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Patricia Kopatchinskaja is a violinist who pushes the boundaries — and when she plays Stravinsky's brilliant, ferociously difficult Violin Concerto, you'll hear why. 'You can only win the freedoms you dare to take,' she says. 'The limits are in the imagination.' That could almost be a motto for a concert that begins with a new vision of the Scottish landscape from Carlijn Metselaar and ends with the romantic melodies and sweeping vistas of Rachmaninov's Second Symphony. Thomas Søndergård won't hold back.

CARLIJN METSELAAR Into The Living Mountain [8']

RSNO Composers' Hub Winner 2019:20 WORLD PREMIERE

STRAVINSKY Violin Concerto in D Major [22']

INTERVAL

RACHMANINOV Symphony No2 in E Minor Op27 [60']

Thomas Søndergård Conductor
Patricia Kopatchinskaja Violin
Royal Scottish National Orchestra

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WELCOME



Welcome to this evening's concert. We are delighted to have our Music Director Thomas Søndergård at the helm, the first of four visits to the Orchestra he will make during this Spring/Summer season.

We open with the world premiere of Into The Living Mountain by the winner of our 2019:20 Composers' Hub, Carlijn Metselaar. As Scotland's National Orchestra it is our privilege to support the development and talent of young composers. One of the ways in which we do this is through our Composers' Hub scheme, which offers up to five young composers each year the opportunity to work with and compose for the RSNO, receiving mentorship from Scottish composer Stuart MacRae and guest composers including Oliver Searle and Roxanna Panufnik. We are very grateful to RSNO New Works Patron Susie Thomson and the Ambache Charitable Trust for their support of this performance of Into The Living Mountain.

To those who joined us for our performance of *Dies Irae* during COP26 in November, violinist Patricia Kopatchinskaja needs no introduction. To everyone else, prepare to be dazzled by one of the world's greatest artists, back in Scotland to perform Stravinsky's virtuosic Violin Concerto.

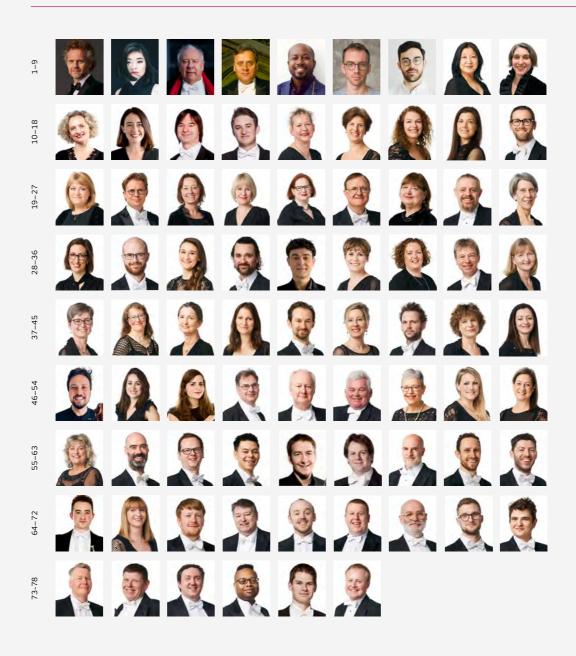
If music be the food of love, then our postinterval offering is indeed a feast to be savoured. Rachmaninov's Second Symphony is one of the most romantic works of all time, filled with luscious melodies – just about the perfect piece to round off this Valentine's week

I hope you enjoy the performance.

Alistair Mackie

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Carlijn Metselaar (Born 1989)

INTO THE LIVING MOUNTAIN



WORLD PREMIERE
DURATION 8 minutes

Into The Living Mountain is inspired by the sense of awe and unease wild places can evoke, so vividly described in Nan Shepherd's book The Living Mountain, a memoir of her experiences climbing in the Cairngorm Mountains, written in the 1940s but not published until 1977. The ideas contained in Shepherd's book of deep connection to the natural world in all its beauty and violence are ones that deeply resonate with me. When I read The Living Mountain I realised its themes tied together a lot of the apparently disparate musical ideas I already had in mind. It was a wonderful privilege to be able to explore these ideas fully in the RSNO Composers' Hub 2019, allowing me to experiment and find different orchestral colours, textures and gestures in order to capture these impressions.

