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A very warm welcome from the Royal Scottish National Orchestra (RSNO) and the Scottish Chamber Orchestra (SCO) to the Aberdeen Concert Series. We are delighted to be back at Aberdeen's Music Hall for eight inspiring evenings of orchestral brilliance.

Scottish conductor Rory Macdonald opens the Series with the RSNO and pianist Jeremy Denk who performs Brahms' monumental Second Piano Concerto. In October conductor Christian Reif joins the RSNO, celebrating a neglected classic by the American composer Julia Perry alongside dramatic works by Korngold and Dvořák.

Experience Baroque music at its grandest and most exuberant with the SCO in November. The SCO's live wire Principal Conductor, Maxim Emelyanychev, is both conductor and soloist for this lavish concert.

Join the RSNO in December for a family-friendly Christmas concert packed full of your favourite festive songs and *The Snowman* shown on the big screen. Then in January the SCO warms things up with much-loved French oboist and conductor, François Leleux, in a programme of Farrenc, Mendelssohn and Schubert.

There's family fun in February when the SCO and Children's TV presenter, Chris Jarvis bring *The Chimpanzees of Happytown* to Aberdeen Music Hall. Follow the story of Chutney, as he and his beautiful tree help to spread colour and happiness throughout the town.

Elim Chan conducts the RSNO in a celebratory performance of Tchaikovsky's Fifth Symphony and the Orchestra teams up with virtuosic pianist Steven Osborne for Mozart's Piano Concerto No.12. And in April the SCO returns with two concerts featuring some of the most iconic works in the repertoire, Schubert's 'Unfinished' Symphony and Beethoven's Fifth Symphony.

We look forward to welcoming you to a concert very soon.

Alistair Mackie, RSNO
Gavin Reid, SCO



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Sibelius & Brahms

Sunday 11 September 2022, 3pm
Royal Scottish National Orchestra

SIBELIUS Symphony No.4
BRAHMS Piano Concerto No.2

Rory Macdonald conductor
Jeremy Denk piano

Sibelius drew inspiration from the landscape of his native Finland, and there's definitely something elemental about his Fourth Symphony: music hewn out of bedrock and weathered by northern storms. Some say it's his greatest work. It's a powerful contrast to the sunlit romance and bubbling joy of Brahms' magnificent Second Piano Concerto which fills the second half of our concert. Rory Macdonald makes a very welcome return and pianist Jeremy Denk finds something original (and surprising) in everything he touches as we open the new Aberdeen Concert Series.



Dvořák Seven

Thursday 13 October 2022, 7.30pm
Royal Scottish National Orchestra

JULIA PERRY A Short Piece for Orchestra
KORNGOLD Violin Concerto
DVOŘÁK Symphony No.7

Christian Reif conductor
Philippe Quint violin
Big Noise Torry

You never quite know where music is going to take you. Erich Korngold was born in old Vienna but ended up in Hollywood, and his gorgeous Violin Concerto embraces both worlds. Dvořák got the idea for his Seventh Symphony at a Prague railway station, but it grew into one of his most personal (and dramatic) masterpieces. And in Black History Month, conductor Christian Reif celebrates a neglected classic by the American composer Julia Perry: you'll wonder why we don't hear it more often. Plus, don't miss the young musicians of Big Noise Torry as they join the RSNO on stage with a very special performance.



Maxim's Baroque Inspirations

Saturday 26 November 2022, 7.30pm

Scottish Chamber Orchestra

GREIG Holberg Suite

ESCAICH Baroque Song

VIVALDI Concerto in B minor for 4 violins (RV 580)

GÓRECKI Harpsichord Concerto

HINDEMITH Suite française Tänze

VIVALDI Concerto con multi stromenti RV 558

Maxim Emelyanychev conductor/harpsichord

Experience Baroque music at its grandest and most exuberant – as well as more recent works inspired by all its splendour and fantasy.

