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Orchestras assemble! The BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra and Royal Scottish National Orchestra combine forces to mark the 2022 Association of British Orchestras Conference in Glasgow. María Dueñas is the youthful soloist in Shostakovich's Soviet thriller of a Violin Concerto, and there's a UK premiere too from Canadian composer Samy Moussa. Then get ready for blast-off as our double-orchestra brings John Adams' high-octane masterpiece *Harmonielehre* to vivid life, inspired by his dream of an oil tanker sailing into the San Francisco sky.

SAMY MOUSSA Elysium [12'] UK PREMIERE **SHOSTAKOVICH** Violin Concerto No1 in A Minor Op77 [39']

INTERVAL

JOHN ADAMS Harmonielehre [41']

Kevin John Edusei Conductor

María Dueñas Violin

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WELCOME

Welcome to the Glasgow Royal Concert Hall for this concert featuring the combined forces of the BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra and the Royal Scottish National Orchestra, presented as part of the annual conference of the Association of British Orchestras. The performance is being broadcast live by BBC Radio 3

It has been an incredibly difficult couple of years for the performing arts, so we are delighted that colleagues from around the UK are once again able to gather in person to discuss the many challenges that will face orchestras and musicians in the years ahead.

This evening's concert begins with the UK premiere of Samy Moussa's *Elysium*, cocommissioned by the BBC SSO and RSNO, along with other partners, and first performed in September 2021 by Christian Thielemann and the Vienna Philharmonic. Moussa is one of the most dynamic and exciting musicians in classical music, with a growing reputation as both conductor and composer.

The brilliant young violinist María Dueñas, a BBC Young Generation Artist, joins the orchestras for Shostakovich's first Violin Concerto, before Kevin John Edusei leads a performance of John Adams' epic musical dream Harmonielehre

It has been a long time since so many musicians shared a Scottish stage and we hope this evening will be a welcome reminder of the power and excitement that largescale orchestral music can generate. Digital platforms have been invaluable in staying connected to audiences during the pandemic but there's nothing quite like hearing a huge symphony orchestra live!

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FROM THE ARCHIVES

Scottish orchestras are familiar with the idea of combining forces with other groups, notable examples including the BBC SSO's pioneering work with the young people of Big Noise – Sistema Scotland and the RSNO's innovative Young Creatives programme. It is a special occasion, however, when the professional musicians themselves team up, the most recent being in 2014 as part of Glasgow's Commonwealth Games cultural programme, in a concert conducted by Martyn Brabbins featuring violinist Nicola Benedetti with the combined forces of the BBC SSO and RSNO.

The two organisations in tonight's performance have been joining forces every now and then since their earliest days, and archived programme collections reveal joint BBC and RSNO (or SNO/Scottish Orchestra) concerts in 1941 and 1952, the former conducted by (then) Musical Director of the British Broadcasting Corporation Sir Adrian Boult, with a fascinating selection of works which might be considered somewhat unusual by today's artistic planners!



THIRTEENTH SUNDAY CONCERT SUNDAY AFTERNOON, 2ND FEBRUARY, 1941 ORCHESTRA OF 98 PERFORMERS THE SCOTTISH ORCHESTRA THE B.B.C. SCOTTISH ORCHESTRA Guest Conductor—Sir ADRIAN BOULT, Musical Director of The British Broadcasting Corporation DROGRAMME THE NATIONAL ANTHEM. 1. OVERTURE, "Tannhäuser," 2. SYMPHONY No. 5, in E minor, "From the New World," (Op. 95), Droråk INTERVAL OF TEN MINUTES. PART SECOND. 3. VARIATIONS FOR ORCHESTRA, "Enigma" 4. SYMPHONIC POEM, "Vitava" (The Moldau), _____ Smetona Scenus Depicted. (a) The two sources of the River Vitava. (b) A Chase in the Forest. (c) A Peasant's Wedding. (d) Mooollight and Dance of Nymphs. (f) The St. Johann Rapids. (f) The St. Johann Rapids. (g) Vyschrad. 5. POLKA AND FUGUE from "Schwanda, the Bagpiper," We inhergerLight Refreshments served during the Interval.

