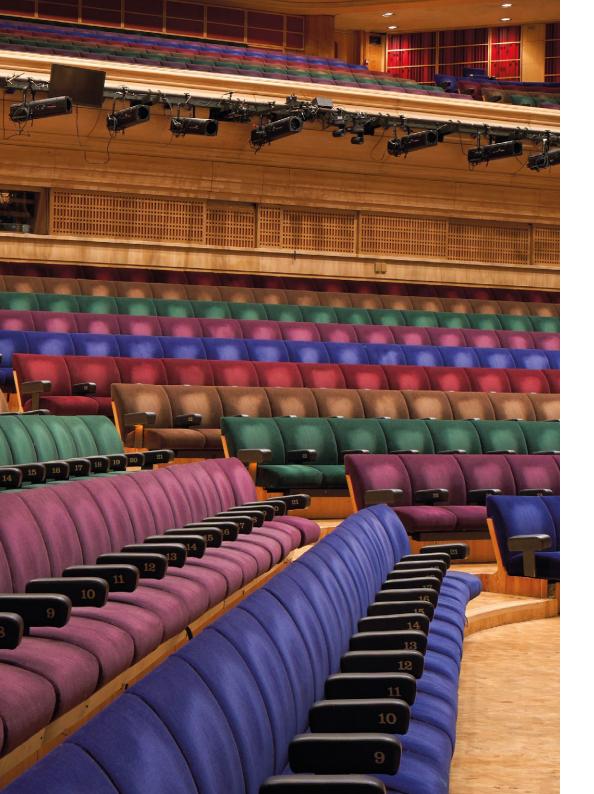
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# Reviving the tale of a forgotten heroine

An innovative new 'AfrOpera' brings Bizet, Handel, Aretha Franklin and Lady Gaga together with African rhythms to explore an inspiring story of female resistance.



At the start of the 20th century, Nana Yaa Asantewaa – queen mother of the Asante people in what is now Ghana – led her people's war against the British Empire. The colonisers were slaughtering the Asante to gain access to their natural resources, such as timber, gold and cocoa.

However, as the tide of war began to turn, and the Asante were about to lose, the British demanded they hand over the Golden Stool – the symbol of the nation's power for hundreds of years. But Yaa Asantewaa replaced it with a fake one, so the British could never morally win over the Asante.

This is the starting point for a powerful and innovative work by multidisciplinary artist Gorges Ocloo: The Golden Stool, or the story of Nana Yaa Asantewaa.

'When I was growing up in Ghana, Nana Yaa Asantewaa was a true goddess,' he says. 'She was highly respected for what she had done for the Asante people during the war and was even pictured on their currency.

'When I went back in 2022 to do my research for The Golden Stool, or the story of Nana Yaa, I was very disappointed to see there was no respect left for her legacy. I envisioned doing a piece about her life, spanning from her birth to her death, but noticing how forgotten she was, I re-shaped the idea. It became a work about brave women throughout history, women speaking their minds and standing up for themselves. As it says in the piece, "Brave women are always forgotten. Murderous men are remembered." My work always carries a strong, often political message - a reason to bring something to the stage, a story that needs to be told.

Known for his multidisciplinary approach, Ocloo uses music, contemporary dance, performance art, visual arts and scenography in his theatre and dance productions. For *The Golden Stool*, the staging is minimal, set in the Sahara, with the floor used as a huge percussive element – triggered by the dancing, stomping and movements of the ten women on stage. 'The energy flows non-stop throughout the piece, from beginning to end,' says Ocloo, who is artist in residence at the renowned LOD Musiktheater in Belgium.

He describes the production as 'a musical confrontation between Europe and Africa, injecting twelve classical Western opera songs with highly rhythmic percussion. It's what I call "AfrOpera". I play a game with the appropriation of cultural symbols, like the English did with the Golden Stool. I don't steal the music; I just borrow it for a while.'

Soprano Nobulumko Mngxekeza-Nziramasanga and mezzo-soprano Nonkululeko Nkwinti are joined by eight other women on stage for this mesmerising work.

'Eight out of the ten singers on stage didn't have anything to do with classical music, but they started singing this medley of different feminist songs during lunch break – strong women from their own time – so I decided to bring that into the piece,' says Ocloo. 'It becomes a blend of strong female voices from all ages. In this scene, it's about the women on stage, about who they are, and not their characters. It's them saying: "This is enough".

The result is a powerful energy that thunders from the stage. 'What [the performers] are doing for almost two hours – singing, dancing, acting – amazes me. None of these women knew each other before, but within days, they connected with each other to become this unified group and started feeling what I wanted to tell on stage.

'The piece is not mine any more; it's theirs now.'

## The Golden Stool, or the story of Nana Yaa Asantewaa

14 Oct 7.30pm, Hall, more details on p15

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## Madama Butterfly transformed

Chinese-born composer Huang Ruo's M. Butterfly takes David Henry Hwang's Broadway hit back to its roots in Puccini's famous 20th-century work, Madama Butterfly. However, this innovative new opera reworks the original to empower Asian characters instead of Westerners, while the sexist tropes in the opera are addressed through gender fluidity.

Experience the familiar themes of love, betrayal and self-deception from a new perspective in this UK premiere by the BBC Symphony Orchestra with BBC Singers, under the baton of Taiwan's Carolyn Kuan.

'The big picture is this kind of imbalance between East and West, and the smaller picture is the interplay of male and female, and Asians being treated as subhuman. That is entirely reversed in *M. Butterfly*,' Ruo told the New York Times.

The composer is renowned for using innovative elements in his works: sound installation, experimental improvisation, and a filmic sensibility.

Huang Ruo's M. Butterfly

**25 Oct** 7.30pm, Hall, more details on p17

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## A journey through herstory

Travel the world through music by under-represented composers in pianist Samantha Ege's latest project.

Exchange, empowerment and sisterhood are the key themes in *Her Stories* – Samantha Ege's potent new work inspired by musical salons in 1930s and 40s Chicago that saw performances by composers such as Florence Price and Margaret Bonds.

Ege says Her Stories was inspired by her first book, South Side Impresarios: How Race Women Transformed Chicago's Classical Music Scene (which will be published in November). The journey starts in Chicago but broadens out to become an investigation of music from around the world. 'The programme takes the audience on a journey through Price's Chicago to various folk tales and sounds from Cuba, China and Mexico,' she explains.

Discover works by Cuban-American Odaline de la Martinez, Havana-born Camila Cortina Bello, Mexican composer Gabriela Ortiz, and Chinese-American Chen Yi, as the serial champion of the underrepresented takes us on a journey across the planet.

