

CLYDEBANK BLITZ 80th ANNIVERSARY GALA

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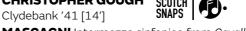
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The Royal Scottish National Orchestra presents a special gala performance to commemorate the 80th anniversary of the Clydebank Blitz. In March 1941 the shipbuilding town of Clydebank experienced one of the most intense Luftwaffe bombing raids of the Second World War. Its only line of defence was the Polish warship ORP Piorun, which was there for repairs. In this unique concert, we pay tribute to those who bravely fought and to those who lost their lives with new pieces by RSNO Principal Horn Christopher Gough and RSNO Composers' Hub member Conrad Asman, alongside popular classics by Mozart, Sibelius and Dvořák.

MOZART Overture: The Marriage of Figaro K492 [4'] KILAR Orawa [9'] **CONRAD ASMAN** Wrought [7'] WORLD PREMIERE SIBELIUS Valse triste Op44 No1 [5'] CHRISTOPHER GOUGH SCOTCH



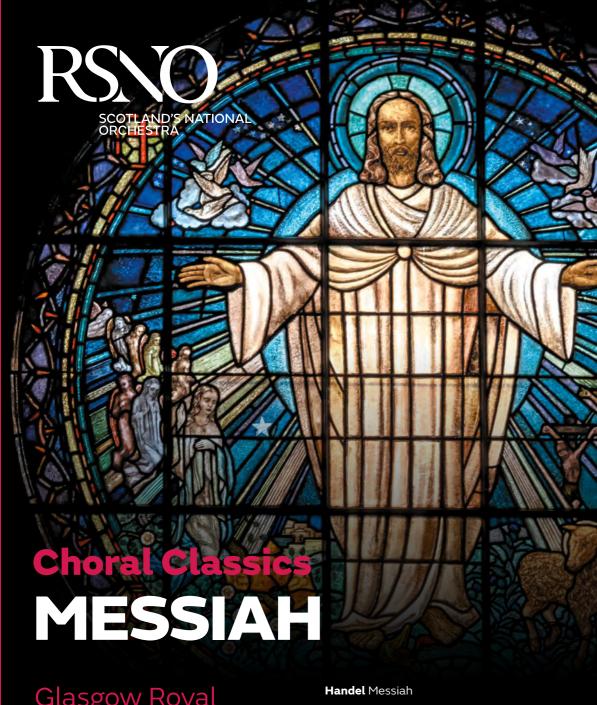
MASCAGNI Intermezzo sinfonico from Cavalleria rusticana [4'] DVOŘÁK Slavonic Dances Op46: No2 in E Minor; No3 in A flat Major; No8 in G Minor [14']

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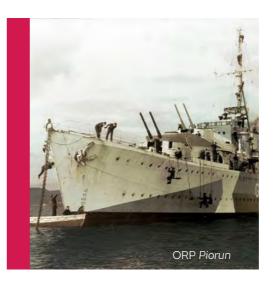
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West Dunbartonshire Council wishes to thank the Royal Scottish National Orchestra for its support in the production of this gala concert to commemorate the 80th anniversary of the Clydebank Blitz. The Council also wishes to thank all cross-party politicians, both local and national, who have supported this commemoration and made it possible.

It is important that we remember those citizens of Clydebank who lost their lives during the blitz on 13 and 14 March 1941 and also the unacceptable loss of lives throughout Europe due to bombing in Germany and Poland.

