

# SOUTHBANK CENTRE

## The Multi-Story Orchestra: The Endz

Saturday 23 September 2023, 5.30pm & 8.30pm  
Queen Elizabeth Hall

Classical music is an incredible, centuries-long story. As we at the Southbank Centre – alongside our Resident Orchestras and Resident Artists – share that story with the world today, we're creating as many ways for as many different people as possible to experience this wonderful art form.

Whether this is your first encounter with classical music or one of many, I'm absolutely thrilled that you're joining us for more powerful human experiences. Welcome to Classical Music: Autumn/Winter 2023/24.

Toks Dada, Head of Classical Music, Southbank Centre

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### Repertoire

The Multi-Story Orchestra *The Endz* 60'

### Performers

The Multi-Story Orchestra

*Each performance lasts approximately 1 hour with no interval.*

*The Endz* – blocks, corner shops, and little plastic black bags. Reece and Imani have been best friends since forever, but as their community begins to change and gentrification closes in from every direction, will the increasing pressures of existing as young Black men in Britain drive an irreversible wedge between them?

A powerful modern-day story of friendship triumphing over heartbreak and loss, told through spoken word, song and rap and accompanied by the orchestra.

Winning a Royal Philharmonic Society award in 2023, *The Endz* is an original piece created by incredible young artists from south London who are members of The Multi-Story Orchestra.

*The Endz* was created between 2019 and 2022 by what was originally the year 10 music class at Harris Academy Peckham – now the Multi-Story Young Creatives – along with singer-songwriters Fran Lobo and Abimaro Gunnell and composer Kate Whitley. The original Young Creatives are Christina Brown-Onabanjo, Nathaniel Casaclang, Moustapha Doumbia, Angel Facey, Fatia Faleye, Amira Lagzouli, Dupri Mckoy, Oluwatoni Olabanji, Yeray Berrio Peña, Flame Rhoden and Prince Shodipe.

It's an authentic story of the friendship between young people in Peckham and the realities of living in an unequal society.

*The Endz* celebrates our power to come through anything stronger and to care for each other – even when things are at their toughest.

The Multi-Story Orchestra is celebrated as one of the most exciting young ensembles in the UK. It has made a name for itself by giving extraordinary performances, telling stories and unleashing creativity in unexpected places – including multi-storey car parks.

**Programme note © Abi Falase (playwright), 2023**

*Content warning: explores themes including racism and knife crime.*

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### A note from The Multi-Story Orchestra

*The Endz* is dedicated to Malcolm Mide-Madariola, an incredible and much-loved young man 'who'd do anything for anybody'.

Following Malcolm's death in 2018, a group of young people from Harris Academy Peckham decided to start creating this show, telling a story of the friendship between young people in Peckham and the struggle of living in an unequal society. The resulting show, created with The Multi-Story Orchestra, has now become *The Endz*.

We are honouring Malcolm's memory in these performances. His bravery and beautiful nature will never be forgotten.

**Director and Scriptwriter**

Abi Falase

**Orchestration**

Kate Whitley

**Choir Leader**

Fran Lobo

**Conductor**

Adam Gibbs

**Soloists**

Oluwatoni Olanbaji  
Christina Brown-Onabanjo  
Flame Rhoden  
Dupri Mckoy

**Choir**

Pupils of Harris Academy Peckham  
The Multi-Story Young Creatives  
La'Maia Blake Walsh  
Christina Brown-Onabanjo  
Daniel Dubla Guglielmo  
Angel Facey  
Fatia Faleye  
Dupri Mckoy  
Oluwatoni Olanbaji  
Carmen Redstone  
Flame Rhoden  
Imani Samuels

**Actors**

David Alade *Reece*  
Mo Bangura *Imani*

**Trumpet**

Catherine Knight

**Bassoon**

Lois Au

**Trombone**

Yusuf Narcin

**Percussion**

Joe Richards  
Delia Stevens

**Violin 1**

Fran Barrett *leader*  
Blaize Henry  
Elodie Chousmer-Howelles

**Violin 2**

Fra Rustumji  
Angela Antwi-Agyei  
Raye Harvey

**Viola**

Jenny Ames  
Zami Jalil

**Cello**

Corentin Chassard  
Sergio Serra Lòpez

**Double Bass**

Thea Sayer

**Flute**

Yeray Berrio Peña

**Piano**

Kausikan Rajeshkumar

**Multi-Story staff**

Sofia Armella *Youth Coordinator*  
Alys Beider *Executive Director*  
Myffy Dymond *Programme Manager*  
Dupri Mckoy *Trainee*  
Monique Muzariri *Project Coordinator*  
Theresa Veith *Finance Manager*  
Kate Whitley *CEO and Artistic Director*  
James Zarembo *General Manager*

**Funders**

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- ▶ The Multi-Story Orchestra
- ▶ [southbankcentre.co.uk](http://southbankcentre.co.uk)

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- ▶ The Ben Kinsella Trust
- ▶ Lives Not Knives

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Saturday 4 November 2023, 10pm | Queen Elizabeth Hall Foyer

The composer's boundary-pushing 2021 album is all around you at this late-night world premiere, with an immersive sound environment designed by Brett Cox.