<sup>'</sup>I have been thinking a lot about this idea of "American" music, which I focus on as a music historian,' says Ege. 'But really, my focus



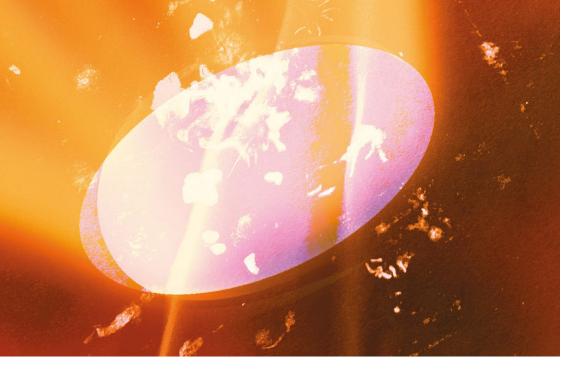
has, for the most part, been the USA. So, as a pianist, I felt inspired to explore the area of American music more broadly.'

It's a tantalising prospect from the multitalented musician and author. 'Writing is my passion,' says Ege, 'but playing the piano is my superpower. It allows me to do things that simply aren't possible as a writer: I can express myself in more profound ways, I can reach wider audiences, and I can make new histories.'

Camila Cortina Bello's Bravura has a 'Florence Price' theme and a 'Margaret Bonds' theme, which Ege will demonstrate as part of the concert. 'It's so clever how she introduces them, entwines them, and also gives us these gorgeous Afro-Cuban rhythms to enjoy throughout,' she says. 'It's the perfect segue to Odaline de la Martinez's Studies in Rhythm, which similarly draws from her Cuban heritage. Both pieces are world premieres and special commissions for Her Stories, which is very exciting.'

#### **Her Stories**

**1 Dec** 4pm, Milton Court, more details on p23



## The enduring influence of mystic poet Rumi

Composer Rolf Hind tells us that the works of Sufi poet Rumi remain powerfully resonant centuries after he wrote them.

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Journey back in time to the 13-century Seljuk Empire and discover the story of Rumi, a legendary figure in Sufism – a mystical Islamic belief – through composer Rolf Hind's new opera, *Sky In A Small* Cage.

'It's a hybrid of a Passion (in the Christian sense), an opera and a series of tableaux developed from the life and poetry of the Sufi mystic Rumi,' explains Hind, who has combined excerpts from Rumi's poetry in translation with words by contemporary poet Dante Micheaux to create a powerful piece. 'In a similar way, my music usually falls somewhere between Western contemporary music sound and techniques, and traditions and instruments from various points of the compass which I use regularly: qawwali, Turkish scales and gamelan, for example. Here, this creates an imagined musical world for the Seljuk Empire of the 13th century – where Rumi lived – a place and sound beyond time and identity where this passionate, beautiful poetry speaks to and for all of us.'

Narrator Elaine Mitchener leads a cast that includes countertenor James Hall and bass-baritone-dancer Yannis François, who will portray the intense spiritual relationship between Rumi and his guide and soulmate, Shams. The opera will be performed for the first time in the UK here in September.

Hind has been fascinated by Rumi since encountering his writing on a silent retreat. 'Five days into the silence, the teacher read one of his poems, which detonated in my consciousness like a bomb. I became an avid reader and fan, visited his birthplace in Konya and read widely about him.

'The piece started as a way of expressing the poetry in music and then, in discussions with [opera and contemporary music theatre producer and director] Freddie Wake-Walker, as a dramatic vehicle to express that wonder and the vital message of love, passion, unity and tolerance in our wayward world.'

Although he lived in the 13th century, Rumi's work has resonated through the ages. 'The poetry of Rumi was the starting point, and the original plan was a piece that only set his poetry, but then we brought on board Dante Micheaux, whose wonderful text also illuminates some of the psychological stories of Rumi's life, suffering, and joy,' says Hind. 'The music, movement and scenography explore the potency of Sufi thought and mysticism – its arcana, mystery and rapt sense of wonder, and its dance, so the audience is free to resonate with the sounds, the visuals and the poetry on their own personal path.'

Sky in a Small Cage 8 Sep 7.30pm, Hall, more details on p11



## From the 12th century to the 21st

Hildegard von Bingen was a German abbess and mystic whose visions and studies culminated in a series of plays, hymns, antiphons and monophony that constitute some of the best-known works of the 12thcentury spiritual movement.

Now, there's a chance to hear her renowned compositions in a new multidisciplinary way, as Voice Trio shares these early music classics with a technological spin. Hildegard Transfigured sees the group – famed for their performances of the composer's music – bring a mix of ancient and modern to LSO St Luke's. The polymath's works will be sung by the trio, while artist Innerstrings applies 60s-style visuals and sound-reactive elaboration to mimic the intense visions Hildegard experienced, which she called 'the living light'.

The programme also includes cellist and composer Laura Moody's various works from Hildegard Portraits, and Tim Lea Young's Three Wings, Part 1.

#### Hildegard Transfigured: A Medieval Trance for the 21st Century

17 Sep 8.30pm, LSO St Lukes, more details on p11

# September 3

#### **Rolf Hind: Sky in a Small Cage**

The UK premiere of Rolf Hind's much-anticipated opera inspired by the Sufi mystic and poet, Rumi, combining excerpts from Rumi's poetry with words by award-winning poet Dante Micheaux.

#### Mahogany Opera **Riot Ensemble**

Elaine Mitchener Narrator James Hall I and You (becoming Rumi) Yannis Francois Bird of the Sun – Shams e Parande Loré Lixenberg Shaman of the Birds and Kerra, Rumi's wife Siddhi Lagrutta ensemble singer Karima El Demerdasch ensemble singer Anika Venkatesh ensemble singer Rylan Gleave ensemble singer Ty Bouque ensemble singer Harald Hieronymus Hein ensemble singer Rolf Hind composer Dante Micheaux and Jalal al-Din Rumi words Frederic Wake-Walker director Aaron Holloway-Nahum music director Sasha Balmazi-Owen designer Rosabel Huguet movement director Sun 8 Sep 7.30pm, Hall, from £15\*

#### London Symphony Orchestra/ Sir Antonio Pappano

Carl Nielsen Helios Overture Sir James MacMillan Concerto for Orchestra (world premiere, LSO commission) Jean Sibelius Symphony No 1

