

Armchair Adventures – A Musical Extravaganza Adventure!

Part 1:

Music: Armchair Adventure Theme Song

Connie: Welcome to the Armchair Adventures Travel Agency, journeys of the imagination. I'm Head Travel Agent and Host, Connie!

Music fades out

Connie: Good morning, good evening, good afternoon wherever you're listening from adventurers! The voices of this episode's special guest adventurers are...

The adventurers say their names

Connie: Hi Everyone!

Adventurers: Hi Connie!

Connie: You too can star in an episode of Armchair Adventures as one of our special guest adventurers. All you need to do is ask your grown up if you can join the Armchair Adventures Fanclub on patreon. For more information, simply head to the Armchair Adventures website, that's [www dot armchair dash adventures dot co dot uk](http://www.armchairdashadventures.co.uk), and click on the Adventurer fan club page!

Today's episode is the first in a three part super special musical adventure. This means the next three episodes are jam packed with lots and lots of music from an orchestra. Listen you can hear them warming their instruments up.

SFX of orchestral musicians warming up

Connie: We have wind instruments from the woodwind family...

SFX of Woodwind section

Connie: What instruments can you see and hear in the woodwind family adventurers?

SFX Ding

Adventurer: The flute

Adventurer: Oboe

Adventurer: The clarinet

Adventurer: Piccolo

Adventurer: The didgeridoo?!

Connie: We have instruments from the string family...

SFX String instruments

Connie: What instruments can you see and hear in the string family adventurers?

SFX Ding

Adventurer: Violins

Adventurer: Violas

Adventurer: Double Bass

Adventurer: And cellos.

Connie: We have instruments from the brass family...

SFX Brass instruments

Connie: What can you see and hear in the brass family adventurers?

SFX Ding

Adventurer: Tuba

Adventurer: Trumpet

Adventurer: Trombone

Adventurer: French Horn ooo la la!

Connie: And we have instruments from the percussion family....

SFX Percussion instruments

Connie: What can you see and hear in the percussion family adventurers?

SFX Ding

Adventurer: Lots of instruments you can hit, scrape or shake.

Adventurer: Maracas

Adventurer: A big drum

Adventurer: Cymbals

Adventurer: A guerro!

Connie: We even have a piano.

SFX piano

Connie: And to top it all off we have a very special musical guest, a lovely lady from our local bus company, drum roll please...

SFX drum roll

Connie: Iiiiiiiiiit's Mrs Maestro!

Mrs M: Hi Connie, Hi Adventurers, my full name is Maxine Genevieve Jenifer Geraldine Jeramiah Peregrine Maestro. But you all can call me Mrs Maestro. That's Mrs MAESTRO. And I love to sing and I've heard you do too...

Music: Mrs Maestro

Mrs Maestro! Mrs Maestro!
Mrs Maestro, Mrs Maestro!

My name is Mrs Maestro and I own a bus company.
I've travelled the country and I've faced many bumps in the road.
So whenever you need to get from A to B,
Just call Mrs Maestro, that's me!
What's my name adventurers?

SFX Ding

Adventurers (singing with Mrs Maestro):
Mrs Maestro! Mrs Maestro!
Mrs Maestro, Mrs Maestro!

My name is Mrs Maestro and I own a bus company.
I'm always on time, I'm always very friendly.
So whenever you need to get from A to B,
Just call Mrs Maestro, that's me!
What's my name adventurers?

SFX Ding

Adventurers (singing with Mrs Maestro):
Mrs Maestro! Mrs Maestro!
Mrs Maestro, Mrs Maestro!

Mrs M: Ooo thank you adventures, that was amazing!

Connie: I told you she was a musical guest adventures. Next time Mrs Maestro says "What's my name adventures" you'll know to join in at home singing her name. She is a hoot. My family have known Mrs Maestro for years and years.

Mrs M: Us local business people have to stick together Connie.

Connie: Absolutely. So how are you Mrs Maestro?

Mrs M: Ooo Connie my dementia is going from bad to worse. I'm for the scrap heap soon enough, let me tell you. The condition means I can't drive the buses anymore for my pick-ups, so I've got myself this grumpy bus driver called Darren.

SFX Bus engine sounds. Grumpy mumblings. Bus horn.

Mrs M: Alright Daren keep your wig on! Oooo he's a pain in my derriere!

