

MUSIC BARGES (in pageant order)

1 The Royal Jubilee Bells

A floating bell tower (the first of its kind ever to be on mounted on the river) is made of eight bells cast at the Whitechapel Bell Foundry employed prior to installation in the Church of St James Garlickhythe. Eight leading change ringers, members of the Ancient Society of College Youths, led by Dickon Love will ring a quarter peal with churches along the route providing an answering peal. Called The Royal Jubilee Bells, each of the eight bells is to have the Royal Arms cast upon them and each is to be named after a senior member of the Royal Family (the great bell, ½ ton in weight, to be christened Elizabeth).

2. Academy of Ancient Music

An orchestra of 22 musicians from the Academy of Ancient Music, conducted by Richard Egarr, rediscovers the original sounds which Handel and his contemporaries would have known when they performed Handel's Water Music (written to serenade the Royal Barge of George I) and Music for the Royal Fireworks (which accompanied celebrations in Green Park for the end of war in 1749).

3. Herald Fanfare Trumpeters

Six trumpeters from the Band of Her Majesty's Royal Marines perform a fanfare to each of the Thames bridges to herald the arrival of The Queen in her Royal Barge.

4. The Band of Her Majesty's Royal Marines

Popular nautical airs and marine marches played by 35 musicians from The Band of Her Majesty's Royal Marines Plymouth.

5. The Jubilant Commonwealth Choir – world premiere

Mary King and Orlando Gough direct a chorus of singers from many Commonwealth countries, formed especially for the occasion, featuring 120 amateur singers and five soloists who will sing a capella arrangements of traditional British folk songs. There will be a new song composed with lyrics by Poet Laureate Carol Ann Duffy and music by Orlando Gough.

6. Shree Muktajeevan Pipe Band & Dhol Ensemble

50 musicians from the Shree Muktajeevan Pipe Band and Shree Muktajeevan Dhol Academy play a mixture of traditional Indian melodies, Scottish tunes and Bollywood anthems on bagpipes and percussion.

7. New Water Music for the Diamond Jubilee – world premiere

Ten of Britain's renowned film composers create a new movement using the original titles of Handel's Water Music for inspiration. This new suite of music will be performed for the first time by an ensemble of 15 live musicians. Composers include Anne Dudley, Graham Fitkin, Gavin Greenaway, Christopher Gunning, Adrian Johnston, John Lunn, Julian Nott, Jocelyn Pook, Stephen Warbeck and Debbie Wiseman.

8. The Mayor's Junior Jubilee Brass Band – world premiere

Rachel Portman composes a new piece, 'A Celebration', for this 75 piece brass band which has been created for the Pageant by The Mayor of London's Fund for Young Musicians. The band brings together students aged 12 to 21 from London's four music colleges (Guildhall School of Music, Royal Academy of Music, Royal College of Music and Trinity Laban), and Mayor's Music Scholars from the boroughs in which the colleges are situated (Tower Hamlets, Camden, Kensington & Chelsea, Barking & Dagenham).

9. To Be Announced

10. London Philharmonic Orchestra

The London Philharmonic Orchestra conducted by David Parry will perform a 'Last Night of the Proms' style repertoire of grand ceremonial works, British pastoral music and patriotic anthems by composers including Thomas Arne, Sir Malcolm Arnold, Benjamin Britten, Eric Coates, Sir Edward Elgar, Gustav Holst and Sir William Walton.

The Thames Diamond Jubilee Pageant features world premieres of new pieces by:

Anne Dudley

Carol Ann Duffy

Graham Fitkin

Orlando Gough

Gavin Greenaway

Christopher Gunning

Adrian Johnston

John Lunn

Julian Nott

Jocelyn Pook

Rachel Portman

Stephen Warbeck

Debbie Wiseman

And others to be announced