

Friends of Edward Square, Musical Flying Squad,  
guest artists from The Orchestra of the Age of Enlightenment  
& students from Copenhagen and Blessed Sacrament Schools

present

# ‘LISA – a folk opera’

*words, music & direction by Rob Inglis*

Assembly Room, Islington Town Hall

7pm Tuesday June 15, 2010

## Programme

### **ACT ONE**

*Today, looking back*

Students - ‘Lisa Pontecorvo’

Cast - ‘A Meteor with Attitude’ (tune ‘For a’ that’);

Students dance to ‘100 Pipers’

### **Glasgow late 1940s**

Anna - ‘Lullaby’ (Italian folk song); Guido - ‘I’m not my  
Brother’s Keeper (traditional tune)

Guido – ‘Leni’s Wedding (traditional tune)

**Glasgow 1963:** Leni - ‘In Florence’ (Swiss melody);

Lisa: ‘Clyde Built’ (traditional)

**St Anne’s, Oxford 1966:** Lisa - ‘History Essay’ and ‘I thought I had a Love’

**London: Cinema.** Ruth – ‘Lisa Said’

### **ACT TWO**

**Islington and Switzerland, 1996-1997**

Lisa - ‘Life in Thornhill Square

Sadie - ‘All Our Green Spaces’ (Irish); Lisa - ‘Maybe it’s not the Leafy Side of Barnsbury’;

Lisa and Students - ‘Petitions’; Council Leader - ‘Siege’

Students - ‘Edward Square, Hub o’ the World

Chalet, St Luc - Guido – ‘Buon giorno’

Thornhill Square – ‘Things can only get better’

Edward Square – Jo consults the Steering Group

St Luc – Guido – ‘some special flowers’

### **ACT THREE**

**1997-2008**

**Flowering in Edward Square**

Matthew – ‘Light Licks its Finger-tips’ (poem by Andrew Motion) ; Jo and Lisa – ‘Consultation’

**Regent Quarter Campaign**

Jeannie and Lisa – ‘No More Campaigning Please Lisa’

Matthew – ‘We Object to the Demolition’ (from a letter by Malcolm Tucker)

Kai – ‘Agreement, Regent Quarter’ (from Gary Brooks, recorded by King’s Cross Voices)

**Trouble flares in Edward Square:** Tree Officer, Sadie and Lisa - ‘Save that Apple Tree’

**September 2008** – ‘Website Tidings’ (to a 17C arrangement of London street cries by Richard Dering)

**Today:** The Cast – ‘As a Campaigner’ (after John Bunyan); Children – ‘Lisa Pontecorvo’



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