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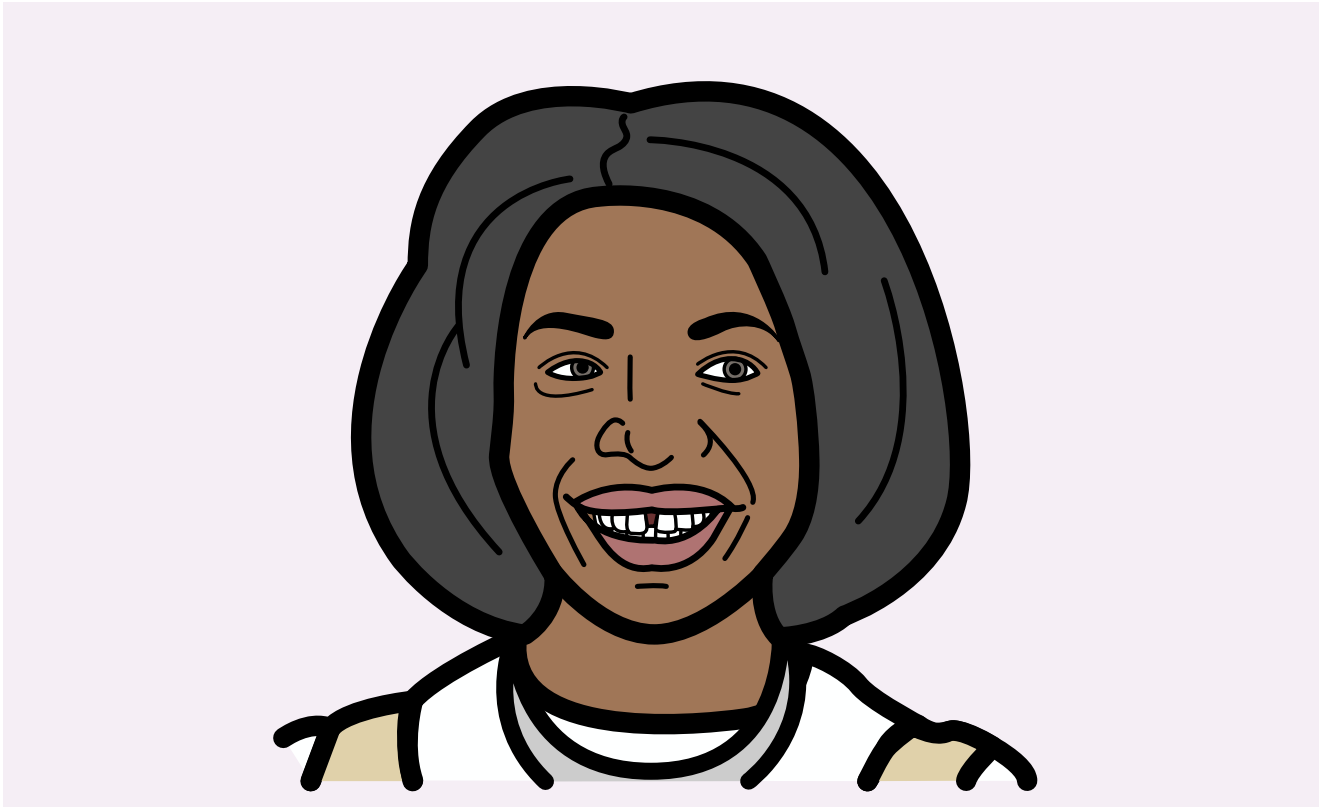