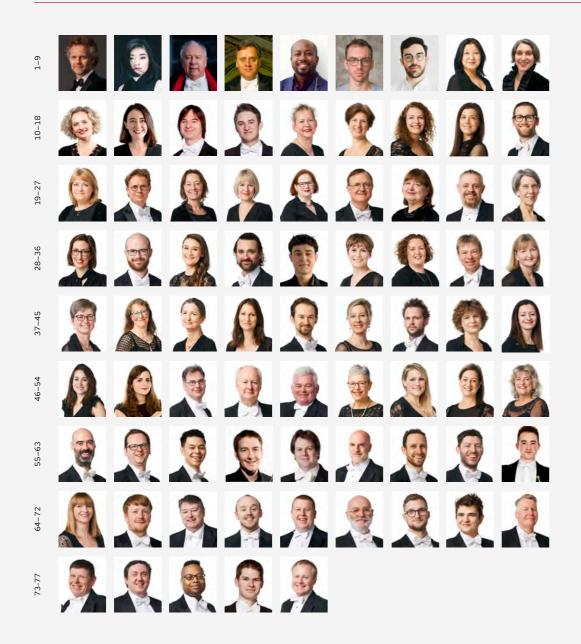
Equally, it is imperative that we acknowledge and recognise those individuals and services who came to the aid of the Clydebank people at their greatest time of need, in particular the crew of the Polish warship ORP *Piorun*, which was docked in Clydebank on that dreadful night.



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 - Claire Dunn
- 5 Katherine Wren
- Maria Trittinger
- 6 Francesca Hunt

7 CELLO

Betsy Taylor Associate PRINCIPAL Kennedy Leitch ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL 43 8 Rachael Lee

Sarah Digger 9

DOUBLE BASS

- 11 Ana Cordova PRINCIPAL 12 Margarida Castro
- ASSOCIATE PRINCIPAL 14 Michael Rae Assistant PRINCIPAL
- 15 Paul Sutherland SUB PRINCIPAL
- 16 John Clark
- 17 Sally Davis

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- Luis Eisen Associate PRINCIPAL 38
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HORN

- Christopher Gough PRINCIPAL 63 Alison Murray Assistant PRINCIPAL 64 Andrew McLean 65 ASSOCIATE PRINCIPAL
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TRUMPET

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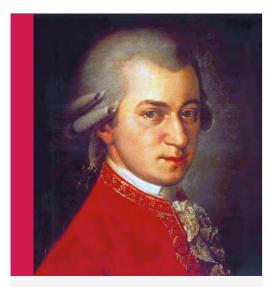
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Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart (1756–1791)

OVERTURE: THE MARRIAGE OF FIGARO K492



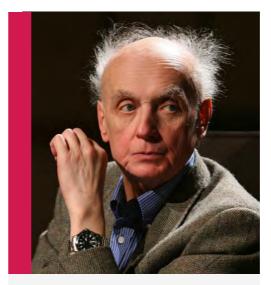
FIRST PERFORMANCE Vienna, 1 May 1786 DURATION 4 minutes

Mozart was convinced he had a hit on his hands with the 1786 premiere of his opera The Marriage of Figaro, a parody of the intrigues and scandalous goings-on in society's upper echelons. However, the notoriously conservative Viennese didn't take at all kindly to having their delicate emotions ruffled and propensity for sexual intrigue publicly lampooned. Incredibly, after just nine performances this riot of comic deception, in which a lascivious Count is caught with his breeches down (ultimately by his wife in disguise), was unceremoniously taken off. It was not until Figaro was first performed in Prague that Mozart found an audience fully capable of appreciating its myriad twists of plot and quick-fire pacing.

The bustling Overture is known popularly among orchestral players as the 'egg-timer' because it lasts about as long as it takes to soft-boil an egg. Mozart toys with his audience's expectations as he rattles through a series of lively ideas that never quite develop into full-blown melodies. When one finally arrives in the first violins and bassoon, it is quickly brushed aside by the recapitulation of all the original material. As an in-joke for the cognoscenti, Mozart has simply omitted the traditional central development section altogether!

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Wojciech Kilar (1932–2013) ORAWA



FIRST PERFORMANCE Zakopane, Poland, 10 March 1986 DURATION 9 minutes

On the southern edge of Poland, straddling Slovakia's border and cut through by the Tatras, lies Orawa. This rugged region, at the highest swoop of the Carpathian range, is one of the most dramatic landscapes in Europe. Pastured meadows are set deep in valleys overcast by snow-capped peaks, which are home to lynx, bears and wolves. And as rich as the natural surroundings is its culture and folklore full of dancing and songs in the distinctive dialect. The area feels not so much isolated, as suspended, protected and precious.

