



Vivaldi's Ring of Mystery

produced by



Director & Producer
PAUL PEMENT

Series Creator
SUSAN HAMMOND

Featuring

TBD as Antonio Vivaldi /Giovanni
&
TBD as Katarina

Playwright & Music Editor
DOUGLAS COWLING

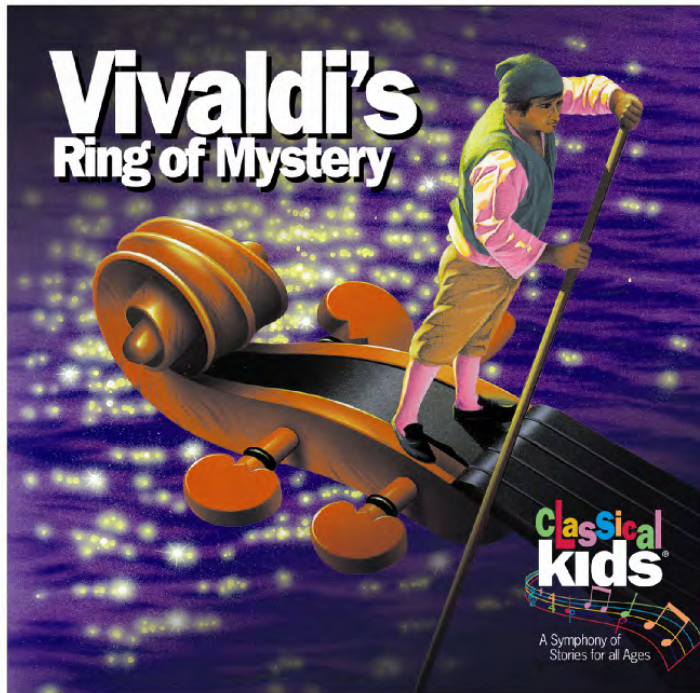
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ALEX MEADOWS

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Musical Excerpts

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| 1. <i>Concerto for Two Trumpets, D Major</i> | 14. <i>Sonata for Two Violins, II</i> |
| 2. <i>String Concerto, RV 121</i> | 15. <i>Composition Concerto</i> |
| 3. <i>Spring, The Four Seasons</i> | 16. <i>Concerto in A minor, II</i> |
| 4. <i>Piccolo Concerto</i> | 17. <i>La Notte, I</i> |
| 5. <i>Autumn, I The Four Seasons</i> | 18. <i>Summer, The Four Seasons</i> |
| 6. <i>Guitar Sonata in F Major</i> | 19. <i>Il Gardellino</i> |
| 7. <i>Flute theme from Il Gardellino</i> | 20. <i>Caldara singers, guitar</i> |
| 8. <i>Piccolo theme from Concerto</i> | 21. <i>Violin Sonata in F major</i> |
| 9. <i>Concerto in A minor, I</i> | 22. <i>Piccolo Concerto, I</i> |
| 10. <i>Winter, II The Four Seasons</i> | 23. <i>Trumpet Concerto, III</i> |
| 11. <i>Guitar Concerto, III</i> | 24. <i>Double Orchestra Concerto, II</i> |
| 12. <i>Il Gardellino flute solo</i> | 25. <i>Alla Rustica</i> |
| 13. <i>Trumpet Concerto I</i> | |

Plot Synopsis

Vivaldi, Venice and violins: all three are celebrated in Vivaldi's Ring of Mystery. "All silent now, the magic spell is told, All silent now, our mystery tale unfolds..."

A gifted young orphan named Katarina is sent to study music at the great Pieta orphanage in seventeenth century Venice. There, she comes under the tutelage of the famous music director and composer Antonio Vivaldi and searches through the thrilling but mysterious atmosphere of Carnival and the Island of the Dead for clues to her past and a vanishing Stradivarius violin. A touching final scene unites Katarina with her Grandfather and together they take Vivaldi's music, its spirit and soul, out into the world.



Production Notes

Based on the highly acclaimed and award-winning Classical Kids recording *Vivaldi's Ring of Mystery*, this theatrical symphony concert is an imaginative way to introduce young audiences and their families to the life and music of Antonio Lucio Vivaldi in a live performance venue. Audiences will enjoy recognizable themes including the Four Seasons, the Violin Concerto in A minor, and the Guitar Concerto.

