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PRESS RELEASE

The Cabinet of Dr Caligari
7.30pm 1 May 2009

The London Mozart Players brings a special performance to the Aberystwyth Arts Centre on Friday 1st May, 7.30pm. Award-winning composer Lynne Plowman's ambitious new score for the classic German silent film *The Cabinet of Dr Caligari* will be performed live by the London Mozart Players, alongside screenings of the film.

"the superb London Mozart Players"
The Independent, 2007

The Cabinet of Dr Caligari is regarded as one of the most influential German Expressionist films, and also as the first true horror film. Made in 1919, it tells the tale of the sinister fairground showman Dr. Caligari and his faithful sleepwalking Cesare, who is an attraction at a local village carnival and is suspected of committing a series of grisly night-time murders.

"I saw the film a few years ago and was blown away by it," said Lynne, who lives near Cardiff and is best known for her two highly successful operas *Gwyneth* and *The Green Knight and House of the Gods*. "It's extremely theatrical, shot in a painted set with a distorted perspective, and the characters become progressively unhinged. It explores the boundary between sanity and insanity and is psychologically terrifying."

This combination of great music and great cinema makes for a highly an entertaining evening.

Tickets for this production are £8 (£7) and can be booked by contacting the Arts Centre ticket office on 01970 62 32 32 or online at www.aber.ac.uk/artscentre

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