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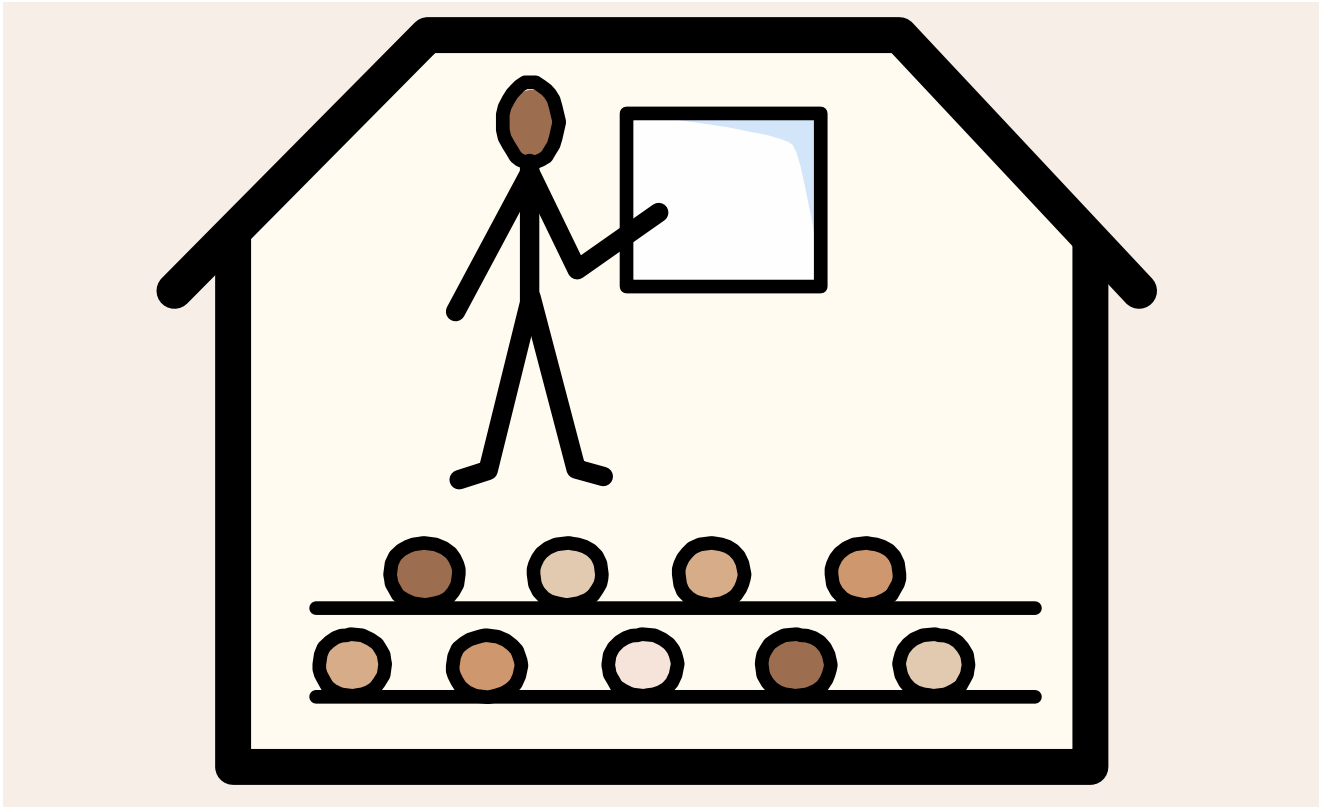