P	gramme
	God save the Queen
	VAL OVERTURE ON STUDENTS' ONGS, "Academic" (Op. 80)
PRELU	DDE, "Tristan and Isolde"
	EL " SYMPHONY, for five voices and Orchestra
1	S: JOAN ALEXANDER, MARY ALEXANDER, FLORA SLYTHMAN, WINIFRED BUSFIELD AND ALEXANDER CARMICHAEL.
	INTERVAL
SUITE	DE BALLET, "Sylvia"
	Prelude: The Huntress
	Intermezzo and Slow Waltz
	Pizzicato: Dance of Slaves Procession of Bacchus
TONE	POEM, "En Saga"
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OVER	TURE SOLENNELLE, " 1812 "Tchaikovsky

Samy Moussa (Born 1984)

ELYSIUM

FIRST PERFORMANCE

Vienna, 18 September 2021

UK PREMIERE

DURATION 12 minutes

Elysium; the everlasting paradise where heroes dwell. The pre-Hellenic Elysian Fields feature many of the tropes we have grown to associate with a paradisiacal afterlife, including the absence of time, an endlessly bountiful and peaceful land in which to reside and the presence of divine beings. Its earliest reference can be found in Homer's Odyssey, itself the earliest work of Western literature whose origins as an epic poem date back to the 8th century BCE. While Homer's Elysium is restricted to heroes and demigods, by the 5th century BCE and the time of the pre-Socratic philosopher Empedocles the entry requirements had relaxed somewhat to include the virtuous. This evolution reflects the changing attitudes and increasing upward mobility within the Greek city state as well as the teachings of Empedocles himself, whose philosophy exerts a significant influence on Samy Moussa. Rather than remaining the sole preserve of the elite, immortal Elysium becomes the ultimate ethical aspiration for the common man in conjunction with a new quality of earthly life. This societal change is mirrored in the evolution of thought, ideas and the spoken word that becomes evident throughout what would become known as the Golden Age of classical Hellenic society.

Samy Moussa's vision of Elysium carries Brucknerian undertones and begins with slowly shifting *glissando* chords leading to a leaping accompaniment motif from which a melody emerges. The accompaniment figure accelerates and the harmonic structure from the opening section returns. The music grows in waves and leads to the first climax of the piece.

Following a short transition, the initial melody-accompaniment material reappears in different orchestral colouring. A new pulse enters, growing in speed and volume until we reach the full, *grandioso* climax of the piece, with the *glissandi* from the opening ecstatically transformed. The coda makes use of the scurrying trumpet figuration from the climactic section before the accompaniment figure gradually returns, this time in a much more lyrical guise, to lead us to the conclusion of the piece.

Elysium is dedicated to its commissioner, the Vienna Philharmonic. It is co-commissioned by the BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra, Festival de Lanaudière, Royal Scottish National Orchestra and Vancouver Symphony Orchestra.

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SAMY MOUSSA Composer



Samy Moussa, Canadian composer and conductor, was born in Montréal in 1984. Based in Germany for over a decade, he maintains close connections with his North American roots, particularly with the Orchestre Symphonique de Montréal, Toronto Symphony Orchestra (with which he is Artist in Residence) and Orchestre Symphonique de Québec. In Europe, orchestras he has conducted include the Bayerisches Staatsorchester (Haydn's Nelson Mass at Munich's Opernfestspiele), Radio-Symphonieorchester Wien, MDR-Sinfonieorchester Leipzig, Staatskapelle Halle and Zürcher Kammerorchester, in repertoire ranging from the classical period to the 21st century.

His works have been commissioned and performed by the Dallas Symphony Orchestra, Brussels Philharmonic, Deutsches Symphonie-Orchester Berlin, Toronto Symphony Orchestra, Orchestre Symphonique de Montréal and Symphonieorchester des Bayerischen Rundfunks. Conductors who particularly champion his work include Stéphane Denève, Christoph Eschenbach, Hannu Lintu and Kent Nagano. In 2010 he was named Music Director of Ensemble INDEX in Munich

Current and upcoming conducting engagements include the Toronto and Vancouver Symphony orchestras, Calgary Opera, Haydn Orchestra of Bolzano and Trento and Les Violons du Roy. His composition diary holds works for the Wiener Philharmoniker and Dutch National Opera and Ballet.

