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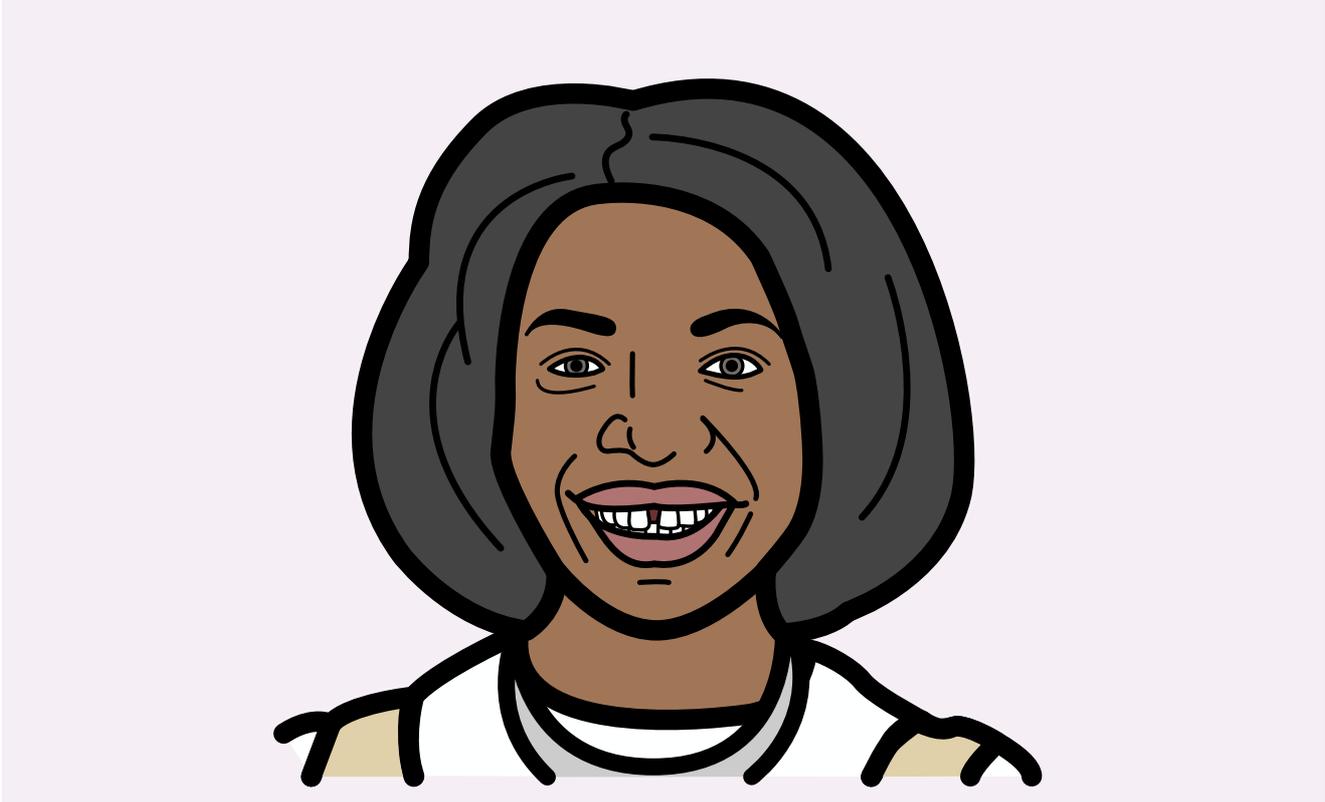
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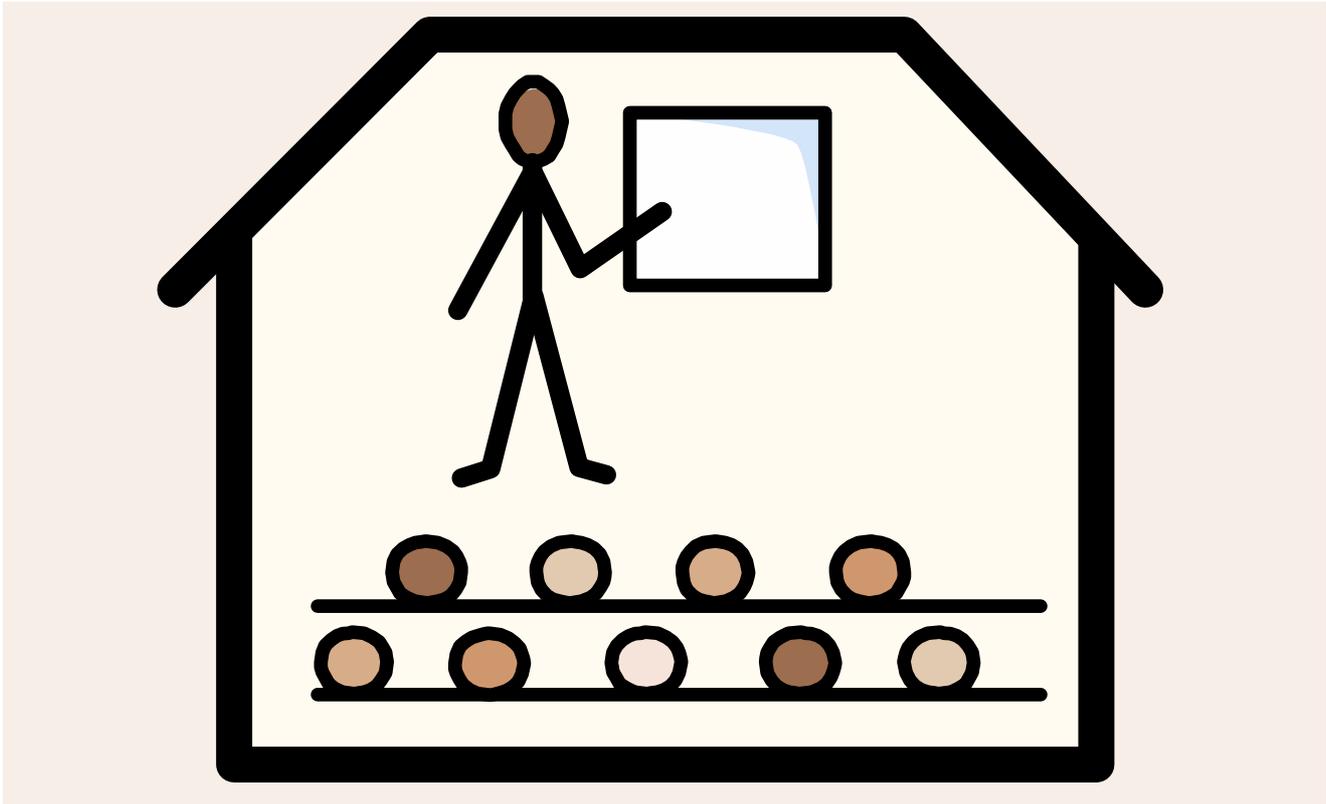