Shirley Thompson was born in London in 1958.

Her parents were Jamaican immigrants.

As a child Shirley played violin in youth orchestras.

As a child she sang with local choirs.



Shirley graduated in music from Liverpool University.

She also studied composition at Goldsmith College.

After university she composed music for concert halls.

She composed music for television, film and theatre.

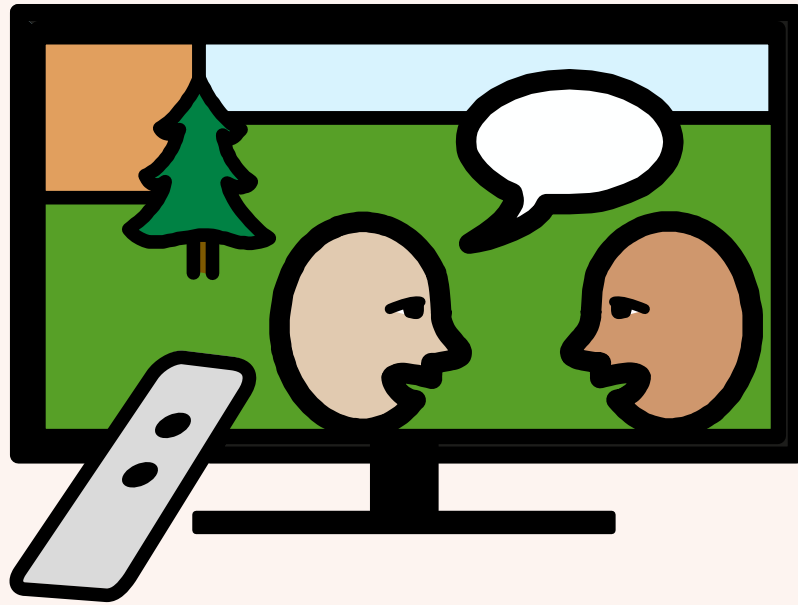


In 1994 Shirley started her own company.

This was called the Shirley Thompson Ensemble.

Her music mixed classical and popular music.

Shirley added music styles from around the world.