He was awarded the Villa Massimo Fellowship at the German Academy in Rome (2018-19), the Hindemith Prize from the Schleswig-Holstein Musik Festspiele (2017), the Composer's Prize from the Ernst von Siemens Music Foundation (2013) and is a laureate of the Fondation Banque Populaire Awards (2020).

Dmitri Shostakovich (1906-1975)

VIOLIN CONCERTO No1 in A Minor Op77



FIRST PERFORMANCELeningrad (St Petersburg), 29 October 1955 **DURATION** 39 minutes

Nocturne: Moderato Scherzo: Allegro Passacaglia: Andante Burlesca: Allegro con brio

After decades not knowing where he stood with the Soviet authorities, Dmitri Shostakovich at last got some clarity from Stalin in February 1948. Unfortunately, it was a wholesale denunciation. Shostakovich was accused of failing to fulfil the party requirements of writing straightforward, uplifting music that glorified the regime. His music was too decadent and too tied-up in developing European trends, a committee decreed.

As that conclusion thundered down, Shostakovich quietly placed the score he'd been working on in a drawer, and locked it. The score was for a new Violin Concerto, a work whose probing and sometimes sarcastic mood would surely have sealed the composer's fate. When Stalin died in 1953, Shostakovich delved back into that drawer. With violinist David Oistrakh, conductor Evgeny Mravinsky and the Leningrad Philharmonic, he unveiled his Violin Concerto on 29 October 1955.

Coming between the Ninth and Tenth symphonies, the Concerto seemed to inherit some of the former's fun and exuberance and the latter's spiritual depth and profundity.

The Concerto opens slowly, with a meditative Nocturne that hauls itself up from the depths with more than a hint of sorrow, a recurring two-note figure stalking the music. Next comes the Scherzo, which introduces two themes with the character of a Jewish folk dance but which also thrusts out, on the soloist's violin, the four notes of Shostakovich's initials (D, E flat, C, B, according to German notation).

A second slow movement follows in the form of a remarkable Passacaglia – a set of continuous variations over the ominous looping bass line, here introduced by cellos, double basses and timpani right at the start (as horns play a countermelody above). When the soloist enters, the Passacaglia theme has moved back to strings. At the end comes a mammoth cadenza – the soloist's monologue. Oistrakh begged Shostakovich to begin the final movement for orchestra alone, so that he could 'at least wipe the sweat from off my brow'.

Shostakovich agreed. The Burlesca opens as the orchestra introduces the wild folk dance that Oistrakh believed wholly Russian. Either way, the movement's unstoppable gallop appears largely uninhibited. But not entirely so: listen out for the ominous Passacaglia theme from the movement before, mockingly thrown into the mix by clarinet, horn and xylophone.

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MARÍA DUEÑAS Violin



With her musical expressiveness and technical perfection, at the age of only 18 María Dueñas has quickly established herself as one of the most sought-after artists of her generation. Since winning the 2021 Yehudi Menuhin International Violin Competition and the Audience Prize, the Spanish violinist has been in demand worldwide as a soloist and chamber musician.

In the 2021/22 season, she will make her debuts with the Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra, Staatskapelle Berlin, Dresdner Philharmonie, Mozarteumorchester Salzburg, Danish National Symphony Orchestra, Oslo Philharmonic, Royal Liverpool Philharmonic Orchestra and NHK Symphony Orchestra, as well as at the Grafenegg Festival, Vienna Konzerthaus and Zankel Hall (Carnegie Hall, New York). As a BBC New Generation Artist 2021-23, she will be introduced to audiences across the UK. A further highlight is the world premiere of a new violin concerto by Gabriela Ortíz with the Los Angeles Philharmonic and Gustavo Dudamel.

