

# RSNO invite families to the MONSTERS BALL!



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Children's Classic Concerts (CCC) and the Royal Scottish National Orchestra (RSNO) present a Strictly Spooktacular opening to their new season of family concerts

Sunday 2nd November 2014, 3.00pm, Usher Hall, Edinburgh

The Usher Hall, Edinburgh, will be transformed into spooky ballrooms the November, as the RSNO performs a spine-tingling selection of spectacular classics at the latest offering in their popular series of family concerts. Children's Classic Concerts' (CCC) charismatic percussionist presenters Owen Gunnell and Olly Cox will be dusting off their dancing shoes and inviting the audience to come dressed in their freaky finest for their latest Hallowe'en-inspired celebration.

**Children's Classic Concerts Presenter Oliver Cox:** "This is a Hallowe'en concert with a difference because we have a dancing theme. Not only will we have live dancers joining us, but the audience will be invited to get up on to their feet too. We have some fantastic pieces that will all contribute brilliantly to the spooky atmosphere."

Among the musical treats will be a scene from Prokofiev's *Cinderella*, as well as the mighty *Montagues and Capulets* theme from his music for the ballet of *Romeo and Juliet*. Grieg will contribute some tricky trolls from *Peer Gynt* and a specially commissioned *Medley of Monsters* will feature some scary characters from the cinema.

**Children's Classic Concerts Presenter Owen Gunnell:** "We are particularly looking forward to telling the story of Robert Burns' **Tam O' Shanter**, with its scary dance scene in Alloway Kirkyard. I am going to play the role of Tam, so my horse Meg and I have been in strict training in order to escape the witches."

The RSNO and conductor Jean-Claude Picard will not only be providing just the right atmosphere with some magnificently scary playing, but they will also be getting into the spirit of the season with some creepy costumes. And the little monsters in the audience are also invited to come along in costume, with a trolley dash in a toy shop offered as the star prize for the best costume of the weekend, generously supplied by competition sponsor A1 Toys.

*Don't miss the fun and excitement of this perfect introduction to classical music for children aged 4 to 12 and their families.*

Children's Classic Concerts' *The Monsters' Ball* will appear at the Usher Hall, Edinburgh on Sunday 2 November, at 3.00pm.

Tickets are priced from £6 and are available to buy from Usher Hall box office (0131 228 1155).

For more information go to [www.childrensclassicconcerts.co.uk](http://www.childrensclassicconcerts.co.uk).

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