

See the iconic 1916 film by Geoffrey Malins and John McDowell,
with Laura Rossi's acclaimed music performed live.

'And these troops in the mud grinned or stared at us to a new music
score by Laura Rossi, brilliantly effective... Whatever piercing image
you might pick - the troops' cheerful waves, the mascot dog dead
with its master, the trench channel's mud and corpses - Rossi's score
will help them to reverberate even further into the future.'

★★★★★ *The Times*



The Battle of the Somme

Friday 18 November, 7.30pm

Royal Festival Hall

£30 £22.50 £15

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BBC Concert Orchestra

John Gibbons *conductor*

Laura Rossi *composer*

To mark the centenary of the end of the Battle of the Somme, Imperial War Museums and Somme100 FILM present this extraordinary and moving UNESCO-listed historical film, accompanied live by the BBC Concert Orchestra.



Smiling awkwardly at the new-fangled cameras, troops move towards the Front in the Great War. Their actions are far removed from the swagger and march of war films, but then this is real.

The Battle of the Somme remains one of the most successful British films ever made: almost half the population of the UK at the time watched the film, hoping to catch a glimpse of a friend or a loved one.

The screening is preceded by a talk by IWM's Senior Curator Dr Toby Haggith and composer Laura Rossi.

Somme100 FILM are working with IWM, as members of the First World War Centenary Partnership, to show this film to audiences across the world alongside performances of Laura Rossi's acclaimed score. For more information visit somme100film.com

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