Connie: Derriere?

Mrs M: Bum love. You know, bottom, buttocks, bum!

Connie: I see. I know all about dementia because me and my Mum volunteer at a local dementia charity. It's a condition that older people can get that affects their brain.

Mrs M: That's right Connie love. Sometimes, I can't remember things. I get confused or overwhelmed. It's a blooming nightmare, but I don't let it stop me. That's why I'm here to be honest. I want you, your adventurers, and your lovely customers to help me with my latest job.

Connie: Of course Mrs Maestro, we'd love to. I'll get all my customers on a group telephone chat now. Because with an Armchair Adventure adventurers, we can go anywhere we like from the comfort of where we are right now, so they're perfect for everyone, no matter what age you are. Start. Call. Now.

SFX dialling in the Armchair Adventurers customers.

Connie: Hi everyone!

Customers all say hello

Connie: I've got a very special guest to introduce you to today...everyone, meet Mrs Maestro!

Mrs M: Hello, everyone. I'm Mrs Maestro and I own my very own bus company.

SFX Ding

Music: Mrs Maestro (abridged)

Mrs M: What's my name adventurers?

Adventurers (singing with Mrs Maestro):

Mrs Maestro!

Mrs M: You've got it!

Adventurers (singing with Mrs Maestro):

Mrs Maestro!

Mrs Maestro, Mrs Maestro!

The customers all react positively to singing with Mrs Maestro eg. That was great fun, I love singing, what a cracking start, your own bus company- well I never, well we won't forget your name now will we?!

Mrs M: Thanks everybody. Today I'm going to take you all on a very special musical adventure.

Keith: Ooo music.

Anne: We love music.

Cyril: It sets our imaginations wild and free.

Ronnie: I can't wait.

John O: Me neither.

Mrs M: Are you ready then?

Customer reactions: Absolutely, yes we are, too right, can't wait.

Music: Armchair Adventures Theme Tune slowly fades in

Mrs M: Are you ready Connie?

Connie: Let's do it! Adventurers?

Adventurers react - Yeeeeesssss!!!!

Mrs M: Then off we go!

SFX Horn

Music: Armchair Adventures Theme Tune

Scene 2.

SFX Bus depot

Lily: Busy. Lots of people and buses everywhere.

Linda: Petrol and diesel fumes.

Pat: Rainbows of oil in all puddles.

Cyril: The hum of the new electrics.

Christine: Lots of laughter and banter from the drivers.

Ronnie: Munching egg butties, with ten sugars in their tea

Connie: We must be at Mrs Maestro's bus company.

Walter: We usually go somewhere exotic on our adventures.

Cyril: A bus company is not very exotic.

Linda: Let's just see where Mrs Maestro's adventure takes us.

Pat: But where is she?

Christine: There she is.

Ronnie: Look.

Lilly: Over there.

John OG: What is she carrying.

Cyril: It's massive.

Pat: She can't possibly see where she's going.

Connie: Watch out Mrs Maestro you're going to walk into that...../

SFX Comedy crashing sound (cymbals).

Connie: /.... building.

Mrs M: Who left that building there?! Was it you adventurers?

SFX ding

Adventurers react: No, not us, no way. It wasn't us!

Mrs M: Was it you Connie's customers?

Customers react no, not us, no chance, etc.

Christine: We wouldn't do something like that...

Ronnie: I might.

Christine: Well apart from Ronnie.

Mrs M: No, I'm only kidding, I know it wasn't you lot. I bet it was that moody bus driver of mine Darren. Ooh he's a nice lad and all, but he's got a face like soggy sausage.

SFX moody grumbling sounds

Mrs: M: Oo there he is in the bus waiting for us. Hi Darren (*big smile and wave*).

SFX moody grumbling sounds

Mrs M: See... moody... a face like Rhino's bottom.

Walter: What's that you're carrying Mrs Maestro?

Pat: All covered in knobs and wheels.

Linda: And levers and springs.

Anne: It looks like it's powered by steam.

Keith: Is that where you put the coal?

Mrs M: Get your mitts off it. It's Mrs Maestro's patented Bus Route Generator. Who needs a Sat Nav on a smart phone when you've got this beauty? I just crank this handle and....

SFX Handle crank. The machine spluttering to life

Mrs M: And hey presto out pops an envelope.