One hundred miles to the north is the city of Katowice, a thriving metropolitan and mercantile urban centre where composer Wojciech Kilar lived and worked for 65 years. A graduate of the conservatory at Kraków, one of the first Polish participants at Darmstadt, and a student of Nadia Boulanger in Paris (whose rigorous private counterpoint studio sharpened the skills of Aaron Copland, Quincy Jones and Philip Glass, among many others), Kilar had classical credibility. Yet most of us will have heard his work through the big screen. His music has appeared in over 150 films, including original material written for major blockbusters like Francis Ford Coppola's *Bram Stoker's Dracula*, Roman Polanski's *The Pianist* (for which he won both a BAFTA and a César), even *The Truman Show*.

Despite all this commercial activity, Kilar still found the time and creative space to write a sizeable body of concert works, which translate the vivid evocations of his film scores to pure sound. Orawa, for string orchestra, exemplifies this quality. The piece begins almost in media res, as the ear is drawn along a darting line that is Orawa's melodic DNA, the stream that cuts through its world. Within the first minute, we are introduced to the techniques that characterise the rest: propulsive rhythms, clipped measures to disrupt the rhythmic flow, abrupt shifts in mood, a ratcheting up of harmonic tension, and the gradual layering of strings into a rich, symphonic whole. The piece is almost a single unbroken arc, but with enough variety to maintain the ear along its course. There are a few episodes that stand out, like the breakdown of melody at the centre to lay harsh bowing bare, but this is in essence a nineminute climax. The piece reaches its conclusion in a radiant, piercing closing cadence, sealed with a vocal cry from the orchestra itself.

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Conrad Asman (Born 1996)

WROUGHT



WORLD PREMIERE DURATION 7 minutes

The occupation of shipbuilding, especially the type undertaken by the men and women of Glasgow and towns along the Clyde during the Second World War, inspired the creation of this work.

The piece opens with stark, pitchless material. Every element acts as its own individual cell, and is regenerated in small, minimal developmental stages. This approach is borrowed from industrial processes such as assembly lines and other 19th- and 20thcentury construction methods. The goal: a single arrival point. Like the shipbuilders at John Brown & Co. and other large shipyards, every worker was integral to the final product. This piece, therefore, aims to illustrate how many different types of rhythmic, melodic, timbral and textual elements can, through small developmental processes, build into a colossal output that is, on the whole, larger than the sum of its parts. To further illustrate this, the entire work is centred around a single note – E flat above middle C – in order to fully show all the musical elements and their developmental processes without any harmonic distractions

The work only exposes this E flat during the second third of its duration. From then, a long, gradual approach is made towards a final reveal: the ship has been completed. Through strength and steel, the E flat pedal tone reveals that the piece has, indeed, been built from a single note, representing the single goal of the thousands of workers, builders and engineers who gave their all – and in many cases their lives – along the Clyde during the Blitz.

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CONRAD ASMAN Composer

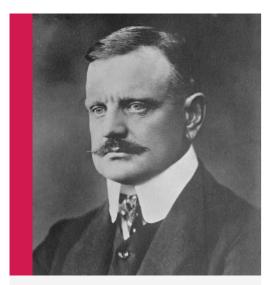
The music of Conrad Asman has gained international recognition as being 'innovative and cutting edge' (*Chorosynthesis*) and spans a wide emotional range from 'heart-rending' (*The Esoterics*) to 'fun and festive' (*Creative Feel*). His works have been performed in Africa, Asia, Europe and America in venues such as New York's Carnegie Hall, the Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University and the Jinji Lake Concert Arena. Engagements with ensembles such as the Shanghai Philharmonic Orchestra, the Esoterics singers, the CHROMA ensemble and the Cape Town Youth Choir have led to his work winning multiple major awards, scholarships and commissions worldwide.

Recently, Conrad worked with the RSNO during their 2020/21 Composers' Hub scheme with composers Stuart MacRae and Roxanna Panufnik. He is currently pursuing a Doctoral degree in music at the Royal Academy of Music, and is working on a new opera, an orchestral work for the London Philharmonic Orchestra and chamber music for members of the Riot and Nash ensembles.

Conrad lives with his partner, LeOui, and they both enjoy creative pastimes such as listening to opera, drinking wine and arguing!