London Symphony Orchestra Sir Antonio Pappano conductor

Wed 11 Sep 7pm, Hall, £18-70, £6 under-18s\*

#### LSO/Sir Antonio Pappano with Vilde Frang

Edward Elgar Violin Concerto Gustav Holst The Planets Suite

London Symphony Orchestra Sir Antonio Pappano conductor Vilde Frang violin Tenebrae Thu 12 Sep 7pm, Hall, £18-70, £6 under-18s\*

#### LSO/Sir Antonio Pappano with Yuja Wang and Anna Lapwood

Hector Berlioz Roman Carnival Sergei Rachmaninov Piano Concerto No 1 Camille Saint-Saëns Symphony No 3, Organ Symphony

London Symphony Orchestra Sir Antonio Pappano conductor Yuja Wang piano Anna Lapwood organ Sun 15 Sep 7pm, Hall, £18-70, £6 under-18s\*

#### London Schools Symphony Orchestra

Gustav Mahler Totenfeier Jonathan Dove Stargazer Anna Clyne Masquerade Edward Elgar Enigma Variations

London Schools Symphony Orchestra Timothy Redmond conductor Enyi Okpara conductor Peter Moore trombone

Mon 16 Sep 7.30pm, Hall, £9-27\*

#### Hildegard Transfigured: A Medieval Trance for the 21st Century

The soaring arabesques of 12th century Hildegard of Bingen meet 21st century miniatures by Laura Moody and others. Voice Trio sing alongside 60s-style visuals and sound-responsive elaboration by artist Innerstrings.

Voice Trio: Victoria Couper **Clemmie Franks Emily Burn** Innerstrings visual artist

Tue 17 Sep 8.30pm, LSO St Luke's, £22.50\*

#### **Roopa Panesar**

One of the UK's finest young sitar players returns for a concert of Indian classical music, collaborating with trailblazing Indian classical and contemporary musicians.

Roopa Panesar sitar Sudarshan Singh tabla R N Prakash carnatic percussion Camilo Tirado electroacoustics Wed 18 Sep 7.30 pm, LSO St Luke's, £25\*



#### LSO/Sir Antonio Pappano with Yuja Wang

Karol Szymanowski Concert Overture Frédéric Chopin Piano Concerto No 2 Gustav Mahler Symphony No 1

London Symphony Orchestra Sir Antonio Pappano conductor Yuja Wang piano Thu 19 Sep 7pm, Hall, £18–70, £6 under-18s\*

#### BBC Symphony Orchestra: Oramo conducts Mahler

Gustav Mahler Symphony No 6 BBC Symphony Orchestra

Sakari Oramo conductor

Thu 26 Sep 7.30pm, Hall, from  $\pounds12.50^{\star}$ 

## Guildhall Symphony Orchestra & Chorus

Gity Razaz Mother Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart Symphony No 41, Jupiter

Lili Boulanger D'un matin de printemps Claude Debussy Rhapsody for Saxophone and Orchestra Francis Poulenc Gloria

Guildhall Symphony Orchestra Ludovic Morlot conductor Alannah Makoni alto saxophone Seohyun Go soprano Guildhall Symphony Chorus

Fri 27 Sep 7.30pm, Hall, from £14\*

#### Philip Glass Ensemble: Early Works

Philip Glass No 2, the CIVIL warS The Grid 'Facades' from Glassworks 'Part 8' from Music in 12 Parts 'Rescue' from Satyagraha 'Funeral' from Akhnaten The Photographer, Act III

Philip Glass Ensemble Sat 28 Sep 7.30pm, Hall, from £25\*



#### Lodestar Trio

Lodestar blazes an innovative trail, breezing through the baroque on an exhilarating genrebending journey into Nordic folk music and beyond.

#### Programme to include:

Johann Sebastian Bach Musette in G major Tarquinio Merula Ciaconna in C major Johann Sebastian Bach 'Allegro Assai' from

Violin Sonata in C major 'Gavotte II' from Cello Suite No 6

Olav Mjelva Hjaltaren

Johann Sebastian Bach 'Sarabande' from Cello Suite No 6 Trad Norwegian Minuet I

Norwegian Minuet II

Max Baillie Rolling to Roros

#### Lodestar Trio: Max Baillie violin

Erik Rydvall Swedish nyckelharpa Olav Mjelva Norwegian hardanger fiddle

Tue 1 Oct 7.30pm, LSO St Luke's, £18\*

#### BBC Singers Centenary Concert with Abel Selaocoe and Anna Lapwood

Join the BBC Singers as they celebrate their 100th birthday and look forward to the future with a host of artists and special guests.

#### **BBC Singers**

BBC Symphony Orchestra Sofi Jeannin conductor

Owain Park conductor

Bob Chilcott conductor Nicholas Chalmers conductor

Abel Selaocoe cello

Anna Lapwood organ

Wed 2 Oct 7.30pm, Hall, from £12.50\*

#### Piotr Anderszewski

Ludwig van Beethoven Bagatelles, Op 126 Béla Bartók Bagatelles Piotr Anderszewski piano Thu 3 Oct 7.30 pm, Hall, from £15\*

\*plus booking fee

#### Spinifex Gum

Part protest, part celebration, Spinifex Gum confronts political and environmental issues in contemporary Australia – social disparity, land rights, disproportionate incarceration and deaths in custody – performed by an all-female first nations ensemble, Australia's national children's choir and UK based choirs.

Marliya Choir Gondwana Voices Felix Riebl voice Lyn Williams choral director Deborah Brown choreographer Mark Myers sound Sun 6 Oct 6pm, Hall, from £15\*

Britten Sinfonia and The Will Gregory

#### Britten Sintonia and The Will Gregory Moog Ensemble

A unique concert bringing together Maths and Music, Synths and Soundtracks, with the Britten Sinfonia, Will Gregory – one half of electropop duo Goldfrapp – and stand-up mathematician Matt Parker.

Johann Sebastian Bach/Wendy Carlos Prelude and Fugue in C minor Henry Purcell/Wendy Carlos Funeral Music for

Henry Purcell/Wendy Carlos Funeral Music for Queen Mary

Bernard Herrmann Fahrenheit 451 Suite Charles Ives The Unanswered Question John Carpenter Escape from New York Vangelis Chariots of Fire Theme Ron Grainer/Delia Derbyshire Doctor Who

Theme Will Gregory Archimedes Suite

Will Gregory Moog Ensemble Britten Sinfonia Matt Parker</mark> standup mathematician

**Tue 8 Oct** 7.30pm, Hall, from £15\*

#### Academy of Ancient Music: Actéon and Pygmalion

Two mythological masterpieces of baroque opera in an exuberant concert performance.