SFX of the machine splurting out an envelope with a ping. Mrs M carefully picking up the envelope

Mrs M: And inside this envelope is a piece of paper with today's pick-ups. It works every time. I'll just open up the envelope and let's see what happens.

SFX Mrs M opening an envelope.

Music: The Orchestra

Mrs M: What beautiful music.

Ronnie: Gorgeous

Lily: Lovely.

Christine: We can hear all the musical families playing together.

Ronnie: Wind.

John O: Strings

Lilly: Brass.

Walter: And percussion.

Cyril: Listen there's even a piano.

Music stops.

Mrs M: We must be picking up the orchestra. Ooh how lovely!!

Connie: I told you we have an orchestra in this month's episodes adventures.

Mrs M: Now I'll just pull out the paper from the envelope and have a read.

SFX Pulling paper out.

Mrs M: Right, let me get my specs on so I can read the order of the pick-ups and where from.

SFX Mrs M rummaging in a big handbag and putting a pair of ridiculously sized glam glasses on.

Mrs M: Here they are, right I'll just pop my glasses on.

Connie, the customers and adventurers try to hold in a laugh

Mrs M: What are you lot sniggering at?

Connie: Well, it's, it's, well....

Cyril: It's just they're fluorescent green.

Walter: With shiny stars on.

Ronnie: They're massive.

SFX everyone laughing.

Mrs M: What? How dare you laugh at my specs. These are the latest fashion I'll have you know... straight from Milan no less.

Music: Catwalk

SFX photographers

Music stops.

Connie: I'm sorry Mrs M but they are funny. What would your glam glasses look like adventurers?

Adventurer: Mine will have pastel colours on.

Adventurer: Mine will have football stickers on.

Adventurer: Mine will have flames going down the sides.

Adventurer: Mine would have red love hearts on.

Mrs M: Now, that's quite enough of that, thank you very much. *(clears throat)* On our adventure today our mission is.../

Music: The Mission

Mrs M: /...to pick up an orchestra and get them to an extra special super-duper concert on time. How exciting?

Music stops

Mrs M: Ooo the musicians in the orchestra have written us a letter on the back.

SFX Turning the paper around.

Music: The Mission

Mrs M: Dear Mrs Maestro, that's me, Connie, that's you love, Connie's customers, that's you lot, and her adventurers, that's you at home. Please can you pick up the woodwind family from the Park.

Mrs M: First I collect the woodwind from the park.
(woodwind play)
So, first I collect the woodwind from the park.
(woodwind play)

Mrs M: Ok, will do! Then pick the string family from the Ice-cream Parlour.

Mrs M: Next it is the strings from the ice cream parlour.
(strings play)
Next it is the strings from the ice cream parlour.
(strings play)

Mrs M: And then pick up the brass family from the Great Grand Palace.

Mrs M: And then it is the brass from the Great Grand Palace.
(brass play)
And then it is the brass from the Great Grand Palace.
(brass play)

Mrs M: And then pick up the percussion family from the Disco. Ooh fancy!?

Mrs M: And finally percussion from the disco.
(percussion play)
And finally percussion from the disco.
(percussion play).

Mrs M: Then can you get the whole orchestra to the extra special super-duper concert on time. Lots of love, hugs and kisses, the musicians.

Music Ends

Mrs M: How exciting!? Oh hold on there's more. P.S. The conductor will meet you there. Right so the conductor is going to meet us there.

Connie: The conductor of an orchestra stands right at the front and helps the musicians to play together in time. They use their hand movements to let the musicians know how to play their notes, you know like slow, calm and relaxing or really fast with lots of energy!

Mrs M: Ooo conductors are magical, let me tell you. I'd have loved to have been a conductor.

Connie: Well it's never too late.

Mrs M: Don't be a silly sardine Connie, not at my age with my condition, you know the-whats-me-call-it's.

Connie: Dementia?

Mrs M: That's the one. I can sing a lovely little song about being a conductor though. Shall I sing it?

Connie: Yes please.

Mrs M: Alright then I will. I thought you'd never ask. Ready.

Music: [The Route Song \(abridged\)](#)

Music, music, 1, 2, 3, 4.
Music, music, I've got to pick up an orchestra.
Music, music, 1, 2, 3, 4.
And this is my order...

Anne: This song's got actions look.