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Jean Sibelius (1865-1957) VALSE TRISTE Op44 No1



FIRST PERFORMANCE Helsinki, 25 April 1904 DURATION 5 minutes

Much of Sibelius' inspiration was drawn initially from his native Finnish soil – most notably the epic historical saga, *Kalevala*. Yet during an unusually frank discussion with the composer Gustav Mahler in 1907, he insisted that one thing is paramount: 'the profound logic that binds together all the inner motifs'. Like Rachmaninov and Elgar, Sibelius felt increasingly estranged from the radical artistic and social changes of the period and had little time for the modernist tendencies of Schoenberg and Stravinsky. The vast aesthetic gulf between these great men is brought home by the latter's waspish quip: 'Five thousand lakes do not make a symphony!'

The deeply melancholic Valse triste began life as part of the incidental music to Arvid Järnefelt's 1903 play *Kuolema* (Death). The particular scene that inspired it features a dying woman, who sits dejectedly, looking back over her long life, recollecting in particular the waltzes of her youth that then seemed so seductive. The music announces the approach of her own death. In 1904 Sibelius revised the piece as a standalone work.

Sibelius was paid a derisory one-off fee by astute music publishers Breitkopf & Härtel, who proceeded to make a small fortune from the profits. As a result, Sibelius became determined to try and recreate this success for his own financial gain, yet never quite succeeded.

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Christopher Gough (Born 1991) CLYDEBANK '41

FIRST PERFORMANCE YouTube: Glasgow, 14 March 2021 DURATION 14 minutes

Clydebank '41 was commissioned to commemorate the 80th anniversary of the Clydebank Blitz of 13 and 14 March 1941. It has four movements.

1 Pathé Newsree

A musical tableau which demonstrates how news items were often a source of positive propaganda during the Second World War throughout the UK in order to boost morale. In the late 1930s and early '40s Glasgow had over 100 cinemas, and newsreels screened in them were a popular means of keeping the public up to date on current affairs. The irony of the newsreel's unashamed pomp and circumstance is that - with memories of the First World War still fresh in the people of Glasgow's minds - the sentiment towards yet another war and its attendant imperialism was quite the opposite among the public. These were the people who would suffer the dreadful repercussions. For that reason, this movement fades and distorts into the reality of the second movement.

2 The Steady Grind of Wartime Life

Factories in Clydebank had become not only the beating heart of the community – John Brown & Co. had 5,000 employees and Singer's sewing-machine works 14,000 at their peak – but also essential resources for the war effort. On top of daily working life, a familiar sound to the people of Clydebank would be that of the air-raid sirens, either as part of a drill or to alert a sighting of a distant enemy aircraft. As anxiety-provoking as this may have been, the sirens became so commonplace as not to be taken seriously by many, even on the night of 13 March.

3 The Blitz comes to Clydebank

After hearing music in the second movement which has masqueraded as air-raid sirens, we now hear the real thing, the siren that wails true. On the nights of 13 and 14 March 1941, Clydebank suffered the most devastating air attack ever to take place on Scottish soil. Luftwaffe bombers dropped 500 metric tons of high explosives and more than 2,000 incendiary devices. Although their main targets were the armaments factories, civilian casualties were extremely high, with 528 dead and 617 seriously injured.

4 Desolation

The final movement endeavours to convey the utter despair, sadness and defeat that must have been felt in the aftermath of the Clydebank Blitz. Whole families had been wiped out, many made homeless, and entire streets razed to the ground. Shockingly, press coverage of the event was ordered to be absolutely minimal, in order not to affect morale in the rest of the country. This meant that many soldiers from Clydebank on active duty only found out about its destruction on return home on leave. At the end of this movement, a solo trumpet echoes a theme from the second movement. That theme is a traditional folk song, Banks of the Clyde. Its last verse is the reason it is used in this piece:

- On the banks of the Clyde there's a heartbroken mother. They told her of how the great victory
- was won.
- But the glory of England to her meant no other,
- The glory to her meant the loss of her son.

War will always cause the people to suffer, and rarely the powers that wield it.

