

sheridan ensemble

Chacona, Lamento, Walking Blues

"The dance of the chacona is wider than the sea"

- Alex Ross



Chacona, Lamento, Walking Blues (Trailer)

The story of a bassline
over five centuries

Music from Monteverdi and Purcell
to Miles Davis, Sting, Ligeti
and Radiohead

Theorbo, Baroque guitar, harpsichord
flute, violin, violoncello, piano
vibraphone, voice, dance



how would it sound if....

"....a time machine were to bring together some late-sixteenth-century Spanish musicians, a continuo section led by Bach, and players from Ellington's 1940 band, and if John Paul Jones stepped in with the bassline of "Dazed & Confused"....?"

According to Alex Ross, the celebrated music journalist of "The New Yorker", this band of musical time travellers would find common ground far more quickly than one would imagine.

In his article "Chacona, Lamento, Walking Blues", Ross describes how the chaconne and lamento bassline stretches across several centuries, from its probable origins in the Spanish New World in the 16th century into the 20th century and the arrival of blues, jazz and rock.

The Sheridan Ensemble takes this article as an inspiration, throws music from different eras and genres into a virtual melting pot and creates a gripping musical experience which shows the audience that all types of good music - regardless of style or epoch - can indeed stand side-by-side on the concert platform.



what is sheridan ensemble?

An ultra-flexible instrumental combination



Programmes range from
standard classical repertoire
to new musical worlds

Repertoire includes
Baroque on period instruments
19th century Romantic
New Viennese School
Cabaret
Contemporary Classical
Rock
Jazz
Improvisation



take a look....



dance to your daddy (english traditional)



monteverdi: lamento della ninfa



mayfield: hit the road jack

selected performances

Chacona, Lamento Walking Blues

Concertgebouw Amsterdam
Musikfestspiele Mecklenburg-Vorpommern
Schwetzingen Festival
Händelfestspiele Halle
Sendesaal Bremen
"Voices" Festival Holzhausen

Other projects

Philharmonie Berlin
Konzerthaus Vienna
Cadogan Hall London
Helsinki Early Music
Stuttgart Festival
Radialsystem V Berlin
Ultraschall Festival Berlin
Philharmonie Lodz



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