

HerStory

An operatic work featuring the creative talents of people living with Parkinson's

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Arts presents - HerStory Opera Film



Cohere Arts are delighted to have been awarded funding from **Arts Council England** to make a film of **HerStory**, an opera celebrating the artistic talent of the Parkinson's community.

The piece is inspired by the extraordinary exploits of historical Suffolk heroine, **Margaret Catchpole**. Margaret achieved notoriety when she stole a horse and rode it from Ipswich to London. She was imprisoned but later escaped, recaptured and eventually sentenced to transportation to Australia in 1801.

Working with partners [Britten Pears Arts](#), [English National Opera](#), [Trinity Laban](#) and [MuMo Creative](#), throughout autumn 2022 we will be running a series of singing, dance and art workshops in Suffolk, London, Sussex, Oxford and online. Led by specialist Parkinson's practitioners, workshops will enable participants to learn repertoire from **HerStory**, and/or create visual art for animation. We will bring our film-making team to visit each region to film and record sections of the opera. Find out about regional workshops on our website: www.coherearts.org/projects/herstory

Our aim is to produce a 30-minute film that will be launched on **World Parkinson's Day**, 11th April 2023, in the words of our original 2019 cast; 'showing the world what people with Parkinson's can do.'

If you are not able to attend in-person workshops and filming sessions, you can contribute to the film by taking part in our Zoom workshops:

Create visual art that will be animated for the film with artist & printmaker Matthew Moseley:
Thu 3rd Nov 3.00 - 4.00pm Thu 10th Nov 3.00 - 4.00pm Thu 17th Nov 3.00 - 4.00pm

Learn and record songs from the opera with Nicola Wydenbach:
Thursday 24th Nov 3-4pm Thursday 1st Dec 3-4pm

Workshops are completely free to attend, and companions are mostly warmly welcome.

To sign up, or for more information, email us: coherearts@gmail.com



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