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CHRISTOPHER GOUGH Composer



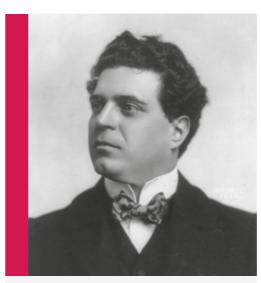
Christopher Gough has been Principal Horn of the RSNO since 2016. He studied French horn and composition at the Royal Conservatoire of Scotland from 2010 to 2014 and after graduating quickly gained prominence in the Scottish freelance scene, regularly performing with the RSNO, BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra, Scottish Opera and Scottish Ballet. He guests as Principal with many of the other leading UK orchestras.

As a composer and arranger, Christopher is in high demand. Prizes include the Music for Youth Composers' Prize and the RNCM Young Composer for Brass Band, and runner-up for the Associated Board International Young Composers' Competition. Having taken a year's sabbatical from playing the horn in order to develop further his skills as a composer, in July 2020 Christopher graduated from Berklee College of Music Valencia with a Master's in scoring for film, television and videogames. On graduation, he was selected for the 'Outstanding Scholar Award', as recognition of his studies and success during the course.

Christopher's works have featured in many notable concert series, including at the St Magnus Festival, the RSNO Chamber Series, the RSNO 2020 Digital Season (Three Belarusian Folk Songs, premiered by the Orchestra's Principal Cello Aleksei Kiseliov), Cottier Chamber Project and annual British Horn Society conference. He continues to write alongside his successful career as a professional French hornist.

The creation of *Clydebank* '41 was supported by **West Dunbartonshire Council Culture Committee**, as well as the **John Ellerman Foundation** as part of the Scotch Snaps series. The piece was also part of the RSNO's Polska Scotland 2020:21 series, which was supported by the **Adam Mickiewicz Institute** as part of the international cultural programme marking the centenary of Poland's regaining independence and by the **Consulate General of the Republic of Poland in Edinburgh**. Financed by the **Ministry of Culture**, **National Heritage and Sport of the Republic of Poland** as part of the Multi-annual Programme **NIEPODLEGŁA 2017-2022**.

Pietro Mascagni (1863-1945) INTERMEZZO SINFONICO from Cavalleria rusticana



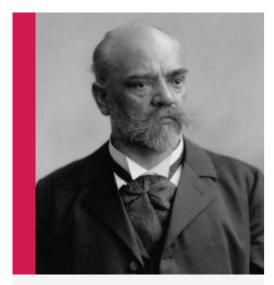
FIRST PERFORMANCE Rome, 17 May 1890 DURATION 4 minutes

Mascagni, who at one point looked set to follow his father into the family's bakery business, might well have become one of the 'also-rans' of musical history if it hadn't been for the devoted support of his wife, Lina. It was she who in 1890 encouraged him to enter the prestigious Milan publishing house Sonzogno's competition for a one-act opera. Mascagni worked feverishly – up to 18 hours a day – to meet the deadline; yet at one point it looked as though he was going to send in the final act of his recently completed opera, *Guglielmo Ratcliff*. Once again Lina interceded, and secretly posted off *Cavalleria rusticana* instead. The rest, as they say, is history.

One half of the popular operatic double-act *Cav and Pag* (the other being Leoncavallo's *I Pagliacci*), *Cavalleria rusticana* sees Santuzza, a Sicilian village girl, telling Alfio of an affair between the latter's wife, Lola, and Turiddu, a young soldier. This sets in motion a blazingly impassioned melodrama that climaxes in Alfio killing Turiddu in a duel. As a result, Santuzza, who had previously been seduced and then deserted by Turiddu, exacts her own sweet revenge. The heart-warming orchestral Intermezzo represents an oasis of calm reflection before the tragic events of the final scene begin to unfold.

