

JUST ANNOUNCED

Charles Hazlewood with Army of Generals and The British Paraorchestra *PLAY!*

Sunday 18 March 2018 / Barbican Hall / 19:30 Tickets £15 – 20 plus booking fee

Internationally renowned conductor **Charles Hazlewood** embarks on a journey of well-known classical repertoire from the soundtracks of the gaming world. Titled *PLAY!* this concert promises a symphonic rollercoaster ride of classic computer game themes alongside well-known orchestral masterworks, including music from Holst's *The Planets* and Strauss' tone poems.

From the high-octane soundtrack of *Grand Theft Auto* to the acclaimed theme for *Tetris* and the cinematic soundtrack to the console adventure, *Final Fantasy VIII*, the programme will include many of the most memorable and iconic computer game themes from the last four decades.

First performed at Glastonbury Festival 2017, *PLAY!* is conducted by Hazlewood and performed by a forty-piece ensemble of musicians that includes **Army of Generals**, an ensemble of orchestral musicians famed for their dynamic performances with artists as varied as The Unthanks and Father John Misty. Also part of the *PLAY!* ensemble are members of the world's only professional ensemble of disabled musicians, The British Paraorchestra. Also formed by Hazelwood, The British Paraorchestra began in 2011 with a mission to challenge perceptions of disability and remove barriers to music-making for disabled musicians. The group performed alongside Coldplay during the closing ceremony of the 2012 Summer Paralympics in London.

On sale to Barbican members on Thursday 23 November 2017 On general sale on Friday 24 November 2017 Produced by the Barbican Find out more

Ahmad Jamal

Tuesday 8 May 2018 / Barbican Hall / 19:30 Tickets £25 – 50 plus booking fee

A rare London show from American jazz pianist **Ahmad Jamal** will take place at the Barbican on 8 May 2018. A greatly influential musician, composer and bandleader, Jamal has been a central figure of jazz for some five decades. Still prolific in 2017, Ahmad Jamal recently released a new album *Marseille* (Jazz Village/PIAS), an instrumental love letter to the iconic French city and an addition to a discography surpassing more than sixty records as a bandleader, not to mention compilations and guest appearances. Furthermore Jamal was presented with a Lifetime Achievement Award at the 2017 Grammys.

Joining Ahmad Jamal on stage for this performance will be **Herlin Riley** (drums), **James Cammack** (bass) and **Manolo Badrena** (percussion). Additionally, two guest performers will make an appearance – French/Congolese rapper, author and film director **Abd al Malik** and French/Beninese singer/songwriter **Mina Agossi** – both of whom also appear on the *Marseille* album.

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ALSO ANNOUNCED

Carleen Anderson – Cage Street Memorial + Zara McFarlane

Saturday 20 January 2018 / Barbican Hall / 19:30 Tickets £15 – 25 plus booking fee

Appearing in support of Carleen Anderson, MOBO Award-winning jazz singer-songwriter **Zara McFarlane** has been added to the line-up for 20 January 2018. Zara's latest album *Arise*, for Gilles Peterson's label Brownswood, has gathered a raft of positive reviews, and the recent EFG London Jazz Festival show played to a packed and enthusiastic audience at a sold-out Rich Mix.

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Jeff Tweedy

+ James Elkington

Saturday 3 February 2018 / Barbican Hall / 20:00 Tickets £30 – 50 plus booking fee

British-born Chicago-based musician **James Elkington**, who has opened for Jeff Tweedy on previous tours, will appear alongside him again as support for this concert on 3 February 2018.

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COMING UP IN AUTUMN 2017

Sō Percussion: From Out a Darker SeaFriday 24 & Saturday 25 November 2017 / St Giles Cripplegate / 20:00

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Tan Dun: The Martial Arts Trilogy with the London Symphony Orchestra

Thursday 30 November 2017 / Barbican Hall / 19:30 Tickets £17.50 – 35 plus booking fee

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Friday 8 December 2017 / Barbican Hall / 20:00 Tickets £17.50 – 22.50 plus booking fee

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COMING UP IN 2018

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Thursday 18 January 2018 / Milton Court Concert Hall / 19:30 Tickets £20 plus booking fee Find out more

Carleen Anderson – Cage Street Memorial

+ Zara McFarlane

Saturday 20 January 2018 / Barbican Hall / 19:30 Tickets £15 – 25 plus booking fee Find out more

Martin Hayes + Brooklyn Rider

Thursday 25 January 2018 / Milton Court Concert Hall / 19:30 Tickets £20 – 25 plus booking fee Find out more

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Concert for Kitty

Friday 26 January 2018 / Barbican Hall / 19:30 Tickets £25 – 35 plus booking fee Find out more

Video Jam x Basquiat

Basquiat-inspired short films with original scores performed live by Young Fathers, Ibibio Sound Machine and more

Part of Basquiat: Boom for Real

Sunday 28 January 2018 / Barbican Hall / 20:00 Tickets £17.50 – 22.50 plus booking fee

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Nils Frahm - All Melody

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SOLD OUT returns only

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Jazz at Lincoln Center Orchestra with Wynton Marsalis

Benny Goodman: King of Swing

Tuesday 27 February 2018 / Barbican Hall / 20:00 Tickets £30 – 45 plus booking fee

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Jazz at Lincoln Center Orchestra with Wynton Marsalis Leonard Bernstein at 100

Wednesday 28 February 2018 / Barbican Hall / 20:00 Tickets £30 – 45 plus booking fee Find out more

POLIÇA + stargaze

Tuesday 27 February 2018 / Oval Space / 19:30 Tickets £22.50 plus booking fee Find out more

The Next Generation of Jazz Showcase

Thursday 1 March 2018 / Milton Court Concert Hall / 19:00 Tickets £8 plus booking fee Find out more

Alva Noto UNIEQAV

+ Anne-James Chaton

Sunday 4 March 2018 / Barbican Hall / 19:30 Tickets £10 – 20 plus booking fee Find out more

John Cale (2018-1964): A Futurespective With the London Contemporary Orchestra

Friday 9 & Saturday 10 March 2018 / Barbican Hall / 19:30 Tickets £35 – 45 plus booking fee Find out more

Niladri Kumar: Seduced by the Sitar

Tuesday 13 March 2018 / Milton Court Concert Hall / 19:00

Tickets £18 – 50 plus booking fee Find out more

Just Jam Reloaded

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Kyle Dixon & Michael Stein performing the music of Stranger Things

Saturday 7 April 2018 / Barbican Hall / 20:00 SOLD OUT returns only

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Sam Green and Kronos Quartet: A Thousand Thoughts – a live documentary

Friday 18 May 2018 / Barbican Hall / 19:30 Tickets £20 – 35 plus booking fee Find out more

Field Music with the Open Here Orchestra

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[Modern Ritual] featuring Charles Hayward + Laura Cannell + Hoofus + Jennifer Lucy Allan + Luke Turner

Saturday 16 June / LSO St Luke's / 19:30 Tickets £15 plus booking fee Find out more

They Might Be Giants

Wednesday 3 October 2018 / Barbican Hall / 19:30 Tickets £20 – 35 plus booking fee Find out more

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