 was  born  in  London  in 1958.

Her  parents were  Jamaican  immigrants.

As a  child  Shirley  played violin  in youth  orchestras.

As a  child  she  sang  with  local  choirs.



Shirley

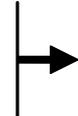


graduated

in



music



from



Liverpool



University.



She



also



studied

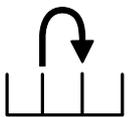


composition

at



Goldsmith College.



After



university



she



composed music

for



concert halls.



She



composed music

for



television,



film

and



theatre.

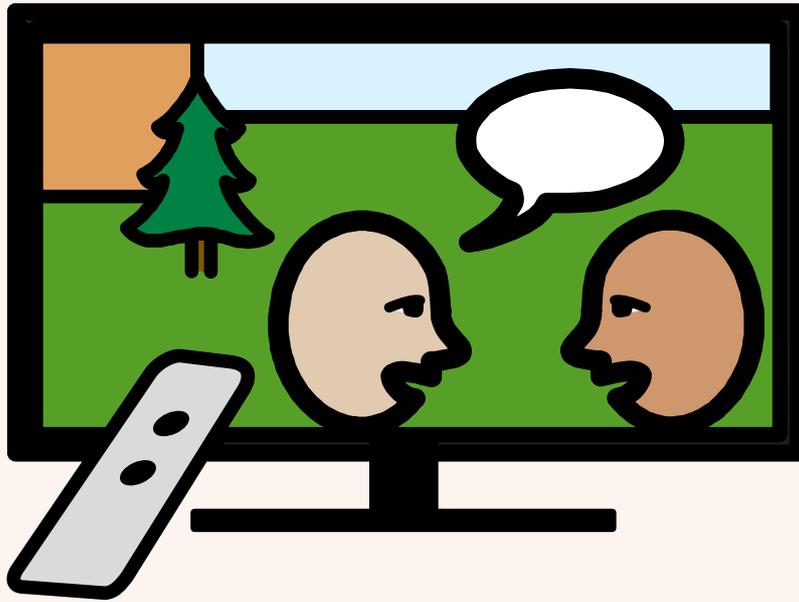


In 1994 Shirley started her own company.

