



LONGBOROUGH  
— FESTIVAL OPERA —

# Dido and Aeneas

Sung in English with English surtitles

One interval of 90 minutes.

**MUSIC** Henry Purcell

**LIBRETTO** Nahum Tate,  
based on Virgil's *Aeneid*

**FIRST PERFORMANCE OF DIDO AND AENEAS**

Josias Priest's Boarding School for Girls,  
Chelsea, London 1689

**FIRST PERFORMANCE OF THIS PRODUCTION**

Longborough Festival Opera, 26 July 2025

**MUSIC DIRECTOR** Bjarte Eike

**DIRECTOR** Erlend Samnøen

**SCENIC DESIGN** Alys Whitehead,  
incorporating original costume designs by  
Åsa Gjerstad, with additional costumes  
designed by Alys Whitehead

**LIGHTING DESIGN** Peter Small

**ASSISTANT DIRECTOR** Katie Blackwell

**ASSISTANT MUSIC DIRECTOR** Hans Knut Sveen

**YOUTH CHORUS MASTER** Will Sharma

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## THE CAST

*Longborough's 2025 Emerging Artists:*

**DIDO** Camilla Seale

**AENEAS** Sam Young

**BELINDA** Jasmine Flicker

**SORCERESS** Lydia Shariff

**1ST WITCH** Lara Rebekah Harvey

**2ND WITCH** Myrna Tennant

**COUSINS OF THE QUEEN** Samantha Hargreaves, Megan O'Neill

**SPIRIT** Tomos Owen Jones

**SAILOR** Guy Beynon

**ENSEMBLE** Jack Bowtell, Dylan Rooney

*with the Longborough Youth Chorus:*

Iris Apsion, Ava Alston, Anna Bery, Tilly Bonner, Archie Campbell, Becky Chilcott, Autumn Eddolls, Isabel Fearnley, Max Fitzsimmons, Charlotte Gibbs, Leo Harrison, Emmeline Haughton, Otilie Haughton, Rory Bell Heath, Isabelle Marriott, Esmé McCann, Kobi Nobes, Oliver Norris, Pixie Phillips, Heidi Pierpoint, Annabelle Solari-Masson, Olivia Solari-Masson, Freya Storie, Roux Storie, Cosima Summersgill, Emilia Tyrell, Matilda Vance, Florence Wharton, Isobel Whitehouse, Maeve Yorke

*featuring Barokksolistene:*

Hans Knut Sveen, cembalo  
Per Buhre, viola  
Thor-Harald Johnsen, guitar  
Flora Curzon, violin  
Judith Maria Blomsterberg, cello  
Michaela Antalová, percussion  
Steven Player, King Iarbas