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Antonín Dvořák (1841–1904) SLAVONIC DANCES Op46



FIRST PERFORMANCE Prague, 8 September 1901 DURATION 14 minutes

No2 Allegretto scherzando in E Minor No3 Poco allegro in A flat Major No8 Presto in G Minor

Barely known outside his homeland beforehand, Dvořák's first set of *Slavonic Dances* made him a household name throughout Europe. The lifelong friendship and influence of Brahms was to prove crucial at this time, especially as he secured Dvořák a contract with celebrated music publishers Simrock. In fact, it was Fritz Simrock who originally suggested to Dvořák that he might like to compose a set of nationalistic Czech miniatures in the manner of Brahms' *Hungarian Dances*.

Dvořák was paid a miserly 300 marks for the Op46 set of eight, but having made a handsome profit the first time around, Simrock was forced to pay 3,000 for the second set, Op72! Originally composed for piano duet – thereby ensuring healthy domestic sales – the *Slavonic Dances* were immediately orchestrated at Simrock's request. Despite their extraordinary popularity today, Dvořák was apparently less than happy with their transition from the drawing room to the concert hall, noting with some dissatisfaction that they now 'sounded like the devil'.

The Slavonic Dances contrast music of great energy with inspiration of a more reflective nature. The easy spontaneity of their general mood reflects the blistering speed at which they were composed – the first set was ready in just six weeks. The original, two-piano sketches are covered in flurries of excited annotations, including handwritten reminders such as 'left-hand figuration' and 'melody in the bass'. The first orchestral performance of the complete set was given in celebration of Dvořák's 60th birthday on 8 September 1901, conducted by Karel Kovařovic.

Tonight's selection opens with the second dance in the set, a dumka (literally, 'thought'), which strictly speaking originated in the Ukraine, followed by a delightful polka, characterised by a series of half-jumps. To finish, the last in the set, a lively furiant, whose indelible cross-rhythms are relished by Dvořák to the full.

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JONATHAN BLOXHAM Conductor



Since taking up conducting in 2015 in his mid-20s, former cellist Jonathan Bloxham has swiftly made his mark as a conductor of 'accomplished technique, innate musicianship, with a natural rapport with orchestras and a deep knowledge and understanding of the symphonic repertoire' (Paavo Järvi).

He was Assistant Conductor at the City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra from 2016 to 2018 and has since conducted a wide range of orchestras, most notably the Deutsche Kammerphilharmonie Bremen, BBC Scottish Symphony, Basque National, Lausanne Chamber and Malaysian Philharmonic. During the 2019/20 season he debuted with the BBC National Orchestra of Wales, Orchestre Philharmonique du Luxembourg and Tapiola Sinfonietta, and with Glyndebourne Touring Opera for its production of Verdi's *Rigoletto*.

Artistic Director of the Northern Chords Festival, Jonathan has commissioned young composers such as Vlad Maistorovici, Jack Sheen and Freya Waley Cohen. Jonathan studied conducting with Sian Edwards, Michael Seal, Nicolas Pasquet and Paavo Järvi, after having learnt the cello at The Yehudi Menuhin School and Guildhall School of Music and Drama. He made his concerto debut at the Berlin Philharmonie in 2012.

ROYAL SCOTTISH NATIONAL ORCHESTRA



Formed in 1891 as the Scottish Orchestra, the company became the Scottish National Orchestra in 1950, and was awarded Royal Patronage in 1977. The Orchestra's artistic team is led by Danish conductor Thomas Søndergård, who was appointed RSNO Music Director in October 2018, having previously held the position of Principal Guest Conductor. Hong Kong-born conductor Elim Chan succeeds Søndergård as Principal Guest Conductor.

The RSNO performs across Scotland, including concerts in Glasgow, Edinburgh, Dundee, Aberdeen, Perth and Inverness. The Orchestra appears regularly at the Edinburgh International Festival and the BBC Proms, and has made recent tours to the USA, China and Europe.

The Orchestra is joined for choral performances by the RSNO Chorus, directed by Gregory Batsleer. The RSNO Chorus evolved from a choir formed in 1843 to sing the first full performance of Handel's *Messiah* in Scotland. Today, the RSNO Chorus is one of the most distinguished large symphonic choruses in Britain. The Chorus has performed nearly every work in the standard choral repertoire, along with contemporary works by composers including John Adams, Howard Shore and James MacMillan.