Nan Shepherd writes about her experiences in a way that makes you think she wants to take in the landscape as fully as possible, writing in a way that is both sensuous and very transparent. My piece is a reaction to these kinds of wild places, with their wide views and interesting gnarly details, rather than a straightforward or literal depiction of them.

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CARLIJN METSELAAR Composer

Carlijn Metselaar is a Dutch composer based in Edinburgh. Her orchestral fanfare *Vorfreude* was composed to celebrate the inaugural concert of Andrés Orozco-Estrada as the new Music Director of the Wiener Symphoniker. *Vorfreude* was performed at the Wiener Konzerthaus in 2020 following an international composition competition. Carlijn has also composed for BBC Composition Wales, Uproar: Wales New Music Ensemble, Ty Cerdd's CoDI Scheme with Berkeley Ensemble, London Philharmonic Orchestra Junior Artists, and the LPO Young Composers Scheme, and was the winner of the RSNO Composers' Hub 2019.

Carlijn wrote the short opera *Blackout* based on the play by Davey Anderson as Composer in Residence with Welsh National Opera Youth Opera. She also wrote the cabaret song *Well*, *Actually* about mansplaining for Olga Vocal Ensemble's feminism tour, commissioned by Classical Movements (Washington, DC). Her opera *Martine&Martinus* was performed in the Dom Cathedral in Utrecht, for which she received a grant from Fonds Podiumkunsten (the Netherlands). Through lockdowns, she composed *Lift* for BBC National Orchestra of Wales violist Laura Sinnerton's solo CD *Inner Voices* (NMC Recordings).

Carlijn holds a PGDip in composition from the Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama. Before moving to Cardiff, she studied composition, musicology and music education in Utrecht. She is currently undertaking a PhD in composition at Cardiff University, supported by a Young Talent Award (Prins Bernhard Cultuurfonds, the Netherlands) and a Cardiff University School of Music scholarship.

Igor Stravinsky (1882-1971)

VIOLIN CONCERTO in D Major



FIRST PERFORMANCE Berlin, 23 October 1931 **DURATION** 22 minutes

Toccata

Aria I

Aria II

Capriccio

You wouldn't expect Igor Stravinsky's 1931 Violin Concerto to be much like anyone else's – and sure enough, it isn't. Indeed, it feels a bit surprising that this determined anti-Romantic should even bother himself with a form so soaked in the 19th century – Brahms, Tchaikovsky, Mendelssohn, all that emotionalism and virtuosity.

In fact, Stravinsky thought so too, and hardly knew what to do when in 1931 his German publisher Willy Strecker suggested he write a concerto for the Polish violinist Samuel Dushkin. He didn't think he knew enough about the violin, for one thing, although he had actually already written a prominent role for the instrument into his theatre piece A Soldier's Tale. But his friend the composer Paul Hindemith convinced him that he was better off not being bogged down in the clichés of violin writing, and in Dushkin he found a congenial soul he could collaborate with on technical and musical issues; and so he accepted.

By a kind of lucky accident, Stravinsky had fastened onto what we call his 'neoclassical' style in 1920, when the impresario Sergei Diaghilev handed him a bundle of 18th-century dance tunes to organise into a ballet, which the composer had recomposed to make Pulcinella. Finding in this old music a perfect starting point for channelling a thoroughly 20thcentury muse, Stravinsky persisted through versions of this style for several decades; the Violin Concerto falls squarely into the period. And while the influence of Bach, say, on the Concerto is not glaringly obvious at first hearing, there are many half-hidden legacies in the walking basses, the adapted trills and ornaments, the interplay of instruments, the embellishments of melody.

This feels very brief at just over 20 minutes, but it is a miracle of concision, with a huge amount packed in. The violin is *primus inter* pares: Stravinsky is more interested in the combination of sounds, timbres, instruments – in a setting that feels more chamber-ish than a big symphony orchestra – than in making a standard virtuoso showpiece for one soloist.

