The Sonix Duo is a dynamic contemporary music wind duo. The duo formed in 2018 at the Royal Northern College of Music and is based in Manchester. Sonix's concerts programmes a wide range of music from classical music to acoustics music with electronics. The duo has been giving various performances and workshops around Manchester such as performances in Manchester St Ann's Church, Didsbury Emmanuel Church, and Lancaster Priory. The duo has collaborated with award-winning composers including Ben Nobuto, Emily Pedersen, Nate Chiver, and Kev Tak Kei Wong.

The duo is dedicated to pushing the boundaries of musical interpretation, crafting unique arrangements, and bringing people together to breathe life into avant-garde performances. They find joy in delving into social issues through their music, presenting profound themes with a touch of playfulness.

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SONIX SUNDAY CONCERT DUO

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In the bustling city of Horizon Falls, where the skyline reached for the clouds and the streets teemed with a symphony of honks, lived a retired traveler. As he was sinking into the beanbag with a glass of old-fashioned, overlooking the city that had been his canvas of growth and change, he found himself lost in the reflections of his younger days in exploring the unknown lands with his companions.

## Philippe Hersant *Hopi*

Years ago, the two explorers were at their epitome of youthful exuberances, fueled by the thrill of uncharted territories and the promise of untold treasures. They embarked on their first exploration through the highest mountain of the land. As they were exploring the mountain, they were captivated by the magnificent scenery, and the floating islands of luminescence. A cluster of islands suspended in the sky, each emanating a soft glow of different colors. They were then invited by the enthusiastic villagers to travel with them in the hot air balloons, as they soared the sky among the magical creatures that glide along their side.

## Gordon Jacob

They took upon the recommendations from the villagers and continued their path of exploring the hidden dome of florae. Through the dark and humid tunnel that leads to the dome, there were hints of floral and herbal fragrances wafting through the air, and delicate petals dancing in the gentle breeze. They saw a glimpse of dimmed light at the end of the tunnel. Not long until they arrived at the mystical garden. They were fascinated by the sacred hidden eternal blossom garden. It was such a contrast with the tunnel that they explored. The garden was filled with all kinds of exotic species of flowers and vibrant blossoms created a kaleidoscope of colors and a sense of renewal, as the floral smell hoovered along the river.

Emily Pedersen *That Summer Smells of Rosemary* Léo Delibes *Sous le dôme épais* 

> Their journey continued after napping among the flower patches on a tranquil afternoon. Under the dappled sunlight, the seasoned adventurers paused by a quaint pond where a majestic swan gracefully glided through the still waters. Intrigued, the adventurers extended a hand in friendship, inviting the swan to be part of their jolly expedition. As the sun began its descent, they reached the canal's

edge, revealing a breathtaking view of the vast sea. With the gentle sound of waves as a backdrop, the adventurer and his new swan friend shared a quiet moment, embracing the tranquility of the seaside. As soon as they set sail in the ocean, the powerful current of water has been luring them with their calm appearance, pulling them straight out into the ocean. It consumed all the explorers' attention in surviving the current, and the weathered storm, conquering the challenge nature has set for them.

Alan Cook Mad Swan for 2 clarinets' Theresa Martin Riptide'

At last, they arrived at the other end of the ocean, as they saw city lights flickering from afar. The explorers have settled themselves at the seashore bistro, taking their time to reflect on their ups and downs. Embracing the biggest gift they have learnt for life, seeking peace, alongside wine and food as a celebration of completing their adventure across the foreign land.

## Issac Albeniz '*Tango*'

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