Marc-Antoine Charpentier Actéon Jean-Philippe Rameau Pygmalion

Academy of Ancient Music Laurence Cummings director & harpsichord Anna Dennis soprano Rachel Redmond soprano Katie Bray mezzo-soprano Thomas Walker tenor

Wed 9 Oct 7.30pm, Milton Court, £15-35\*

#### **BBC SO/Dinis Sousa**

Unsuk Chin Alaraph: Ritual of the Heartbeat Béla Bartók Piano Concerto No 3 Claude Debussy La mer Maurice Ravel Boléro

BBC Symphony Orchestra Dinis Sousa conductor Bertrand Chamayou piano

Sat 12 Oct 7.30pm, Hall, from £12.50\*

### The Golden Stool, or the story of Nana Yaa Asantewaa

Interweaving singing, dance, and cutting-edge theatre, Gorges Ocloo's ground-breaking Afropera re-examines Nana Yaa Asantewaa's defiant stance against colonialism and cultural appropriation.

LOD Musiktheater Nobulumko Mngxekeza-Nziramasanga soprano Nonkululeko Nkwinti mezzo-soprano Mon 14 Oct 7.30pm, Hall, from £15\*

#### Sinfonia of London/John Wilson with Sheku Kanneh-Mason

Kenneth Hesketh PatterSongs Dmitri Shostakovich Cello Concerto No 2 Sergei Rachmaninov Symphony No 1

Sinfonia of London John Wilson conductor Sheku Kanneh-Mason cello Tue 15 Oct 7.30pm, Hall, from £15\*

#### Life on Our Planet PG in Concert

From esk film, in association with Netflix and Silverback Films, comes a natural history concert experience: Netflix's *Life on Our Planet*, with highlights from the series and an incredible live score.

London Symphony Orchestra Anthony Gabriele conductor

Thu 17 Oct 7.30pm, Hall, £15-67.50\*

#### **Dudok Quartet: Abandoned Voices**

Bushra El-Turk's new work celebrates singers from the Arab cultural renaissance, and resonates with Gesualdo's tortured madrigal and Schubert's searing masterpiece.

Olivier Messiaen (arr Dudok Quartet) Oraison Bushra El Turk Three Tributes

**Carlo Gesualdo (arr Dudok Quartet)** 'Deh come invan sospiro' from *Libro Sesto Madrigali* 

Franz Schubert String Quartet No 14, Death and the Maiden

Dudok Quartet

Thu 17 Oct 7.30pm, Milton Court, from £10\*

#### LSO/Michael Tilson Thomas: Mahler Symphony No 2

London Symphony Orchestra Michael Tilson Thomas conductor London Symphony Chorus

20 & 23 Oct 7pm, Hall, £12\*

#### Joel Tan: In No Particular Order

Anna Morrissey director Charlotte Henery design 21–26 Oct Milton Court Studio Theatre, £15\*

## **Darbar Festival**

#### Dilshad Khan + Jayanthi Kumaresh

Experience the mastery of India's premier sarangi virtuoso as he mesmerises with soulful ragas, followed by the hypnotic sounds of the veena.

Dilshad Khan sarangi Sanju Sahai tabla Jayanthi Kumaresh saraswati veena Jayachandra Rao mridangam Giridhar Udupa ghatam Thu 24 Oct 6.30pm, Milton Court, £20–50\*

#### Pandit Anindo and Anubrata Chatterjee

Witness a much-awaited, turbo-charged duet by India's finest tabla legend with his son Anubrata.

Pandit Anindo Chatterjee tabla Anubrata Chatterjee tabla Dilshad Khan sarangi

Fri 25 Oct 1pm, Milton Court, £20-50\*

#### Jasdeep Singh Degun + Shalmalee Joshi

Experience a double bill of sitar brilliance followed by the intricate melodies of the Jaipur-Atruli style of khayal.

Jasdeep Singh Degun sitar Anubrata Chatterjee tabla Shalmalee Joshi khayal vocal Vinod Lele tabla Siddhesh Bicholkar harmonium Fri 25 Oct 6.30pm, Milton Court, £20–50\*

October

Amaan Ali Bangash + Dr L Subramaniam with Ambi Subramaniam

Dive into musical legacies and immerse yourself in mesmerising ragas with some of India's foremost musicians.

Amaan Ali Bangash sarod Anubrata Chatterjee tabla Dr L Subramaniam carnatic violin Ambi Subramaniam carnatic violin Pandit Anindo Chatterjee tabla VV Ramanamurthy mridangam Giridhar Udupa ghatam Sat 26 Oct 6.30pm, Hall, £20–100\*

#### Genius of Aruna Sairam

Indulge in an authentic south Indian concert known in India as a *kacheri*, as singer Aruna Sairam brings her vast repertoire of raga knowledge and spiritual lyrics to London.

Aruna Sairam carnatic vocal Jyotsna Srikanth MBE carnatic violin Patri Satish Kumar mridangam Giridhar Udupa ghatam

**Sun 27 Oct** 11am, Hall, £20–50\*

#### Ashwini Bhide-Deshpande + Pandit Kushal Das

A special concert that celebrates midnight ragas through India's iconic sitar, followed by the Jaipur-Atruli style of *khayal* (imagination) vocal.

Pandit Kushal Das sitar Pandit Anindo Chatterjee tabla Ashwini Bhide-Deshpande khayal vocal Vinod Lele tabla Siddesh Biocholkar harmonium Sun 27 Oct 5pm, Hall, £20–100\*

Visit our website to browse the full festival, including lecture demonstrations and wellbeing sessions such as yoga with live music; breathwork; sacred sound bath; mantra and guided meditation; and an Indian music appreciation course. Plus, we'll have a pop-up market featuring small independent businesses in our foyer.



#### Huang Ruo's M. Butterfly

A smash-hit play turned movie, David Henry Hwang's M. Butterfly metamorphoses into music theatre in the UK premiere of Huang Ruo's operatic reworking – with themes from Puccini's tragic opera ingeniously upended as the action is relocated to Paris and Mao's China.