Pat: As Mrs Maestro sings, she is showing the beats of the music with her hand.

Linda: Just like a conductor does.

Cyril: Ready (*demonstrating*), 1,2,3,4.

Linda: On 1 move your hand straight down from way up high...

Christine: On 2 across your body...

Walter: On 3 open it up the other way...

Pat: On 4 swish it back up to the ceiling.

Linda: So it's a 1, 2, 3, 4. 1, 2, 3, 4.

Linda: 1...

Christine: 2...

Walter: 3...

Pat: 4.

Ronnie: I'm only blooming conducting. Well I never!

Connie: Well done Ronnie. Well done everyone. Can you do some conducting and sing the song at the same time adventurer?

SFX Ding

The adventurers react: Yeh! Too right, Can't Wait, easy.

Connie: Ready.

Mrs M & Adventurers Sing:

Music, music, 1, 2, 3, 4.

Music, music, I've got to pick up an orchestra.

Music, music, 1, 2, 3, 4.

Music, music, and this is my order...

Adventurer: On 1 move your hand straight down from high to low...

Adventurer: On 2 across your body to the left...

Adventurer: On 3 move your hand from left to right...

Adventurer: On 4 swish it back up to the top.

Adventurer: So it's 1, 2, 3, 4. 1, 2, 3, 4.

Adventurer: 1...

Adventurer: 2...

Adventurer: 3...

Adventurer: 4.

Mrs M: You've got it. Ready everybody!

Mrs M & Adventurers sing:

Music, music, 1, 2, 3, 4.
Music, music, I've got to pick up an orchestra.
Music, music, 1, 2, 3, 4.
And this is my order...

Music Ends.

Mrs M: Well done everybody. You all did really well with the conducting adventurers. Not quite as professional as a professional conductor, but we don't have to worry about that, because the letter says that the conductor is meeting us there.

SFX paper ruffling

Mrs M: Well that's one less thing to worry about I suppose. Hold on there's more. This letter just keeps on giving. P.P.S. This message will self-destruct in 10 seconds.

SFX Ticking time bomb

Mrs M: Arrrgghh... 10 seconds. Ooh that silly machine!

Customers and Adventurers react Arrghhhh!

SFX MRS M, customers and adventurers running around not knowing what to do with the letter.

Walter: Don't give it me.

Ronnie: Or me.

Christine: You can forget about it.

Pat: I don't want it.

John O: You have it.

Lilly: No chance.

Cyril: Here you have it adventurers!

SFX Ding

Adventurers react I don't want it, you have it, etc

Mrs M: O give it here. I know what to do. Put it hence from where it came.

Ronnie: Eh?

John O: What?

Keith: Sorry?

Mrs M: Let's shove it back in the machine.

SFX footsteps of Mrs M walking over to the bus generator

SFX opening up the letter box of the bus generator, stuffs the envelope in and closes the letter box.

SFX the generator goes 'puff' and fizzles out.

Mrs M: Well that was a bit of a let-down.

Ronnie: I've felt bigger blasts in a bean factory.

Mrs M: Let's go and assess the damage.

SFX footsteps as Mrs M goes over to investigate

SFX she opens the letter box

SFX BANG!

Music: Ready for the scrap man

Mrs M: Oh no. What am I going to do now? I needed that. I'll never remember my route now. I'm good for nothing. I'm ready for scrap man me. If only there was a way of remembering where I had to go and which order I had to pick the musicians up in...

...Wait, I have an idea.

Music begins to fadeout.

Mrs M (Talking to herself):

Maxine Genevieve Jenifer Geraldine Jeramiah Peregrine Maestro pull yourself together lass. There's no point feeling sorry for yourself. And there's no shame in asking for help. Adventurers, whenever my

memories on the blink will you sing my route song to help me remember. Are you all up for that?

SFX Ding

Adventurers and customers react - absolutely, too right, of course we can..etc.

Music: Route Song (abridged)

Mrs M: Well off we go then!

First I collect the woodwind from the park.
(Woodwind play)
Next it is the strings from the ice cream parlour.
(Strings play)
And then it is the brass from the Great Grand Palace.
(Brass play)
Finally percussion from the disco.
(Percussion play).

Mrs M: Now let's join it up with my conductor song?!

Music, music, 1, 2, 3, 4.
Music, music, I've got to pick up an orchestra.
Music, music, 1, 2, 3, 4.
Music, music, and this is my order...