Launching straight into the first-movement *Toccata* (the old-style titles were added later) from the call-to-attention chord which begins each movement, the music swings jauntily along above an insistent (if typically unstable) rhythm, all manner of odd characters and distractions popping up all around, snatches of music and action, like a stroll through a bustling fairground: a bar or two of a popular waltz, a droning bagpipe, a free-spirited, open-air feeling far from the unemotional, anti-descriptive ascetic Stravinsky liked to paint himself.

The two contrasting *Arias* that follow play with other baroque conventions, the first with an increasingly fancified tune, the second with a long, almost sentimental theme over some luscious strings, highly untypical of a composer who usually foregrounded the spiky woodwind. The final *Capriccio* is a breathless perpetual motion of jack-in-the-box characters: walk-on parts for bassoon, horn — and then the orchestra leader, joining the soloist in a dancey whirl before a triumphant coda rushes to the end.

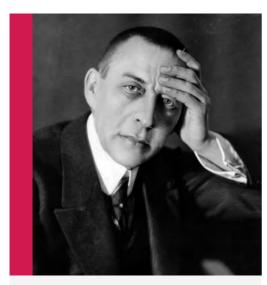
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What was happening in 1931?

- **14 Feb** The original film version of *Dracula*, with Bela Lugosi, was released in the US
- **3 Mar** The Star-Spangled Banner was adopted as the US National Anthem
- **25 Apr** Ferdinand Porsche founded the eponymous car manufacturer in Stuttgart
- **1 May** New York's Empire State Building was completed
- **19 Jun** The Geneva Convention on Prisoners of War, signed on 27 July 1929, came into force
- **15-16 Sep** Due to pay reductions, 1,000 sailors of the British Atlantic Fleet at Invergordon mutinied for two days
- **17 Oct** US gangster Al Capone was sentenced to 11 years in prison for tax evasion
- **27 Oct** A mainly Conservative National Government, led by Ramsay MacDonald, a former Labour prime minister, won the general election, the largest landslide in UK electoral history
- **7 Nov** The Chinese Soviet Republic was proclaimed by future Chinese Communist Party leader Mao Zedong

Sergei Rachmaninov (1873-1943)

SYMPHONY No2 in E Minor Op27



FIRST PERFORMANCE
St Petersburg, 26 January 1908
DURATION 60 minutes

Largo – Allegro moderato Allegro molto Adagio Allegro vivace The first performance of Rachmaninov's First Symphony in 1897 was an utter disaster. The conductor, Alexander Glazunov, was drunk, the orchestra under-rehearsed and the critics scornful. One particularly scathing reviewer, the composer César Cui, described the work as a musical version of 'the Seven Plagues of Egypt' that 'would have brought ecstasy to the inhabitants of hell'. Rachmaninov was devastated, destroyed the score and for nearly three years composed virtually nothing.

Enter Dr Nikolai Dahl, a hypnotist and an advocate of the new psychological theories of Sigmund Freud, who helped Rachmaninov overcome his depression and, in the process, encouraged him to write one of his best-loved masterpieces, the Second Piano Concerto. 'You will work with great facility,' Dahl repeatedly told him, 'and the Concerto will be of an excellent quality.' The doctor's words were prophetic, and the composer's self-confidence began to be restored. Rachmaninov himself premiered the Concerto in Moscow in 1901 to great acclaim, and it soon became one of the most celebrated and imitated works of its type.

Yet Rachmaninov still had to lay that symphonic ghost to rest. His ambition was to join the great line of Russian symphonists – the likes of Borodin, Balakirev and Tchaikovsky – but his single, (unjustifiably) failed Symphony hardly did justice to that tradition. Eventually, however, in 1906 he set to work on a new symphony, most of which was written in Dresden where he had temporarily settled in order to focus for a period on composition (in Russia his work schedule as a conductor was a punishing one).