#### **BBC Symphony Orchestra**

Carolyn Kuan conductor Kangmin Justin Kim Song Liling Mark Stone René Gallimard Fleur Barron Comrade Chin/Shu Fung Kevin Burdette Manuel Toulon/Judge James Robinson director BBC Singers

Fri 25 Oct 7.30pm, Hall, from £15\*

#### LSO/Thomas Adès: Half Six Fix

Ludwig van Beethoven Symphony No 1 London Symphony Orchestra Thomas Adès conductor & presenter Wed 30 Oct 6.30pm, Hall, £15–35, £6 under-18s\*

#### LSO/Thomas Adès: Adámek & Beethoven

Ludwig van Beethoven Symphony No 1 Ondřej Adámek Follow Me (Concerto for Violin and Orchestra) Ludwig van Beethoven Symphony No 4

London Symphony Orchestra Thomas Adès conductor

Isabelle Faust violin

Thu 31 Oct 7pm, Hall, £18-70, £6 under-18s\*

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#### BBC SO/Oramo: Busoni's Piano Concerto

**Grazyna Bacewicz** Symphony No 2 **Ferrucio Busoni** Piano Concerto

BBC Symphony Orchestra Sakari Oramo conductor Kirill Gerstein piano BBC Symphony Chorus (lower voices) Fri 1 Nov 7.30pm, Hall, from £12.50\*

#### Yo-Yo Ma and Kathryn Stott

Programme to include: **Dmitri Shostakovich** Sonata for Cello and Piano in D minor **Nadia Boulanger** Cantique **Cesar Franck** Sonata in A Major **Arvo Pärt** Spiegel im Spiegel **Yo-Yo Ma** cello **Kathryn Stott** piano

Sat 2 Nov 7.30pm, Hall, from £15\*

#### LSO/André J Thomas: Symphonic Gospel

Experience the power of American gospel music, with the symphonic sound of the LSO and a chorus of voices, curated and conducted by André J Thomas.

London Symphony Orchestra André J Thomas conductor London Symphony Chorus Soul Sanctuary Gospel Choir LSO Community Voices Sun 3 Nov 7pm, Hall, £18–35, £6 under-18s\*

#### **Guildhall School: Die Fledermaus**

Dominic Wheeler conductor Ashley Dean director Adam Wiltshire designer Johanna Townsend lighting designer Angelo Smimmo movement director 4–11 Nov 7pm, Silk Street Theatre, £30\*

\*plus booking fee

#### LSO/Daniele Rustioni: Liszt, Mendelssohn & Schubert

Franz Liszt Les préludes Felix Mendelssohn Violin Concerto, Op 64 Franz Schubert Symphony No 9, The Great

London Symphony Orchestra Daniele Rustioni conductor Francesca Dego violin Thu 7 Nov 7pm, Hall, £18–70, £6 under-18s\*

### BBC SO/Oramo: Glowing Colours and Grand Passions

Dora Pejačević Overture for Orchestra in D minor Karol Szymanowski Violin Concerto No 1 Richard Wagner Siegfried-Idyll Richard Strauss Death and Transfiguration

BBC Symphony Orchestra Sakari Oramo conductor Ilya Gringolts violin

Fri 8 Nov 7.30pm, Hall, from £12.50\*

#### LSO/Klaus Mäkelä: Sibelius, Prokofiev and Stravinsky

Jean Sibelius Tapiola Sergei Prokofiev Violin Concerto No 2 Igor Stravinsky The Rite of Spring

London Symphony Orchestra Klaus Mäkelä conductor Andrej Power violin

**Sun 10 Nov** 7pm, Hall, £18–70, £6 under-18s\*

#### AAM: Viennese Virtuosity

Johann Baptist Wanhal Symphony in D major, BryVa D17 Walfaana Amadaus Mazart Symphony No 36

**Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart** Symphony No 36, *Linz* 

**Carl Ditters von Dittersdorf** Symphony No 4 from Symphonies after Ovid's Metamorphosis **Joseph Haydn** Symphony No 80

Academy of Ancient Music Laurence Cummings director & harpsichord

**Thu 14 Nov** 7.30pm, Milton Court, £15–35\*

## Tim Garland's Lighthouse Trio and Britten Sinfonia

#### Part of EFG London Jazz Festival

A giant of the jazz improv world, Tim Garland brings together his eclectically-minded trio and the equally open-minded orchestra Britten Sinfonia for the most ambitious project of his stellar career.

Tim Garland The Forever Seed Finale from Approaching Winter Jonathan Brigg Monkish Gwilym Simcock New work The Lighthouse Trio Solo with special guest Yazz Ahmed Britten Sinfonia

Thomas Gould director/violin

The Lighthouse Trio

Tim Garland saxophone/conductor

Gwilym Simcock piano

Asaf Sirkis drums

Yazz Ahmed flugelhorn

Esra Kizir Gokcen visual projections

Tue 19 Nov 7pm, Milton Court, £25-45\*

#### Orchestre symphonique de Montreal/ Rafael Payare with Daniil Trifonov

Iman Habibi Jeder Baum spricht Ludwig van Beethoven Piano Concerto No 1 Hector Berlioz Symphonie fantastique

Orchestre symphonique de Montreal Rafael Payare conductor Daniil Trifonov piano

Tue 19 Nov 7.30pm, Hall, from £20\*

#### **Guildhall Jazz Festival**

#### In association with EFG London Jazz Festival

Four days of performances, headlined by Helena Kay, Giacomo Smith & Mozes Rosenberg and Sultan Stevenson featuring Denys Baptiste, with performances by Guildhall Jazz students, alumni and special guests.

20-24 Nov Milton Court

## Guildhall Symphony Orchestra performs The Planets

Thomas Adès Polaris: Voyage for Orchestra Kaija Saariaho Orion Gustav Holst The Planets Colin Matthews Pluto, the Renewer

Guildhall Symphony Orchestra Alpesh Chauhan conductor Wed 20 Nov 7.30pm, Hall, from £14\*

#### LSO × seed. featuring Cassie Kinoshi

#### Part of EFG London Jazz Festival

The LSO is joined by the Mercury Prize-nominated ensemble seed., led by saxophonist Cassie Kinoshi, for an evening of new music and collaboration.

London Symphony Orchestra seed.

Thu 21 Nov 7pm, Hall, £18–35, £6 under-18s\*

#### Cross Currents Trio: Zakir Hussain, Dave Holland, Chris Potter

#### Part of EFG London Jazz Festival

Three of the most masterful arrangers and composers of American and Indian music join together to celebrate the musical connections between East and West.

**Cross Currents Trio** 

Fri 22 Nov 7.30pm, Hall, £25-40\*

#### Guildhall School: The Nutcracker and I

Experience *The Nutcracker* for the 21st century with astonishing, state-of-the-art animation and digital effects to retell this seasonal classic.