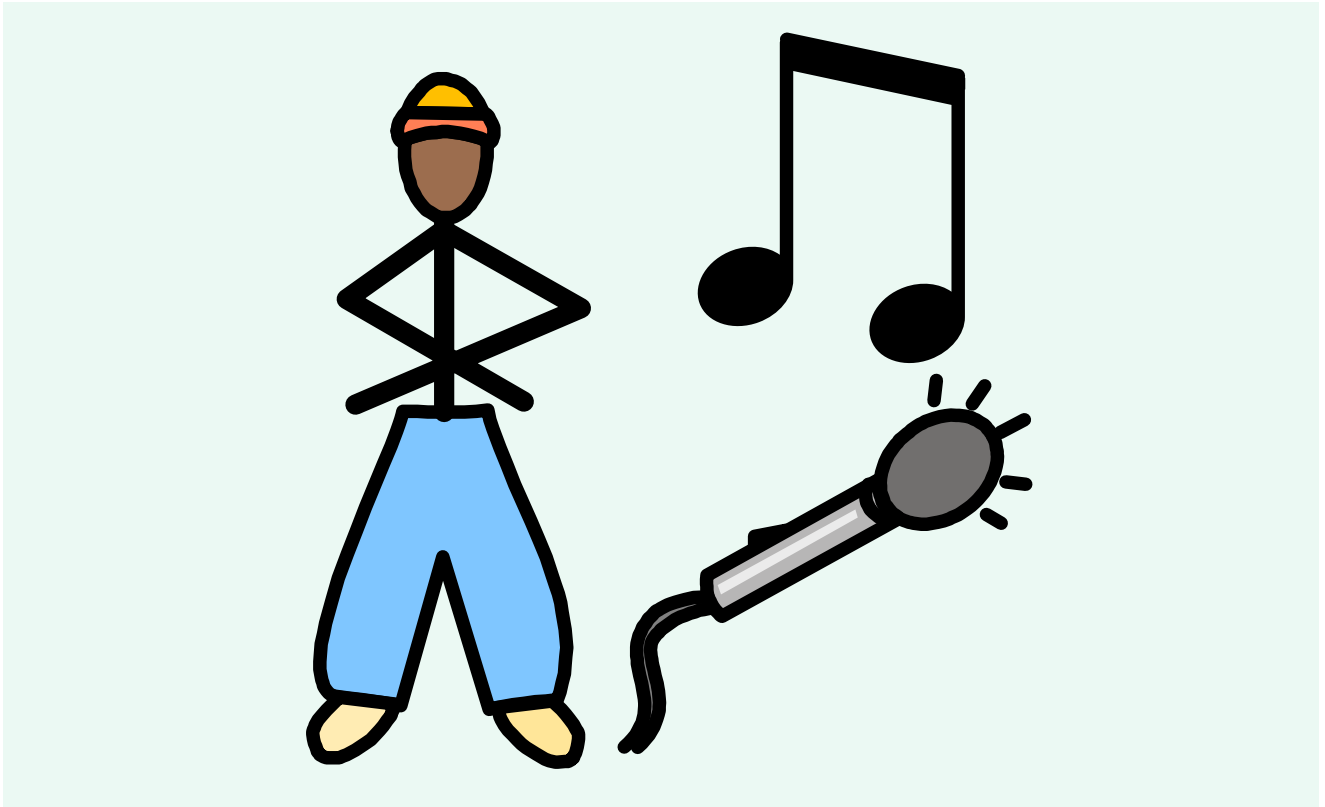


Shirley trained as a television program maker.

She worked at the BBC and Carlton television.

Shirley directed the film 'Memories in Mind'.

This was broadcast by the BBC in 1998.

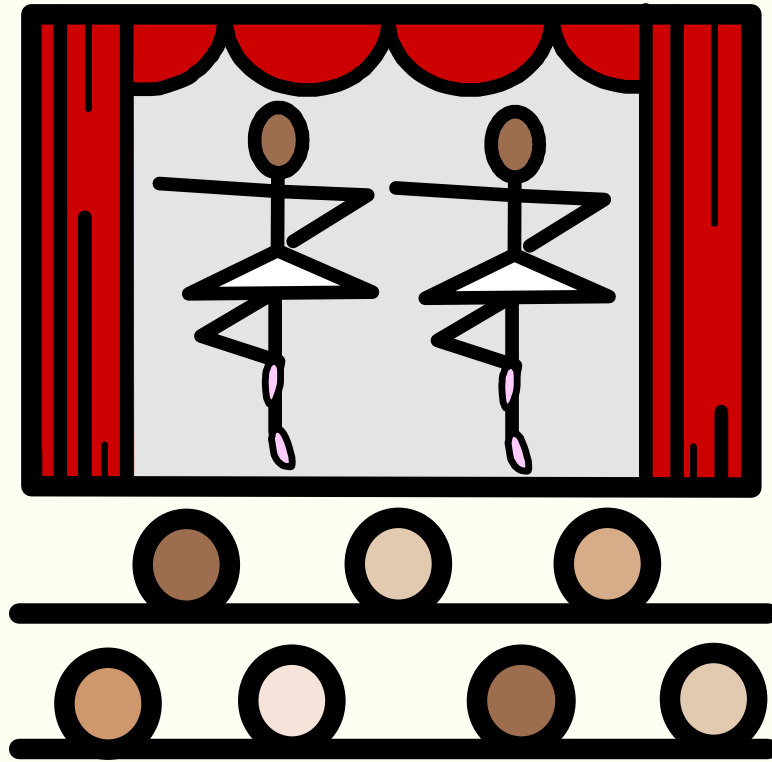


In 2004 Shirley composed her 1st full symphony:

'New Nation Rising, A 21st Century Symphony'.

This celebrates 1000 years of London's history.

The orchestra plays with choirs and even a rapper.



In 2005 Shirley helped compose the ballet 'PUSH'.

'PUSH' has toured in Europe and around the world.

In 2007 she composed music about the slave trade:

'British Slave Trade: Abolition, Parliament and People'.



Shirley has composed symphonies and ballets.

She has composed operas and concertos.

She has composed music for TV, film and theatre.

She has even composed music for Nelson Mandela.