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.

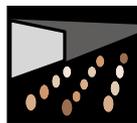


Shirley



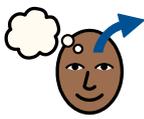
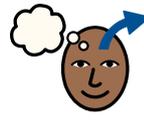
directed

the



film

'Memories in Mind'.



This

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by the

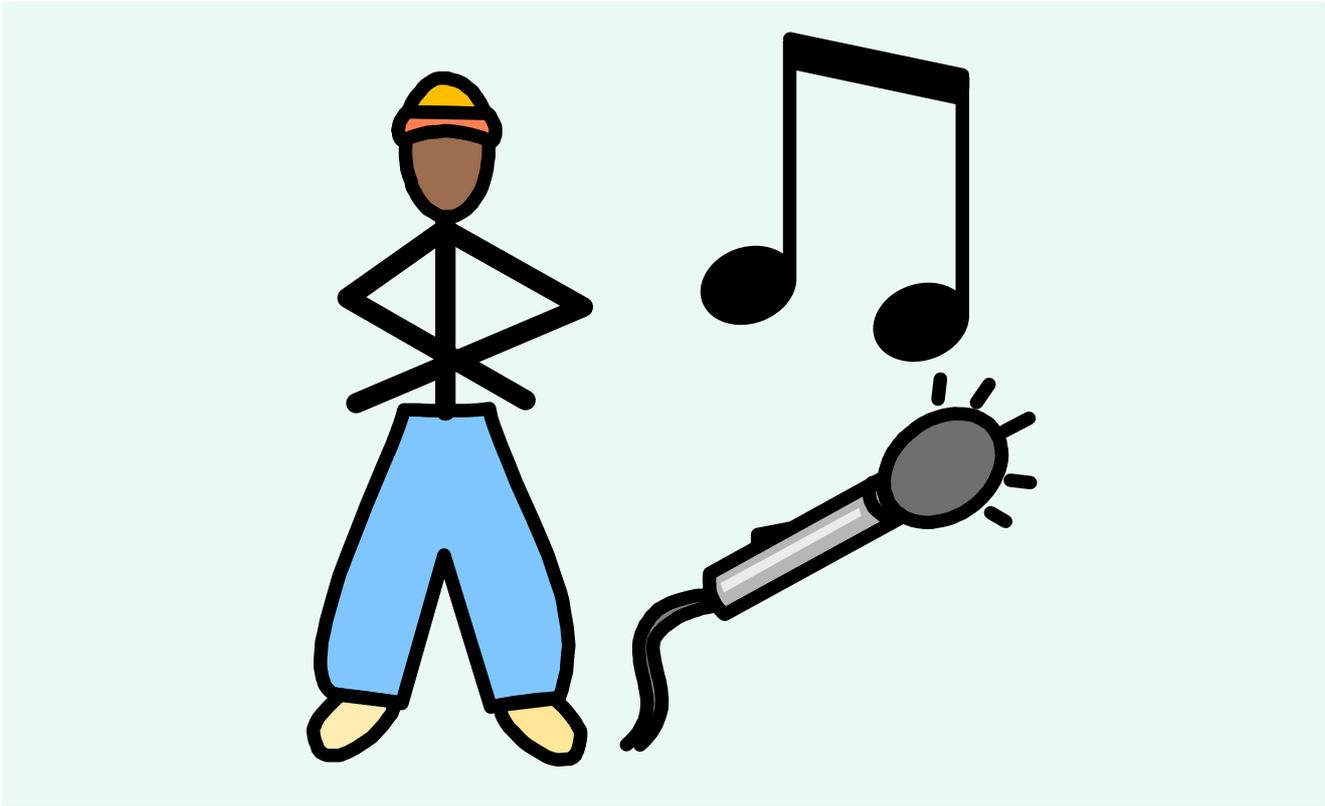


BBC

in

1998

1998.