Alexandra Dariescu performer and producer Nick Hillel director

Adam Smith art director and director of animation Jenna Lee choreographer

Imogen Ash ballerina

Free

Sander Loonen technical producer

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Tue 26 Nov 6pm & 8pm, Milton Court, £15\*

#### LSO/Ilan Volkov: Half Six Fix

Helmut Lachenmann My Melodies (Music for Eight Horns and Orchestra) Ludwig van Beethoven Excerpt from Symphony

No 7

London Symphony Orchestra Ilan Volkov conductor & presenter LSO Horns

#### Wed 27 Nov 6.30pm, Hall, £15–35, £6 under-18s\*

#### **Autumn Opera Scenes**

Martin Lloyd-Evans director Peiyao Wang designer Elizabeth Rowe music director

28 Nov-3 Dec 7pm, Silk Street Theatre, £15\*

#### LSO/Ilan Volkov: Lachenmann & Beethoven

Helmut Lachenmann *My Melodies* (Music for Eight Horns and Orchestra) Ludwig van Beethoven Symphony No 7

London Symphony Orchestra Ilan Volkov conductor & presenter LSO Horns

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**Thu 28 Nov** 7pm, Hall, £18–70, £6 under-18s\*

#### BBC SO/Lintu: Nelson Mass and A Hero's Life

Samy Moussa Elysium Joseph Haydn Nelson Mass (Hob XXII/11) Richard Strauss Ein Heldenleben

BBC Symphony Orchestra Hannu Lintu conductor BBC Symphony Chorus Masabane Cecilia Rangwanasha soprano Jennifer Johnston mezzo-soprano Derek Welton bass-baritone

Fri 29 Nov 7.30pm, Hall, from £12.50\*

#### Vishwa Mohan Bhatt and Desert Slide

One of the world's most versatile and expressive Mohan Veena (slide guitar) players, Vishwa Mohan Bhatt and his Desert Slide ensemble beautifully intertwine Rajasthani Manganyar folk and Indian Classical music.

Sat 30 Nov 8pm, Hall, from £20\*

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# December

#### **LSO Family Concert**

A fun opportunity for families to learn more about music and the instruments of the orchestra, with music based on a theme and free workshops before the concert.

Sun 1 Dec 2.30pm, Hall, £12–18, £6 under-18s\*

#### Her Stories with Samantha Ege

Samantha Ege presents a vibrant menu of 20th and 21st century piano music, including a rare work by Cuban 'fusionista' Camila Cortina Bello.

Florence Price Piano Sonata Camila Cortina Bello Bravura Odaline de la Martinez Studies in Rhythm Chen Yi Variations on Awariguli Gabriela Ortiz Preludio e Estudio No 3

Samantha Ege piano

Sun 1 Dec 4pm, Milton Court, from £22.50\*

#### Sō Percussion with Caroline Shaw: Rectangles and Circumstance

Powerhouse percussion ensemble Sō Percussion and Pulitzer Prize-winning composer and singer Caroline Shaw return to perform music from their upcoming album, Rectangles and Circumstance.

Sō Percussion Caroline Shaw vocals Sun 1 Dec 8.30pm, Hall, from £15\*

#### **Stephen Hough: Sonatina Nostalgica**

Cécile Chaminade Automne Theme Varie Les Sylvains Robert Schumann Fantasie in C major Stephen Hough Sonatina Nostalgica Frédéric Chopin Sonata No 3 in B minor

Stephen Hough piano

Wed 4 Dec 7.30pm, Hall, from £15\*

Christmas From Around the World: Abel Selaocoe and the BBC Singers

The BBC Singers join forces once more with their Artist in Association cellist Abel Selaocoe for a Christmas concert of music from around the world.

#### BBC Singers

Abel Selaocoe director, vocals & cello

Thu 5 Dec 7.30pm, Milton Court, from £15\*

#### BBC SO/Jonathon Heyward: Prokofiev's Second Piano Concerto

**James Lee III** Sukkot Through Orion's Nebula (UK premiere)

Sergei Prokofiev Piano Concerto No 2 Ottorino Respighi Fountains of Rome Pines of Rome

BBC Symphony Orchestra Jonathon Heyward conductor Yeol Eum Son piano

Fri 6 Dec 7.30pm, Hall, from £12.50\*

#### **Christmas with Connaught Brass**

Robin Haigh Get Good Antonio Vivaldi (arr Jeffrey Stone) Concerto in F major Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky 'The Hunt' and 'Yuletide' from The Seasons Lili Boulanger Two Pieces Terry Johns Paolozzi's Windows Gustav Holst (arr Blaskowski) 'Venus' from The Planets Mark-Anthony Turnage 'Elegy for Andy' and 'Tune for Toru' from True Life Stories Sergei Prokofiev Lieutenant Kijé Suite Trad (arr Sarah Latto) Little Girl Blue/O come Emmanuel Johann Sebastian Bach (arr Simon Hogg) Christmas Oratorio Connaught Brass: Aaron Akugbo trumpet Harry Plant trumpet Annemarie Federle french horn

Chris Brewster trombone

Aled Meredith-Barrett tuba

Zeynep Ozsuca piano

Sun 8 Dec 4pm, Milton Court, from £15\*

## Khatia Buniatishvili and Academy of St Martin in the Fields

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart Don Giovanni Overture Piano Concerto No 20 Piano Concerto No 23 Joseph Haydn Symphony No 104 Mon 9 Dec 7.30pm, Hall, from £15\*

#### LSO/Sir Antonio Pappano: Puccini's La rondine

A concert performance of *La rondine*, Puccini's story of love thwarted by society's conventions.

#### London Symphony Orchestra

Sir Antonio Pappano conductor Nadine Sierra Magda Serena Gamberoni Lisette Michael Fabiano Ruggero Paul Appleby Prunier Ashley Riches Rambaldo Sarah Dufresne Yvette/Giorgette Angela Schisano Bianca/Gabriele Marvic Monreal Suzy/Lolette London Symphony Chorus 10 & 12 Dec 7 pm, Hall, £18–70, £6 under-18s\*

Lisa O'Neill with Britten Sinfonia: Symphony for the Cold Moon

The compelling folk singer-songwriter Lisa O'Neill returns alongside the Britten Sinfonia performing new orchestrations by Terry Edwards.

