



Hansel & Gretel

Welcome

Hansel & Gretel Re:Imagined is a specially commissioned version of Englebert Humperdinck's *Hansel & Gretel* arranged by William Cole, with a libretto originally translated by David Pountney and revised by Roxana Cole.

The opera has been re-imagined for a children's chorus, who sing alongside a professional cast of singers and 5-piece ensemble to tell the classic Grimm fairytale.

This evening's performance transports us into the fairytale forest of *Hansel & Gretel*, where everything isn't quite as it seems...

Hansel & Gretel is an immersive singing project designed to be performed by 7-11 year olds, alongside our professional singers and musicians, which has involved over 21 schools across Leeds, Barnsley, Doncaster and Bradford.

Since January 2026 our team have led workshops for teaching staff and in-school choral workshops for pupils, teaching the repertoire. The workshops have sought to inspire, build confidence and engage teachers and pupils in music making and singing activities in the classroom.

Programme

(as sung by the Children's Chorus)

Goosey Goosey Gander
Down with the Dumps
The Dancing Song
A Bud Stood in the Forest
Evening Prayer
Greedy Little Mousey
The Witch is Dead
Finale

opera
north

Cast

Hansel
Gretel
Mother/Sandman
Witch

Beth Moxon
Isabelle Peters
Elizabeth Lynch
Sam Furness

Creative team

Conductor
Director
Designer
Associate director
Assistant conductor

Will Cole
Roxana Cole
Bek Palmer
Tess Seddon
Beth Fitzpatrick
(25 Jun & 14 Jul)
Kate Rossiter
Anya Weston Shaw
Tom Phippen
Alexandra Turner

Costume supervisor
Stage manager
Lighting engineer
Supporting stage management

Producer
Assistant Producer

Laura Maniura
Shelley Robinson

Band

Violin

Byron Parish
(20 Jun & 14 Jul),
Sarah Ewins
(22 – 25 Jun),
Kyra Humphries
(30 Jun – 1, 8 & 9 Jul)

Cello
French Horn
Clarinet
(doubling bass clarinet)
Accordion

Amy Jolly
Alan Tokeley
Sarah Masters
Murray Grainger

Choral Delivery team

Elena Cambor Gonzalez
Aimee Fisk

Accompanists

Accordionist accompanist in schools

Murray Grainger
Valerie Barr

Repetiteurs

Adam McDonagh (playing in Sat 20 Jun performance)
Jonathan Gooing