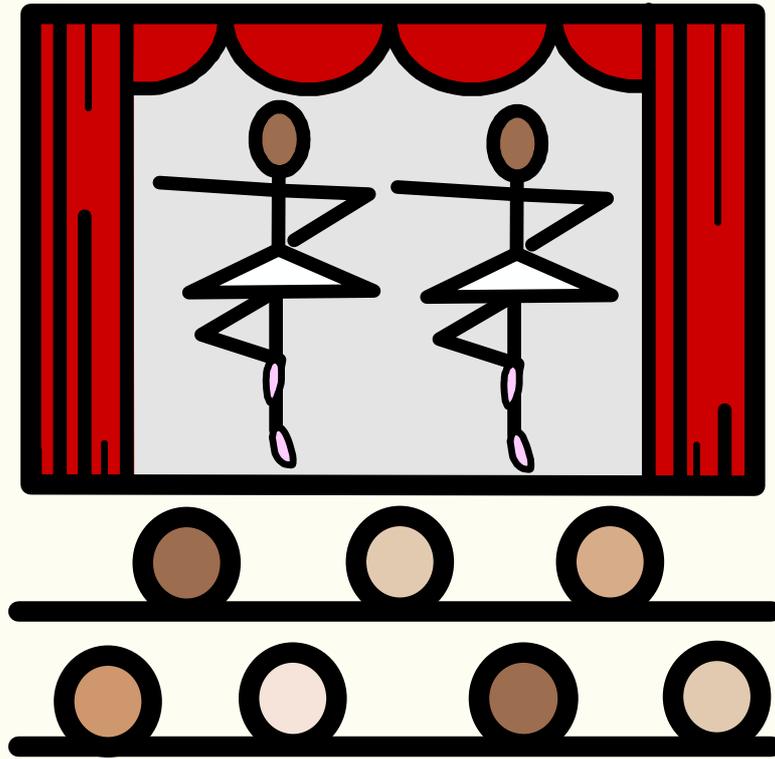


In 2004 Shirley composed her 1st full symphony:

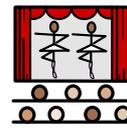
'New Nation Rising, A 21st Century Symphony'.

This celebrates 1000 years of London's history.

The orchestra plays with choirs and even a rapper.



2005



In

2005

Shirley

helped

compose

the

ballet

'PUSH'.



'PUSH'

has



toured

in



Europe

and



around the world.

2007



she



composed music



about the



slave



trade:

In

2007



'British



Slave



Trade:



