

HEALING THROUGH MUSIC

Are you looking for an entertaining and informative speaker for your club?



ARne Richards delivers a fascinating and entertaining account of the adventures of a musician working in high security prisons, hospices, immigration centres and with dementia patients.

ARne, Artistic Director of the Oxford Concert Party, made his highly acclaimed debut at the Wigmore Hall in London, and has since developed a colourful and varied performing profile in many parts of the world both as a harpsichordist and an accordionist. Well known for his exciting and stylish playing, he has recorded regularly for BBC Radio and Television, Channel 4 Television, and has appeared on Italian, German, Mexican, Australian and US networks. ARne's unique compositions and arrangements for the Oxford Concert Party reflect his great love of world music, particularly Celtic music and the tango. An authority on music for healing, his work as a consultant music therapist has taken him to Scandinavia, the Far East, Australia and the USA. He also has a busy practise as a hypnoanalyst in which he incorporates the little known technique of Guided Imagery through Music.

The Oxford Concert Party is Europe's only Baroque and Tango Orchestra. Take three hundred years of music from around the world, turn it upside down, infuse it with humour, energy, passion and pathos – and you have the recipe with which the Oxford Concert Party, described as 'one of the most entertaining, ground-breaking groups around' (Oxford Times) delights their audience wherever they go. Be it Vivaldi or Piazzolla, French café music or Argentinean tango, Irish laments or Finnish polkas, this 'bunch of superb musicians' (Daily Telegraph) create a rich, colourful, expressive sound, and their vibrant virtuosity, zany and off-beat humour make for an unforgettable performance. The Oxford Concert Party has made CDs, performed in festivals throughout Britain, on radio and TV, and been 'Pick of the Fringe' at the Edinburgh Festival.

The Oxford Concert Party is a registered charity which in addition to its' concert work, has an extensive ongoing programme of community outreach work which includes concerts and projects in prisons, detention centres, primary schools, for elderly groups, people with dementia and children and adults with learning difficulties. Recently, the group has undertaken projects in primary schools in Oxfordshire, and completed work on three major participatory music projects, for older people in both the Aylesbury Vale area and in Leicestershire, and week long prison projects around south-east England.

You can check our website at www.oxfordconcertparty.org to hear our music. To find out about booking ARne for your club, contact our General Manager, Deborah Henry-Pollard on debspollard88@yahoo.co.uk or call 07946 044936.

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