Mrs M: That was brilliant.

Connie: I told you Mrs Maestro likes singing.

Mrs M: Right everyone onto the bus, it's time to go! And you adventurers at home.

SFX Ding

SFX bus engine starting up and everyone getting on

SFX Darren's mumbly grumbles

SFX Horn

Mrs M: Alright Darren, keep your wig on! First stop, the woodwind family from the park.

PROMOSWAP

Connie: While we make our way to the park adventures. Let's pause our journey of the imagination and have a listen to this. It's another podcast that I think you'll like.

SFX Bus driving sounds. Pulling up.

Mrs M: We're here. The woodwind family in the park. Can you imagine it?

Music: The Park

Mrs M: Green green grass, rippling water, the tweeting birds and the beautiful sunshine.

SFX Grass swishing, rippling water, tweeting birds, sunshine

Christine: Look Mrs Maestro is describing what she can see in the park and then performing gestures with her hands to match what she can see.

Mrs M: Green green grass, rippling water, the tweeting birds and the beautiful sunshine.

SFX Grass swishing, rippling water, tweeting birds, sunshine

Keith: First she moves her hands like they are gliding through green green grass.

SFX Hands through grass

Linda: Then she wiggles her fingers in front of herself like rippling water.

SFX rippling water

Pat: Then she puts her hands together into a bird flapping its wings and taking off.

SFX tweeting birds

Walter: Followed by using her hands to make a big circle for the beautiful sunshine.

SFX sunshine

Connie: Why don't you make gestures with your hands to represent the things you can see in the park adventures? Be guided by the music.

SFX Ding

Mrs M: Green green grass, rippling water, the tweeting birds and the beautiful sunshine.

SFX Grass, rippling water, tweeting birds, sunshine.

Connie: Well done adventurers. That was amazing. What was that experience like for you?

SFX Ding

Adventurer: It was awesome!

Adventurer: I felt really calm.

Adventurer: It felt like I was controlling the music.

Adventurer: I wiggled my fingers like the rippling water

Adventurer: It made me feel so smooth and calm.

Cyril: It is pretty special using your hands to make gestures to the music.

Anne: What a good idea Mrs Maestro. Mrs Maestro? Where is she?

Connie: Oh no she's got distracted.

Pat: Look she's having a picnic over there.

Linda: Where did she get that massive sandwich from?

Ronnie: Do you think it's chicken? I love chicken sandwiches.

Cyril: Doesn't she know we have more pick-ups to do.

Christine: We don't want to be late for the super-duper concert.

Connie: Mrs Maestro's memory is not what it once was. Sometimes she forgets. Sometimes she gets confused. Sometimes she gets distracted...

Mrs Maestro that's all the woodwind family on the bus. It's time to go now. We don't want to be late.

Mrs M: What? Oh yes sorry. I've got a job to do haven't I? I don't know what I was thinking. Now where was I?

Connie: Don't worry Mrs Maestro let's do it together. I'll help you tidy up and we'll get ourselves back on the bus.

Mrs M: Thank you Connie love.

Music Ends

SFX Tidying up and back on bus. Bus sounds

Mrs M: Oh my, what's next on the route? Adventures can you help me remember?

SFX Ding

Adventurer: Let's sing the route song.

Adventurer: No probs Mrs M.

Adventurer: We'll always help you Mrs Maestro.

Connie: Of course we can Mrs Maestro.

Mrs M: Thank you Connie. Thank you Adventures. Of course, silly me, you can sing my route song to me, that should help me remember. Ooo music is such a special and wonderful thing.

Music: Armchair Adventures theme tune slowly fades in through this

Connie: It sure is Mrs Maestro, I just hope me and the adventurers can remember it. Find out in the next episode adventures if we can remember Mrs Maestro's route song so she can remember her route and we can all get to the next pick-up spots for the musicians on time. If you want to download the lyric sheets for Mrs Maestro's Musical Adventure. All you need to do is ask your grown up if you can join the Armchair Adventures Fanclub on patreon. For more info, simply head to the Armchair Adventures website, that's [www dot armchair dash adventures dot co dot uk](http://www.armchairdashadventures.co.uk), and click on the Adventurer fan club page! See you next time!

Music: Armchair Adventures theme tune.