Abolition,

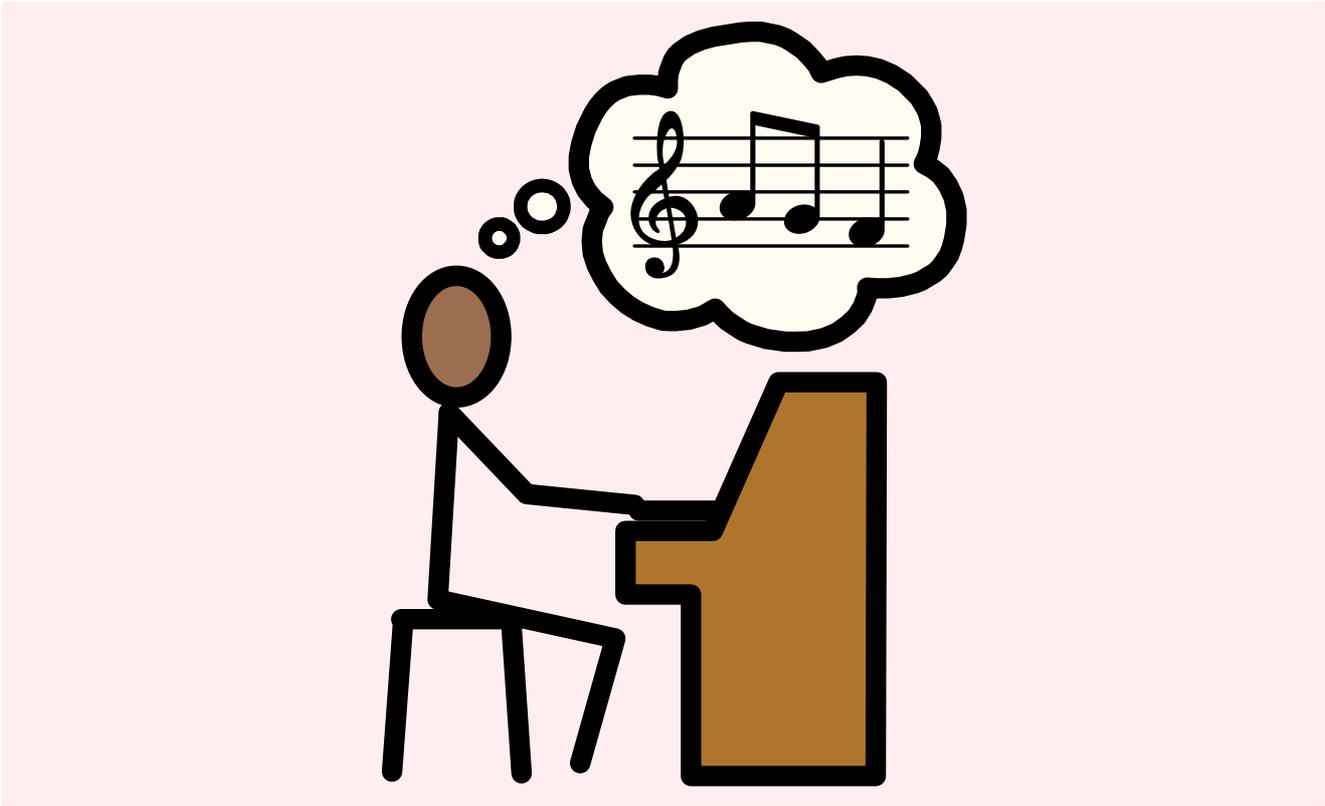


Parliament

and



People'.



Shirley

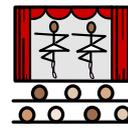
has

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.

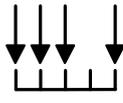


Shirley

has



received



many



prizes

and

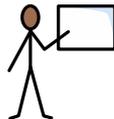


awards.



She

is



Professor

of

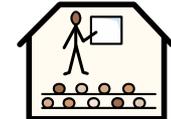


Music

at



Westminster



University.



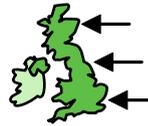
She

has



worked

for



national



arts



institutions.

2019

In

2019



Shirley

was



awarded

an



OBE

for her



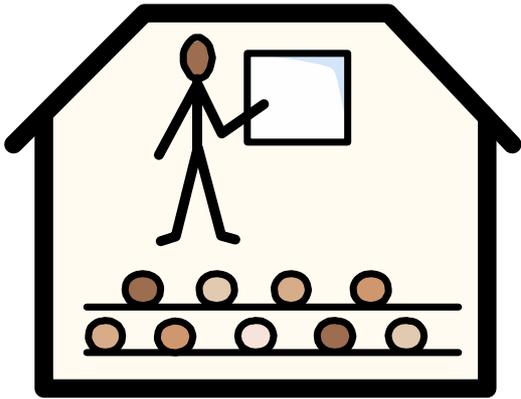
work.



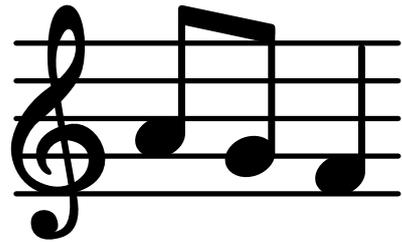
Shirley
Thompson



Jamaica



university



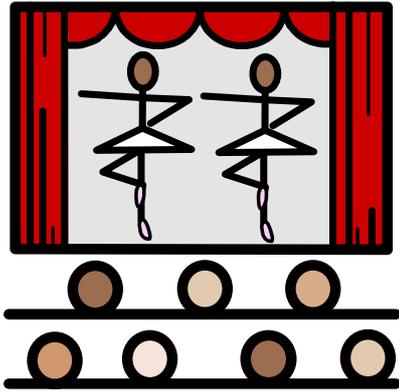
music



compose



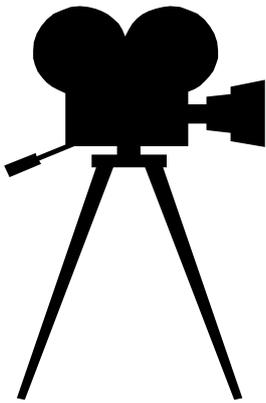
symphony



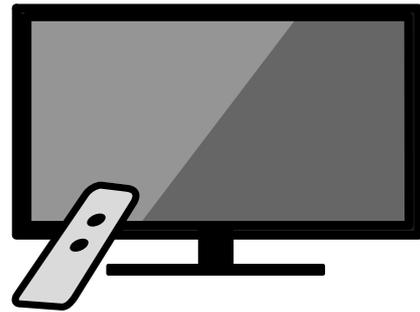
ballet



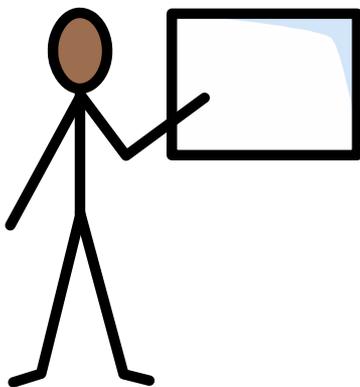
opera



film



tv



professor



OBE