María has previously performed with the San Francisco Symphony, Los Angeles Philharmonic, NDR Elbphilharmonie Orchester, Deutsche Radio Philharmonie, Schleswig-Holstein Festival Orchestra, Orchestre Philharmonique du Luxembourg, Spanish National Orchestra, Orquesta Sinfónica de RTVE, National Philharmonic Orchestra of Russia and Lucerne Symphony Orchestra.

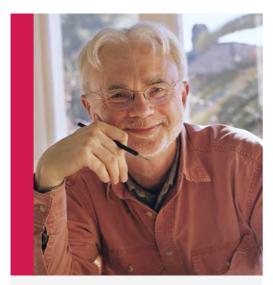
María is also passionately active as a composer and chamber musician. She has collaborated with Matthias Goerne, Itamar Golan and Robert Kulek at the Rheingau Music Festival, Festspiele Mecklenburg-Vorpommern, Schubertiade in Vilabertran, Schleswig-Holstein, Granada International Festival, Colmar International Festival, Arts Square Festival St Petersburg and Verbier Festival. Jordi Cervelló (born 1935) has dedicated several solo works to her, which she has premiered in Barcelona, most recently his piece Milstein Caprice.

Born in Granada, María Dueñas was admitted at 11 to the Carl Maria von Weber Academy of Music in Dresden before joining the class of Professor Boris Kuschnir at the Music and Arts Private University of Vienna and the University of Music and Performing Arts of Graz in 2016.

María plays the Niccolò Gagliano violin 17?4, kindly on loan from Deutsche Stiftung Musikleben, and the Guarneri del Gesù 'Muntz' 1736, on generous loan from the Nippon Music Foundation. As the winner of the Menuhin Competition 2021, she also enjoys a two-yearloan of a Stradivarius violin from the private collection of Jonathan Moulds.

John Adams (Born 1947)

HARMONIELEHRE



FIRST PERFORMANCE
San Francisco, 21 March 1985
DURATION 41 minutes

First Movement
The Anfortas Wound
Meister Eckhardt and Quackie

Dreams have reputedly inspired several classical pieces: take Stravinsky's *The Rite of Spring*, for a start, or Stockhausen's sky-high *Helicopter String Quartet* as a more outlandish example. US composer John Adams, however, has the rare distinction of capturing not one but two dreams in his 1985 *Harmonielehre*.

Adams was living and teaching in San Francisco at the time. In his first dream, he imagined himself driving across the city's Bay Bridge and witnessing a huge oil tanker upend itself in the Bay and blast skywards like a Saturn rocket. Adams' musical translation of this image formed one of the most memorable openings in all music: the 39 brutal hammer-blows of an E Minor chord that launch *Harmonielehre*. And those mighty, pummelling harmonies also offered the composer an exit from 18 months of creative block.

In the late 1970s, Adams had seemingly signed up to the mantra of minimalism with the rippling repetitions of early works such as *Shaker Loops* and *Phrygian Gates*. By the time he came to write *Harmonium* for the San Francisco Symphony and Chorus in 1981, however, he was already describing himself as 'a minimalist who is bored with minimalism'.

What fascinated him, though, were the lush harmonies and lavish orchestrations of composers such as Wagner and Mahler – a decidedly dangerous (and definitely uncool) thing to admit as a cutting-edge Californian composer in the early 1980s. Another composer who held Adams spellbound was Arnold Schoenberg – though it was a lovehate relationship. 'Despite my respect for and even intimidation by the persona of Schoenberg,' Adams wrote in his own notes to Harmonielehre, 'I felt it only honest to acknowledge that I profoundly disliked

the sound of 12-tone music. His aesthetic was to me an over-ripening of 19th-century individualism.'

Nonetheless, after his hammer-blow opening had kickstarted the work, Adams stole the title for his new piece from Schoenberg's 1911 treatise on tonal harmony, itself dedicated to Mahler. Across its 40-minute, symphonic-scale duration and its three extensive movements, what Adams created could almost be described as musical surrealism. Harmonielehre's music slides imperceptibly from the propulsive repetitions and open harmonies of Adams' minimalist style to far richer, darker sounds drawn more directly from late-Romantic music – and plundered entirely unironically (in Adams' words, 'without the intent to ridicule').