Inevitably there were difficulties along the way – Rachmaninov was unhappy with

his first version of the work and revised it considerably – but it eventually received its triumphant premiere under Rachmaninov himself in St Petersburg on 26 January 1908, the composer having dedicated the score to his former teacher Sergei Taneyev. Happily, the performance restored Rachmaninov's selfworth as a symphonist.

This abundantly lyrical work reminds us that in the early 20th century, just a few years before the momentous premiere of Stravinsky's brutally modernistic *The Rite of Spring*, Rachmaninov remained a glorious Romantic anachronism.

At the opening of the first movement's extensive slow introduction, cellos and double basses quietly present an idea that is seminal to all of the Symphony's musical themes. As the idea is taken up elsewhere, the tempo hastens slightly and the music builds to a passionate climax. Eventually the ardour subsides, we hear a variation of the opening theme on the cor anglais and, with a little shimmer of upward string tremolando, the faster Allegro moderato section gets underway. This has two principal themes: the first is a haunting, slightly faltering melody introduced by the violins; the second a more confident, major-key affair (there is also a wonderful foretaste of the Symphony's slow movement). The latter theme forms the basis of the movement's tempestuous central section, the end of which is signalled by a brief restatement of the slow introduction's theme. Thereafter. the warmly lyrical second theme dominates, though storminess returns in the coda.

The second movement opens with an energetic figure melodically suggestive of the Dies irae, an ominous ancient religious chant that

Rachmaninov had quoted in his ill-fated First Symphony and which reappeared in several of his subsequent works. This finds contrast in the form of a lusciously lyrical string melody. In the middle of the movement is a breathless *fugato* passage in which the different sections of the orchestra imitate one another in the course of their successive entries, the whole eventually morphing into a reprise of the opening material.

In the third movement, after a few bars of preparation, a clarinet sings out one of the loveliest melodies that even Rachmaninov ever wrote, its tender, gently contoured lines spun out to exquisite effect. The richly lyrical vein continues throughout as the music builds to an ardent climax. The violins take up the clarinet melody but it is the violas who have the final say.

The fourth movement bursts into life with carefree, dance-like exuberance. This finds contrast in the form of a great, flowing melody played by the strings over a pulsating wind and brass accompaniment. Rachmaninov then briefly quotes the slow movement before plunging back into the excitement of the dance. In the movement's central section. descending scales sound out to bell-like effect (Rachmaninov was fascinated by bells and a few years later composed a choral symphony entitled The Bells). The opening dance music and the spacious string theme then return (the latter now crowned by brilliant fanfares). before the work ends in a blaze of brass- and percussion-heavy splendour. If Rachmaninov had any lasting fears that his Second Symphony might fail to resuscitate his career as a symphonist, there is little sign of them here.

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PATRICIA KOPATCHINSKAJA Violin



With a combination of depth, brilliance and humour, Patricia Kopatchinskaja brings an inimitable sense of theatrics to her music. Whether performing a violin concerto by Tchaikovsky, Ligeti or Schoenberg or presenting an original staged project deconstructing Beethoven, Ustwolskaja or Cage, her distinctive approach always conveys the core of the work.

Highlights of the 2020/21 season included a residency with the Orchestre Philharmonique de Radio France, performing Shostakovich with Mirga Gražinytė-Tyla, an appearance at the Festival d'Aix-en-Provence, and concerts with the Bamberg Symphony and SWR Symphony Orchestra. Patricia performed *Pierrot Lunaire* and her project *Dies Irae* to great acclaim. Another highlight was her BBC Proms debut, performing Bartók with the BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra and Ilan Volkov. She also gave recitals across Europe, performing with regular recital partners Joonas Ahonen, Polina Leschenko and Fazil Say.

The 2021/22 season features engagements with the Berlin Philharmonic and City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra, a tour with the Budapest Festival Orchestra, appearances with the Finnish Radio Symphony Orchestra and Manchester Camerata, and her continued residency as Artistic Partner with Camerata Bern

Patricia will continue to showcase the works of living composers such as Luca Francesconi, Michael Hersch, György Kurtág and Márton Illés in her varied and innovative curated projects like Bye Beethoven, and her video recording of Kurt Schwitters' surreal Dadaist poem Ursonate.

