wish for wings, you need to make sure you're not flying too high at sundown... The children soon learn that having exactly what they want often gets them into trouble!

Illyria has toured all over the UK, Europe and North America, and has collected an impressive array of international awards, including a 'Pick of the Fringe' award in Vancouver and twice Critics' Choice at the Edinburgh Fringe Festival.

This is the ninth year that Illyria has embarked upon a theatre tour specifically aimed at children. Artistic Director Oliver Gray said: 'Illyria's children's performances are a vital part of the company's annual season, because we believe in getting young people genuinely excited about theatre at an early age.'



Oliver Gray was himself an actor and appeared in the West End production of Roald Dahl's The B.E.G., directed by leading writer/director of children's theatre, David Wood.

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