Formed in 1978 by Jean Kidd, the acclaimed RSNO Junior Chorus, under its director Patrick

Barrett, also performs regularly alongside the Orchestra. Boasting a membership of over 400 members aged from 7 to 18, it has built up a considerable reputation singing under some of the world's most distinguished conductors and appearing on radio and television.

The RSNO has a worldwide reputation for the quality of its recordings, receiving a 2020 Gramophone Classical Music Award for Chopin's Piano Concertos (soloist: Benjamin Grosvenor), conducted by Elim Chan; two Diapason d'Or awards for Symphonic Music (Denève/Roussel 2007; Denève/Debussy 2012) and eight GRAMMY Awards nominations. Over 200 releases are available, including the complete symphonies of Sibelius (Gibson), Prokofiev (Järvi), Glazunov (Serebrier), Nielsen and Martinů (Thomson) and Roussel (Denève) and the major orchestra works of Debussy (Denève). Thomas Søndergård's debut recording with the RSNO, of Strauss' *Ein Heldenleben*, was released in 2019.

The RSNO's pioneering learning and engagement programme, Music for Life, aims to engage the people of Scotland with music across key stages of life: Early Years, Nurseries and Schools, Teenagers and Students, Families, Accessing Lives, Working Lives and Retired and Later Life. The team is committed to placing the Orchestra at the centre of Scottish communities via workshops and annual residencies.

ON STAGE

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CELLO

Betsy Taylor Associate PRINCIPAL Rachael Lee Sarah Digger Julia Sompolinska Miranda Phythian-Adams Madelyn Kowakski

DOUBLE BASS

Lynda Houghton GUEST PRINCIPAL Margarida Castro Michael Rae Sophie Butler

FLUTE

Katherine Bryan PRINCIPAL Janet Richardson PRINCIPAL PICCOLO

OBOE

Adrian Wilson PRINCIPAL Henry Clay PRINCIPAL COR ANGLAIS

CLARINET

Jean Johnson guest principal Duncan Swindells principal bass clarinet

BASSOON

Luis Eisen Associate PRINCIPAL Paolo Dutto PRINCIPAL CONTRABASSOON

HORN

Christopher Gough PRINCIPAL Alison Murray Andrew McLean David McClenaghan Andrew Saunders

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The absence of live performance and the separation of musicians from the stage make these difficult times for all. It has reinforced for us all how vital music is in helping us overcome hardship, fear and loneliness. The creativity and dedication shown by RSNO musicians in recent months has been incredible. This is despite the pattern of our working lives being dramatically interrupted and being separated, not just from one another, but also from our audiences and communities. I hope you will choose to support us now as we adapt and embark upon this next chapter in RSNO history.

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Thomas Søndergård MUSIC DIRECTOR, RSNO

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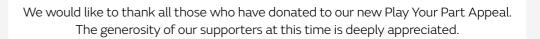
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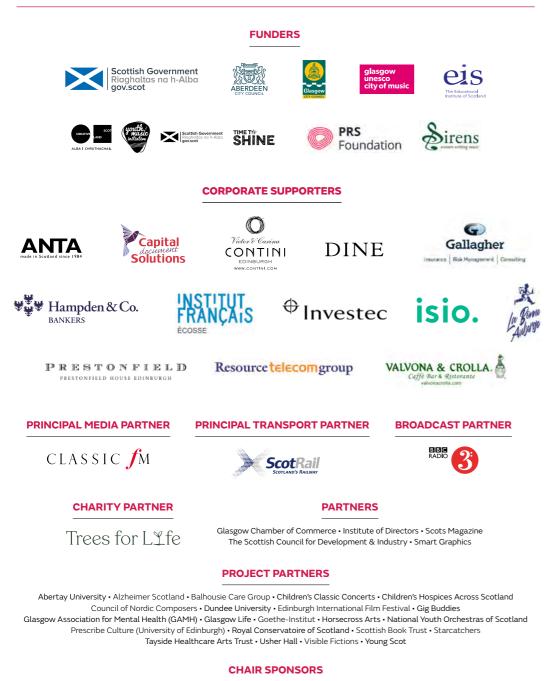
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