Classical Kids LIVE! is produced by Classical Kids Music Education, a not-for-profit organization dedicated to furthering classical music education. In combination with the Classical Kids Teaching Edition, Classical Kids LIVE! serves as one of the worlds best educational outreach and community engagement programs contributing to the long-term health of classical music. Having received more awards and honors than any other entity of its kind, Classical Kids is proud to say, "We're making a difference!" (www.ckme.org)

"Far And Away the Best for Introducing Children to Classical Music!"

- Boston Herald

"One of the Most Completely Wondrous Examples of Children's Entertainment Ever!"

- Billboard

"Art Made Accessible: Nobody Does it Better than Classical Kids!"

- Entertainment Weekly

"The Best Way to Unlock the Mind and Heart of a Child to the Wonders of Musical Masterpieces!"

- New York Daily News

Artist's Biographies

Paul Pement – Director & Producer



Paul holds an exclusive international licensing agreement with the award-winning Classical Kids organization to direct and produce the highly-acclaimed symphony concert series that includes *Beethoven Lives Upstairs*, *Tchaikovsky Discovers America*, *Vivaldi's Ring of Mystery*, *Mozart's Magnificent Voyage* and *Hallelujah Handel*. As executive and artistic director of Classical Kids Music Education, NFP, Mr. Pement oversees all business and artistic aspects of the Classical Kids *Live!* theatrical concert productions around the world. (www.classicalkidslive.com) Paul received a BFA in Acting from the University of Illinois and, as a long-time member of Actor's Equity Association, has extensive theatrical experience performing in over 50 productions throughout Chicago and abroad. He has appeared in such long-running commercial hits as *Peter Pan* (Peter), *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat* (Benjamin) and *Forever Plaid* (Sparky), the latter of which he has also directed and choreographed at theatres across the country. In addition to film and television appearances, he has written and directed several tolerance-related short films and has directed and choreographed live industrial shows for companies such as Target and Mobil. Paul resides in Chicago with his yellow lab, Gus.

Susan Hammond – Series Creator



Susan has created a whole new generation of classical music fans through her innovative and award-winning Classical Kids recordings. She is the executive producer of a 16 title series of children's classical music recordings known collectively as Classical Kids, selling to date nearly 5 million CDs, DVDs and books worldwide, and earning over 100 prestigious awards and honors. Each story entails its own adventure featuring a unique combination of music, history, and theatricality to engage the imaginations of children. Susan holds the philosophy that, "Where the heart goes, the mind will follow." An accomplished concert pianist and music teacher, Hammond searched for recordings about classical music to share with her young daughters. One day, she sat reading to her girls with a classical music radio station on in the background and noticed how they responded to the literature in a different way when enhanced by music. The rest, as they say, is history. Susan is the recipient of Billboard Magazine's International Achievement Award and resides with her husband in Toronto where she is a member of the Order of Canada for her contribution to the arts.

Douglas Cowling - Playwright / Music Editor



Douglas is a writer, musician and educator with a lifelong interest in bringing classical music to wider audiences. He is the writer of five Classical Kids audio productions: *Mozart's Magic Fantasy*, *Tchaikovsky Discovers America*, *Vivaldi's Ring of Mystery*, *Hallelujah Handel!* and *Mozart's Magnificent Voyage*. He was also associate producer on *Daydreams* and *Lullabies* and serves as the principle writer /music editor for the Classical Kids *Live!* theatrical symphony concert series.

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Classical Kids Music Education, NFP

Classical Kids Music Education, NFP was formed for charitable and educational purposes to build pathways for progression in music so that all young people, whatever their background or abilities, have access to the rich and diverse range of influence classical music offers. Reduced funding to the arts has diminished the ability of many symphony orchestras to provide high-quality educational and family programs like the one you are seeing today. It is imperative that more organizations are able to reach students and families through excellent music education programs in a time when affordable and worthy programming is lacking. Classical Kids Music Education, NFP was created to “bridge the gap” by securing funding for high-caliber projects and, together with individual donor support, help to bring music education into the 21st century by creating more opportunities for young people to be exposed to their interest and develop their talents to the fullest. Please visit www.ckme.org to learn more about how you can help.

Actors' Equity Association

Actors and Stage Managers are members of Actors' Equity Association. Actors' Equity Association, founded in 1913, is the labor union that represents more than 45,000 Actors and Stage Managers in the United States. Equity seeks to advance, promote and foster the art of live theatre as an essential component of our society. Equity negotiates wages and working conditions and provides a wide range of benefits, including health and pension plans, for its members. Actors' Equity is a member of the AFL-CIO, and is affiliated with FIA, an international organization of performing arts unions.