Wed 11 Dec 8pm, Hall, from £27.50\*

#### BBC SO: Berlioz's L'enfance du Christ

BBC Symphony Orchestra BBC Symphony Chorus

#### Fri 13 Dec 7.30pm, Hall, from £12.50\*

#### LSO/Sir Antonio Pappano: Vaughan Williams, Elgar & Bax

Ralph Vaughan Williams Symphony No 9 Edward Elgar Cello Concerto Arnold Bax Tintagel

London Symphony Orchestra Sir Antonio Pappano conductor David Cohen cello Sun 15 Dec 7pm, Hall, £18–70, £6 under-18s\*

#### AAM: Handel's Messiah

Academy of Ancient Music Laurence Cummings director & harpsichord Louise Alder soprano Tim Mead countertenor Nick Pritchard tenor Cody Quattlebaum bass

**Mon 16 Dec** 7pm, Hall, £15–75\*

#### LSO/Sir Antonio Pappano: Christmas Swing

**George Gershwin** Overture to Girl Crazy **Leonard Bernstein (arr Lukas Foss)** Prelude, Fugue and Riffs

Nikolai Kapustin Piano Concerto No 4

Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky, Duke Ellington & Billy Strayhorn (arr Jeff Tyzik) The Nutcracker Suite Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky Selections from The Nutcracker

Leroy Anderson Sleigh Ride

London Symphony Orchestra Sir Antonio Pappano conductor Frank Dupree piano Sérgio Pires clarinet

**18 & 19 Dec** 7pm, Hall, £18–70, £6 under-18s\*

## Raymond Gubbay Christmas Festival

#### A Gospel Christmas with Flames Collective

Programme to include: Joyful Joyful Holy Night Shackles Love Theory Bridge Over Troubled Water

Flames Collective Sat 7 Dec 7.30pm, Hall, £24.50–45\*

#### **Christmas with King's College Choir**

The Choir of King's College, Cambridge herald the Christmas season, joined on stage by the superb Crouch End Festival Chorus in a glorious programme of festive classics and carols.

Philharmonia Orchestra Daniel Hyde conductor Choir of King's College, Cambridge Crouch End Festival Chorus

Fri 20 Dec 7.30pm, Hall, £22.50-56\*

#### **Candlelit** Carols

Staged in a candle-lit style setting.

Anon (arr Mark Cullen) Joy to the World George Frideric Handel Christmas sequence from Messiah David Willcocks Sussex Carol Johann Sebastian Bach Air on the G String Trad Hark! The Herald Angels Sing O Come, All Ye Faithful O Little Town of Bethlehem Once in Royal David's City Good King Wenceslas

Mozart Festival Orchestra Steven Devine conductor Harriet Eyley soprano London Concert Chorus

Sat 21 Dec 2.30pm, Hall, £18.50-46\*

#### **Christmas Carol Singalong**

Programme to include: Sleigh Ride Merry Christmas Everyone Santa Claus is Coming to Town Winter Wonderland Away in a Manger God Rest ye Merry Gentleman Let it Go

London Concert Orchestra Jonathan Cohen presenter Louise Dearman guest singer London Concert Chorus

Sun 22 Dec 2pm & 5.15pm, Hall, £19.50-52\*

#### **The Big Christmas Party**

Programme to include: Santa Tell Me One More Sleep Christmas (Baby Please Come Home) Last Christmas All I Want for Christmas Driving Home For Christmas

London Concert Orchestra John Rigby conductor Mon 23 Dec 2.30pm, Hall, £19.50–52\*

#### Glenn Miller Orchestra

Programme to include: Little Brown Jug Pennsylvania 6-5000 Chatanooga Choo Choo It's Almost Like Being in Love Moonlight Serenade Dambusters March

Glenn Miller Orchestra Catherine Sykes vocals Mark Porter vocals

Fri 27 Dec 2.30pm, Hall, £18.50-48\*

#### The Best of John Williams

Includes music from Star Wars, Harry Potter, Indiana Jones, Jurassic Park, Close Encounters of the Third Kind, The Terminal, The Witches of Eastwick, Schindler's List, Munich and Hook.

London Concert Orchestra

Robert Emery conductor

Fri 27 Dec 7.30pm, Hall, £18.50-52\*

#### **Beethoven's Ninth**

**Ludwig van Beethoven** Piano Concerto No 5, Emperor Symphony No 9, Choral

Royal Philharmonic Orchestra Christopher Warren-Green conductor Sarah Gilford soprano Clare Presland mezzo-soprano Elgan Llyr Thomas tenor London Concert Choir Goldsmith's Choral Union Highgate Choral Society Sat 28 Dec 7.30pm, Hall, £22.50–56\*

#### Four Seasons by Candlelight

Staged in a candle-lit style setting.

Marc-Antoine Charpentier 'Prelude' from Te Deum

**Johann Sebastian Bach** Brandenburg Concerto No 3

**Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart** 'Alleluia' from *Exultate Jubilate* 

George Frideric Handel Eternal Source of Light Divine

Henry Purcell Trumpet Suite George Frideric Handel Let the Bright Seraphim Antonio Vivaldi The Four Seasons

Mozart Festival Orchestra David Juritz violin David Blackadder trumpet Harriet Eyley soprano

Sun 29 Dec 2.30pm, Hall, £16.50-30\*

#### Music of the Movies: Lord of the Rings, Game of Thrones and Beyond

Includes music from Lord of the Rings, The Hobbit, Game of Thrones, The Witcher, How to Train Your Dragon, Avatar, Pirates of the Caribbean and Star Wars.

London Concert Orchestra Toby Purser conductor

London Concert Choir

**Sun 29 Dec** 7.30pm, Hall, £18.50–52\*

#### The Holiday with live orchestra

The beloved Christmas film will be presented live in concert this winter, featuring its musical score performed live alongside the film by a full concert orchestra.

London Concert Orchestra

Anthony Inglis conductor

Mon 30 Dec 5pm, Hall, £22.50-55\*

#### The Music of Zimmer vs Williams

Includes music from E.T., Jaws, Harry Potter, Inception, Gladiator, Hook, Star Wars, Superman, Pirates of the Caribbean and Jurassic Park.

