

# Hatstand Opera

## Virtual performance for Chatteris Music Society

### Sat 11th July 2020

#### Cast:

Toni Nunn (soprano)  
Kirsty Young (mezzo)  
Jochem van Ast (baritone)  
Bryan Kesselman (baritone)

Playlist link:

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLmllRjgbfTSZGjMyusvp1UFu2W02Ch02a>

Our virtual performance features items specially recorded for Chatteris, plus other videos made by tonight's cast during the duration of lockdown. It's been a challenge recording and stitching all the video parts together without any high tech kit, but we've had a lot of fun. We hope you do too!

#### Introduction

By Kirsty.

#### Busy Doing Nothing

Our own version of the classic song from "A Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur's Court". Arranged by Bryan and with piano accompaniment by Jeremy Fisher.

#### Avant de quitter ces lieux - Faust - Gounod

A lovely aria from "Faust" by Gounod. Jochem does his own introduction so you'll know what it's about.

#### Ave Maria - Caccini

When first recorded this was said to be a 'newly discovered' work by Giulio Caccini, an Italian composer writing in the late Renaissance. It was actually written by Russian composer Vladimir Vavilov in 1970, and recorded with the composer as "Anonymous". It's long been a favourite of soprano Toni.

#### Sull'aria - Nozze di Figaro - Mozart

We've given the famous "you write, I'll dictate" duet between the Countess and Susanna a modern, Zoom twist!

#### Deh, vieni alla finestra - Don Giovanni - Mozart

Bryan's top method of persuading young ladies to come down from their balconies and have some fun. He finds the hat helps a lot...

#### Soave sia il vento - Così fan tutte - Mozart

"Blow gently ye breezes" sing sisters Dorabella and Fiordiligi as they wave their boyfriends off to war. Their friend Don Alfonso knows this is just 'fake news' and the boys will be back shortly in disguise...

**La ci darem - Don Giovanni - Mozart**

Online dating in lockdown? Oh yes.

**Vi ravviso - La Sonnambula - Bellini**

The only opera we know with a sleepwalking heroine. Feudal lord Rodolfo arrives in disguise to stay a night at an inn. He sings of the days of his youth when everything was tranquil and serene, but how those days are now gone.

**Votre toast - Carmen - Bizet**

The classic Torreador aria sung by Jochem in his kitchen. All toast puns intended.

**The prayer - Hansel and Gretel - Humperdink**

One of Kirsty's early 'pants' roles was Hansel. Lost in the woods with his sister as darkness falls, the two children pray for the angels to guard them as they sleep.

**Tit willow - The Mikado - Gilbert and Sullivan**

One of Bryan's favourite G&S roles, KoKo the Lord High Executioner. Here he tries to persuade Katisha that he is in love with her by recounting the tale of a "little tom tit".

**Pokarekare ana**

And now for something completely different! A popular New Zealand love song dating from World War One, and sung in Māori.

**Ragtime cowboy Joe**

Why have just one Bryan when you can have four!

**There are fairies at the bottom of our garden**

Kirsty was gardening one morning when she found something unexpected...

**I could have danced all night - My Fair Lady - Lerner & Loewe**

Looking forward to "Strictly" coming back? So are we!

**Summer holiday - Welch and Bennett**

Recorded at Easter, long before the holiday rules were relaxed last week, Jochem could only dream of a sunny break.

**Champagne - Die Fledermaus - Strauss, J**

Cheers, and thanks for watching.

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### **Bryan's Channel**

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC1v\\_vLznY3HnGiC0crH5Csw](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC1v_vLznY3HnGiC0crH5Csw)

### **Jochem's Channel**

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCGqnBDqlapVsPryqYkGdpyQ>

### **Toni's Channel (Singers for Funerals)**

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCsu-0n4lQa4TAhqrkceeE9g>

### **Kirsty's Channel**

Well, actually, she hasn't got one but for a laugh you can look at Hatstand's original promo videos on our HSO Channel!

<https://www.youtube.com/c/HatstandOperaCoUK>

And if you want to watch the whole thing all over again....

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLmllRjgbfTSZGjMyusvp1UFu2W02Ch02a>