



**MONDAY 5TH MARCH 2012**  
**OXFORD TOWN HALL**

**CONDUCTED BY MARK SIMPSON**  
BBC YOUNG MUSICIAN OF THE YEAR 2006

**FREE SCHOOLS WORKSHOP 4 - 6PM**  
**EVENING PERFORMANCE 7:30PM**

To celebrate 50 years since the first performance of Britten's great anti-war masterpiece, **Mark Simpson** (BBC Young Musicians of the Year 2006, BBC/Proms Guardian Young Composer of the Year 2006) has brought together a group of outstanding players from **Oxford University** and the **London Music Colleges**, to perform in Oxford Town Hall on the 5<sup>th</sup> March.

With a full symphony orchestra, a chamber orchestra, full choir, boys choir, and featuring brilliant young soloists Maud Millar (soprano), Nicholas Pritchard (tenor) and Dominic Bowe (baritone) this promises to be an incredibly special event.

Mark Simpson (conductor) is one of the most exciting young musicians in the country.

'Simply astounding' (*The Telegraph*)  
'You cannot take your eyes off him'  
(*The Guardian*)



He made his Wigmore Hall debut aged 17 and has performed as a soloist with many of the country's leading conductors and orchestras (the RLPO with Vasily Petrenko, the Northern Sinfonia under Yan Pascal Tortelier, the BBC Philharmonic with Gianandrea Noseda, The City of London Sinfonia, BBC Concert Orchestra, 2008 concerto soloist at the BBC's Last Night of the Proms in the Park)

However, Mark's real passion lies in bringing classical music to younger audience, and this project is part of realizing that. He has invited 500 local school children to a free education workshop on the afternoon of Monday 5<sup>th</sup> March. He has devised an interactive session that will introduce children to the War Requiem, and will give them the incredible experience of hearing it performed live.

*"If we can bring this work to young people, and demonstrate its overwhelming power, if we can make them remember for the rest of their lives, only then will I be happy that the project was a success."*  
(Mark Simpson)

**Tickets: £12, £5 concessions** available from WeGotTickets:  
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