London Concert Orchestra Anthony Inglis conductor London Concert Choir

**Tue 31 Dec** 2.30pm, Hall, £18.50–52\*

#### New Year's Day Proms

Giuseppe Verdi 'Brindisi' from La traviata Maurice Ravel Boléro Johann Strauss II Die Fledermaus Overture Georges Bizet 'Flower Song' from Carmen Giacomo Puccini 'O soave fanciulla' from La bohème 'Nessun Dorma' from Turandot Henry Wood 'Hornpipe' from Fantasia on British Sea Songs Edward Elgar Land of Hope and Glory London Concert Orchestra

Anthony Inglis conductor Wed 1 Jan 3pm, Hall, £18.50–50\*

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# January



#### LSO/Sir Simon Rattle: Half Six Fix

Johannes Brahms Symphony No 4 London Symphony Orchestra Sir Simon Rattle conductor Wed 8 Jan 6.30pm, Hall, £15–35, £6 under-18s\*

#### LSO/Sir Simon Rattle: Boulez, Benjamin & Brahms

Pierre Boulez Éclat George Benjamin Interludes and Aria from Lessons in Love and Violence (world premiere) Johannes Brahms Symphony No 4

London Symphony Orchestra Sir Simon Rattle conductor Barbara Hannigan soprano

**Thu 9 Jan** 7pm, Hall, £18–70, £6 under-18s\*

#### LSO/Sir Antonio Pappano: Tippett, Turnage & Vaughan Williams

Michael Tippett 'Ritual Dances' from Midsummer Marriage Mark-Anthony Turnage Sco – Guitar Concerto (world premiere) Ralph Vaughan Williams Symphony No 5

London Symphony Orchestra Sir Simon Rattle conductor John Scofield quitar

Sun 12 Jan 7pm, Hall, £18–70, £6 under-18s\*

### Simón Bolívar Orchestra Residency

After a ten year absence in London, the legendary orchestra returns with Gustavo Dudamel for a Mahler epic and a night that combines new Venezuelan music with Tchaikovsky.

#### Simón Bolívar Orchestra/ Gustavo Dudamel: Mahler 3

Simón Bolívar Orchestra Gustavo Dudamel conductor Marianne Crebassa mezzo-soprano

Wed 15 Jan 7.30pm, Hall, from £15\*

#### Simón Bolívar Orchestra/ Gustavo Dudamel: Odisea

Ricardo Lorenz Todo Toreno Gonzalo Grau Odisea Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky Symphony No 4

Simón Bolívar Orchestra Gustavo Dudamel conductor Jorge Glem Venezuelan cuatro

Thu 16 Jan 7.30pm, Hall, from £15\*

#### BBC SO/George Fenton: Wild Isles

Experience highlights from the hit BBC series on the big screen with live orchestral music from the BBC Symphony Orchestra, conducted and presented by the series' composer George Fenton.

BBC Symphony Orchestra George Fenton conductor

**Sat 18 Jan** 7pm, Hall, from £12.50\*

#### BBC SO/Oramo: A Meditation on Life

Gustav Mahler 'Adagio' from Symphony No 10 Ralph Vaughan Williams Toward the Unknown Region Kaija Saariaho Hush Ralph Vaughan Williams The Lark Ascending

BBC Symphony Orchestra Sakari Oramo conductor Verneri Pohjola trumpet Igor Yuzefovich violin BBC Symphony Chorus

**Fri 24 Jan** 7.30pm, Hall, from £12.50\*

#### LSO Futures: Homage to Pierre Boulez

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**Olga Neuwirth** Hommage à Pierre Boulez IX: Tombeau II (world premiere, LSO co-commission)

**Claude Debussy** 'Ibéria' from Trois images pour orchestre

**Rafael Marino Arcaro** invention in the language of child (LSO Panufnik commission, world premiere)

**Lara Agar** suntime bedtime moontime (LSO Panufnik commission, world premiere)

**Claude Debussy** 'Rondes de printemps' from Trois images pour orchestre

Pierre Boulez Notations - Nos 1, 2, 3, 4 & 7

London Symphony Orchestra Artists to be announced

**Sun 26 Jan** 7pm, Hall, £18–70, £6 under-18s\*

#### The Boulez Effect: Boulez 100

Explore the legacy of Pierre Boulez, with talks on his life, works and influence on music; his relationship with the LSO; and appearances from guest speakers. Followed by an evening concert.

Mon 27 Jan 4.30pm, Milton Court, £20

#### LSO Chamber Ensemble: Boulez 100

Pierre Boulez Messagesquisse Dérive 1

Fanfare for the 80th Birthday of Georg Solti Sonatine for Flute and Piano Anthèmes 2 for Electronics and Violin

Musicians from the London Symphony Orchestra

**Mon 27 Jan** 7.30pm, Milton Court, £15–18, £6 under-18s\*

## Shostakovich Quartets: Intimate Portraits, Part 1

The first in a complete cycle of Shostakovich quartets from the Carducci Quartet, which highlights the work of his female contemporaries.

Dmitri Shostakovich Quartet No 1 Quartet No 5 Galina Ustvolskaya Clarinet Trio Dmitri Shostakovich Quartet No 9

Carducci Quartet Sonoro Quartet Guildhall School musicians

Wed 29 Jan 7.30pm, Milton Court, from £15\*

## BBC SO/Jakub Hrusa: Beethoven and Shostakovich

Pavel Haas Scherzo Triste, Op 5 Ludwig van Beethoven Piano Concerto No 2 Dmitri Shostakovich Symphony No 11, The Year 1905

BBC Symphony Orchestra Jakub Hrusa conductor Jonathan Biss piano

Fri 31 Jan 7.30pm, Hall, from £12.50\*

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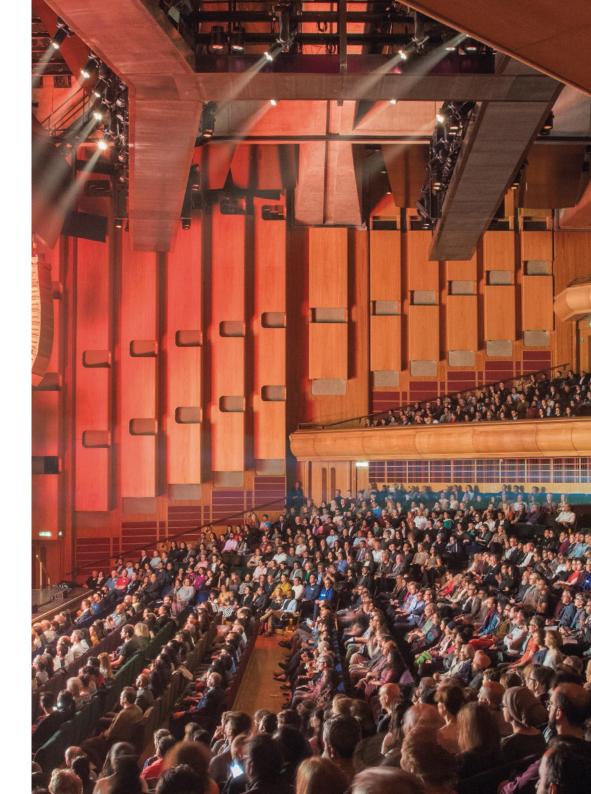
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