



ORCHID PROMOTIONS

## PRESS RELEASE

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### **CELEBRATED MOVIE STARS UNITE TO CREATE MAGICAL CHILDREN'S DISC FOR ORCHID CLASSICS**

Not one, but FOUR illustrious actors - **Kenneth Branagh, Tom Conti, Simon Pegg and Clive Owen** - have donated their services for Orchid Classics' latest release: a disc featuring some of our best-loved children's poetry together with wonderful and fun pieces of classical music, in aid of the Lenny Trusler Children's Foundation. Also performing on the album are some of our favourite musical stars: Matthew Trusler, Martin Roscoe, Maya Koch and Alexander Taylor. The disc promises to be a real highlight of 2013 for all fans of children's literature.

*"This really is a lovely project, and I couldn't be happier to be involved. I hope everyone will buy this album for all the children they know, and support the Lenny Trusler Children's Foundation with their efforts to help very ill babies."*

(Clive Owen, actor)

The project was devised by musicians Matthew Trusler and Maya Koch in order to raise funds for the charity they started in memory of their late son, Lenny. The violinists have collaborated with a range of performers in recent years, raising funds through musical projects: in 2010 the Lenny Trusler Children's Foundation hosted a gala event in London featuring over twenty artists; including comedian Michael McIntyre, Tom Conti and the Belcea Quartet.

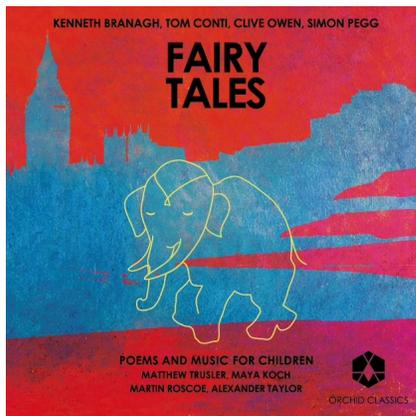
*"This album has been five years in the making and is by far the most personal project I've ever been involved in, and that which I am the most proud of. It has been put together purely out of a wish to make the most beautiful album we could for children and their parents to listen to over and over again. I'm so excited that we have persuaded such huge names from the worlds of movies and music to take part in this, and I hope that anyone who hears it will feel the amount of love that has gone into making it from all those who took part."*

(Matthew Trusler, violinist)

The recording features some of the greatest and most memorable of children's literature: including works by Roald Dahl, Edward Lear, Lewis Carroll, Spike Milligan and AA Milne. New musical recordings will also feature, such as the Cinderella Suite by Prokofiev, Children's Corner by Debussy, Danse Macabre and The Swan by Saint-Saëns – music that will be loved by children and adults alike.



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### TRACKLIST

1. Prokofiev, Sergei arr. Fichtenholz - Cinderella Suite for violin and piano 'Grand Waltz' (Matthew Trusler, Martin Roscoe)
2. CINDERELLA (Roald Dahl) read by Tom Conti
3. Prokofiev, Sergei arr. Fichtenholz - Cinderella Suite for violin and piano 'Mazurka' (Matthew Trusler, Martin Roscoe)
4. THE JABBERWOCKY (Lewis Carroll) read by Clive Owen
5. Saint-Saëns, Camille - Danse macabre for violin and piano (Matthew Trusler, Alexander Taylor)
6. Grieg, Edvard - Puck for piano solo (Martin Roscoe)
7. SILLY OLD BABOON (Spike Milligan) read by Simon Pegg
8. Chopin, Frédéric - Minute Waltz for piano solo (Martin Roscoe)
9. Shostakovich, Dmitry - From Five pieces for two violins and piano 'Waltz' (Matthew Trusler, Maya Koch, Alexander Taylor)
10. THE DUCK AND THE KANGAROO (Edward Lear) read by Kenneth Branagh
11. Shostakovich, Dmitry - From Five pieces for two violins and piano 'Gavotte' (Matthew Trusler, Maya Koch, Alexander Taylor)
12. THE MIRROR (A.A. Milne) read by Tom Conti

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13. Saint-Saëns, Camille -The Swan for violin and piano (MatthewTrusler, AlexanderTaylor)
14. JUMBO JET (Spike Milligan) read by Simon Pegg
15. Stravinsky, Igor arr. Dushkin - Circus-Polka for a young elephant for violin and piano (Matthew Trusler, Alexander Taylor)
16. Debussy, Claude - Children's Corner. Doctor Gradus ad parnassum for piano solo (Martin Roscoe)
17. THE PIG (Roald Dahl) read by Tom Conti
18. Debussy, Claude - Children's Corner. Golliwog's Cakewalk for piano solo (Martin Roscoe)
19. IN THE DARK (A. A. Milne) read by Clive Owen
20. Chopin, Frédéric - Nocturne op. 9,2 for piano solo (Martin Roscoe)

### READERS

Kenneth Branagh Tom Conti, Clive Owen Simon Pegg

### MUSICIANS

Matthew Trusler, violin Maya Koch, violin  
Martin Roscoe, piano Alexander Taylor, piano

### LINKS

[www.ltcf.co.uk/fairytales/PR](http://www.ltcf.co.uk/fairytales/PR) (album microsite)  
[www.orchidclassics.com/catalogue](http://www.orchidclassics.com/catalogue)  
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#### About the Lenny Trusler Foundation

The Lenny Trusler Children's Foundation (LTCF) is dedicated to helping provide the relief of serious illness in newborn babies and infants, both in the UK and abroad.

*"I am really delighted to be involved in this charity, helping to raise money for such a good cause, the Lenny Trusler Children's Foundation. I have two children myself, so the idea of raising money to directly help save the lives of babies born with terrible difficulties is a wonderful one."* (Michael McIntyre, comedian)

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The foundation was created by violinists Matthew Trusler and Maya Koch after the death of their baby son from a rare kidney disease in April 2007. Just one month after its official launch in 2008 it was chosen as Charity of the Year by Reef Television: the award included a £10,000 donation towards the LTCF's first mission; a family room for the neonatal unit of the Whittington Hospital London.

Since then the foundation has collaborated with a range of performers, raising funds through musical projects. In 2010 the LTCF hosted a Gala event in London featuring over twenty artists including comedian Michael McIntyre, actor Tom Conti, the Belcea Quartet and cellist Natalie Clein.

In recent years the foundation has been able to buy vital life saving equipment including a new incubator, again for the neonatal unit of the Whittington Hospital, and has begun supporting a children's hospice, "Helen & Douglas House" in Oxford.

All profits from sales of this album will directly benefit causes supported by the Lenny Trusler Children's Foundation.

### Further information about Orchid

Orchid Music was founded in 2005 by violinist Matthew Trusler. Orchid's recordings are distributed in the UK by Select Music and Video Distribution Ltd. Orchid Classics ('an artist led, creatively driven company') was founded to provide a full range of complementary services for classical music performers and organisations.

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