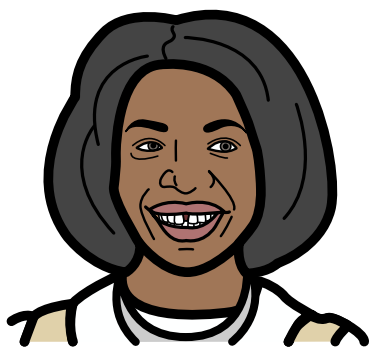


Shirley has received many prizes and awards.

She is Professor of Music at Westminster University.

She has worked for national arts institutions.

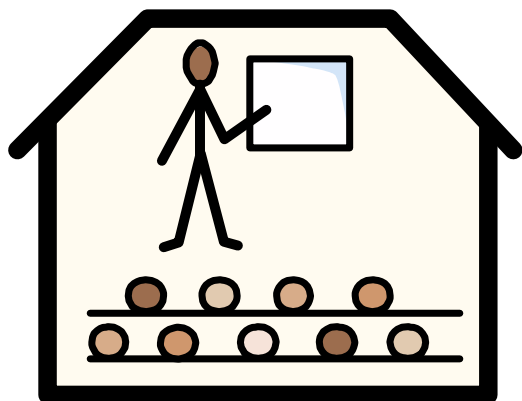
In 2019 Shirley was awarded an OBE for her work.



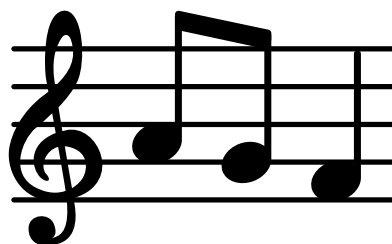
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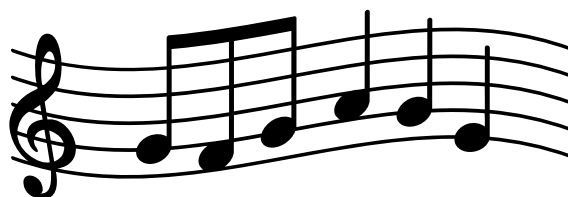
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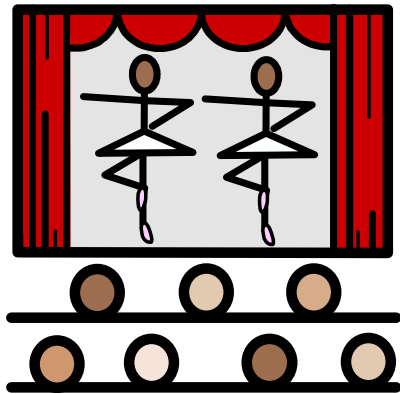
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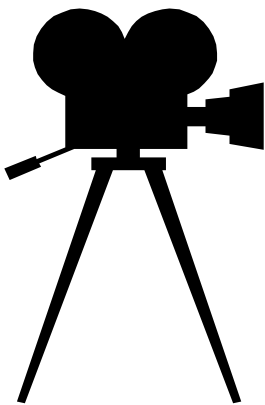
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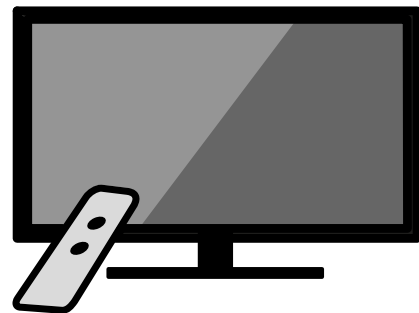
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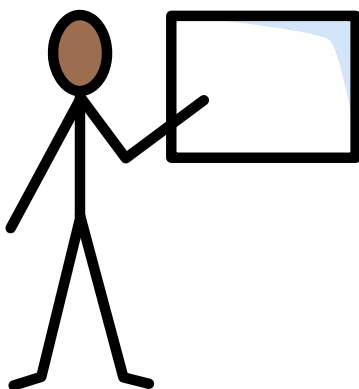
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OBE