

LE POÈME HARMONIQUE

Vincent Dumestre



Baroque Limelight

Artistic director: Vincent Dumestre

Stage director: Nicolas Vial

Dramaturgy: Morgan Jourdain, Nicolas Vial, Vincent Dumestre

Stefano Amori: actor

Julien Chauvin, Fiona Poupard: violins

Lucas Peres: viola de gamba

Michele Zeoli: violone

Frédéric Rivoal: harpsichord

Vincent Dumestre: theorbo and conductor

(Indicative cast, may be subject to modification)

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It all begins as a perfectly respectable concert. Instrumentalists (carefully chosen), wonderful, challenging early Baroque Italian works. But then, little by little, a technician – a man of undoubted musical talent – begins to take all the others along with him into an irresistibly zany world, calling to mind that of Charlie Chaplin or Buster Keaton. With the complicity of Morgan Jourdain (adaptations), Vincent Dumestre has invited the stage director Nicolas Vial and the mime artist Stefano Amori to join the team of Le Poème Harmonique in presenting a different type of musical humour, in which laughter arises, not from parodies of well-known works, but from the contrast between first-rate performers and a troublemaker who belongs to a completely different world. This programme also takes an affectionate look at the difficulties of being a professional musician.

INDICATIVE PROGRAMME

*Sonata a due - Sonata quinta - Sinfonia a gran battaglia -
Aria sopra la Bergamasca - Sonata settima, Marco Uccellini*

Ciaccona a tre, Anonymous

Canzon La Bulgarina, Tarquinio Merula

Passacaglio, Andrea Falconiero

Ciaccona meccanica, Maletti

Sinfonia del bruca, Giordina

(Original compositions and arrangements)