There was a danger of upsetting both traditionalists and hard-line modernists with this new piece, Adams accepted: he might be accused of 'stepping on the toes of past masters, while inviting charges of corruption and showboating from those of my contemporaries who were still trying to follow the straight and narrow of minimalism'. Nonetheless, *Harmonielehre* was an astounding success at its premiere in San Francisco on 21 March 1985 (a recording was made just three days later), and it set the tone for much of Adams' more recent music.

Following its ferocious opening, Harmonielehre's untitled first movement gradually winds down from Adams' propulsive minimalism to a slower, more heavily perfumed central section, kicked off by a long, yearning melody on horn and cellos, before bright figurations on piano and woodwind mark a return to the undulating repetitions of the opening.

Adams' slow, sombre second movement is entitled The Anfortas Wound, in a reference to the incurably injured King of the Grail Knights in Wagner's *Parsifal*. It begins in a bleak, brooding soundscape that Adams based on the austere opening of Sibelius' Fourth Symphony, before a long, elegiac trumpet melody leads the music towards two shattering climaxes, the second quoting directly from the painful opening movement of Mahler's Tenth Symphony.

We discover Adams' second dream in the magical, gossamer music of Harmonielehre's third movement, Meister Eckhardt and Quackie, in which the composer imagines his then four-month-old daughter Emily (whom the family had nicknamed Quackie) riding around the cosmos on the back of the medieval theologian. Though it begins blithely and brightly, the music progressively picks up speed and heft, before braying trumpets and horns herald the work's triumphant minimalist conclusion – reworked, incidentally, from Adams' earlier electronic score Light Over Water.

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His 2021/22 season features many debuts: in North America these include the Dallas, Baltimore, Indianapolis Symphony and Minnesota orchestras and at Alice Tully Hall (New York) with the Juilliard Orchestra, and in Europe with the Royal Philharmonic, City of Birmingham Symphony and Royal Liverpool Philharmonic orchestras, Essen Philharmonic and Berlin Radio Symphony Orchestra. The 21/22 season marks his eighth and final season as Chief Conductor of the Munich

Symphony Orchestra. Following his debut with the Fort Worth Symphony in September 2021, he takes up the position of the orchestra's Principal Guest Conductor from the 22/23 season

In 2019 he concluded his tenure as Chief Conductor of Bern Opera House, where he led many new productions, including Britten's Peter Grimes, Strauss' Salome, Bartók's Duke Bluebeard's Castle, Wagner's Tannhäuser and Tristan und Isolde, Janáček's Kátya Kabanová and a cycle of the Mozart-Da Ponte operas. Elsewhere, he has conducted at the Semperoper Dresden, Hamburg State Opera, Hannover State Opera, Volksoper Wien and Komische Oper Berlin. Most recently, he made his debut at English National Opera in a new production of Mozart's The Marriage of Figaro.

In 2014 he was awarded the fellowship of the American Academy of Conducting at the Aspen Music Festival by David Zinman; in 2007 he was a prize-winner at the Lucerne Festival conducting competition under the artistic direction of Pierre Boulez and Peter Eötvös; and in 2008 he won first prize at the International Dimitri Mitropoulos Competition.

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The majority of its performances are broadcast on BBC Radio 3 and BBC Sounds, and its innovative programming and acclaimed recordings have made it the recipient of numerous awards, including four Gramophone Awards.

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CLARINET

Yann Ghiro SECTION PRINCIPAL Simon Butterworth PRINCIPAL BASS CLARINET

BASSOON

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PRINCIPAL
Peter Wesley
PRINCIPAL CONTRABASSOON

HORN

Héctor Salgueiro Stephanie Jones

TRUMPET

Mark O'Keeffe SECTION PRINCIPAL Alistair Douglas Hedley Benson

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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.

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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.

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Thomas Søndergård MUSIC DIRECTOR, RSNO

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