CD releases in 2020/21 included Les Plaisirs Illuminés with Sol Gabetta and Camerata Bern (Alpha Classics), nominated for a Gramophone Award, and Francisco Coll's Violin Concerto with the Orchestre Philharmonique du Luxembourg and Gustavo Gimeno (Pentatone). Patricia's Vivaldi project with Il Giardino Armonico, What's Next Vivaldi?, featuring new works by living composers, was released on disc in 2020 on Alpha Classics and received an Opus Klassik Award in 2021. In 2018 she won a GRAMMY Award for Death and the Maiden with the Saint Paul Chamber Orchestra (Alpha). Last autumn Patricia and Sol Gabetta released their new duo album, SOL & PAT, on Alpha Classics.

Patricia held the position of Artistic Partner of the Saint Paul Chamber Orchestra from 2014 to 2018, and is a humanitarian ambassador for Terre des Hommes, the leading Swiss child relief agency.

THOMAS SØNDERGÅRD Conductor



Danish conductor Thomas Søndergård is Music Director of the RSNO, following six seasons as Principal Guest Conductor. Between 2012 and 2018 he served as Principal Conductor of the BBC National Orchestra of Wales (BBC NOW), after stepping down as Principal Conductor and Musical Advisor of the Norwegian Radio Orchestra.

He has appeared with many notable orchestras in leading European centres, such as Berlin (including the Berliner Philharmoniker, Rundfunk-Sinfonieorchester Berlin, Mahler Chamber Orchestra), Leipzig (Gewandhausorchester), Paris (Orchestre National de France), London (London Philharmonic, BBC Symphony, London Symphony and Philharmonia Orchestra), Amsterdam and Rotterdam (Royal Concertgebouw Orchestra, Netherlands Philharmonic, Rotterdam Philharmonic), and is a familiar figure in Scandinavia, with such orchestras as the Oslo Philharmonic. Gothenburg Symphony, Danish National Symphony, Royal Stockholm Philharmonic,

Swedish Radio Symphony, Finnish Radio Symphony and Helsinki Philharmonic. North American appearances to date include the symphony orchestras of Chicago, Toronto, Atlanta, Vancouver, Houston and Seattle.

This season he makes first visits to the Montreal Symphony Orchestra, Minnesota Orchestra and Bergen Philharmonic, and returns to many orchestras, among them the NDR Radiophilharmonie Hannover, Royal Danish Opera (*Die Walküre* and New Year concerts), London Philharmonic Orchestra and Danish National Symphony Orchestra.

Following his acclaimed debut for the Royal Danish Opera (Kafka's Trial), Thomas has returned regularly to conduct a broad repertoire, ranging from contemporary to Le nozze di Figaro, Il barbiere di Siviglia, La bohème, The Cunning Little Vixen and Il viaggio a Reims. He has also enjoyed successful collaborations with the Norwegian Opera and Royal Swedish Opera. His Stockholm productions of Tosca and Turandot (both with Nina Stemme) led to his Bayerische Staatsoper debut, conducting main season and Opera Festival performances of Turandot with Stemme. He made his Deutsche Oper Berlin debut with the world premiere of Andrea Lorenzo Scartazzini's Edward II and returned for Berlioz's Romeo and Juliet.

Thomas' discography includes violinist Vilde Frang's celebrated debut recording (WDR Köln for EMI); Poul Ruders (Aarhus Symphony, Norwegian Radio, Royal Danish Opera (Kafka's Trial) for Da Capo and Bridge Records); Lutosławski and Dutilleux concertos with cellist Johannes Moser and the Rundfunk-Sinfonieorchester Berlin for Pentatone; and for Linn Records, Sibelius symphonies and tone poems with the BBC NOW and Prokofiev symphonies and Richard Strauss (Ein Heldenleben) with the RSNO.

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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FLUTE

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Saturday 11 June 2022







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