SCO Principal Conductor Maxim Emelyanychev is renowned for his flamboyant, authentically conceived performances of early music, and he's both conductor and soloist in this lavish concert.

Vivaldi pits four violins, then a whole panoply of mandolins, lutes, violins, recorders and more against his orchestra in two of his era's most extravagant concertos. Grieg brings a distinctively homespun, Nordic flavour to Baroque dances in his charming Holberg Suite, while Hindemith reimagines ancient French dances for a modern orchestra. Polish composer Górecki, meanwhile, conjures up a tour de force of intense expression in his gripping Harpsichord Concerto.

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RSNO Christmas Concert featuring 'The Snowman'

Thursday 15 December 2022, 7.30pm
Royal Scottish National Orchestra

HOWARD BLAKE The Snowman

Neil Ferris conductor

Join the RSNO this December for a special feast of Christmas cheer! This family friendly concert is packed full of your favourite sing along carols and festive melodies. Plus, don't miss the magical film *The Snowman* shown on the big screen, accompanied by the Orchestra and narrated by a very special star guest. It's the perfect start to your Christmas.

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An Evening with François Leleux

Saturday 21 January 2023, 7.30pm
Scottish Chamber Orchestra

FARRENC Symphony No.3 in G minor
MENDELSSOHN (arr TARKMANN) Lieder ohne Worte
MENDELSSOHN The Hebrides
SCHUBERT Symphony No.4 in C minor 'Tragic'

François Leleux conductor / oboe

Gripping drama and high emotion in deeply Romantic music – all in the company of inspirational French oboist and conductor François Leleux, a regular and much-loved SCO collaborator.

A visionary teacher, and a fighter for women's rights, Louise Farrenc was one of the most influential figures in French music in the 19th century. Her bold, energetic Third Symphony launches Leleux's concert with astonishing power and brilliance, before colourful orchestral re-imaginings of Mendelssohn's delicate piano 'Songs without Words', and all the adventure of his dramatic trip to the Scottish isle of Staffa in his Hebrides Overture.

Leleux closes this vibrant concert with the teenage Schubert's compelling 'Tragic' Symphony, shot through with all the turbulence and exuberance of youth.



The Chimpanzees of Happytown

Family Festival

Sunday 12 February 2023, 2pm
Scottish Chamber Orchestra

Chris Jarvis presenter
Gregory Batsleer conductor
Introduced by **Aisling O'Dea**

Based on the book by **Giles Andreae** and **Guy Parker-Rees**
Music by **Paul Rissmann**

Chutney the Chimpanzee is on a mission to turn dreary Drabsville USA into technicolour Happytown, but there's just one problem – a very grumpy and stubborn Mayor!

Join us for a host of fun family activities including arts and crafts, wandering musicians and storytelling. Then take your seats in the concert hall for 45 minutes of fabulous live music performed by the Scottish Chamber Orchestra, conductor Gregory Batsleer, children's TV presenter Chris Jarvis and the SCO's very own Aisling O'Dea.

This inclusive performance is designed with a relaxed and supportive attitude to noise and movement within the auditorium. Ideal for four to eight year olds – and their adults!

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Chan Conducts Tchaikovsky Five

Thursday 16 March 2023, 7.30pm
Royal Scottish National Orchestra

ANNA CLYNE This Midnight Hour
MOZART Piano Concerto No.12 K414
TCHAIKOVSKY Symphony No.5

Elim Chan conductor
Steven Osborne piano

Tchaikovsky asks the whole orchestra to play 'with desire and passion' in his romantic Fifth Symphony; Anna Clyne creates a vision of music as a free spirit, running through the night; and Mozart relaxes with friends in a concerto that reveals him at his graceful, brilliant best.

There's a lot to enjoy in tonight's concert, but with Elim Chan conducting, and Scotland's foremost living pianist standing in for Amadeus himself, every note should go exactly where it belongs – straight to the heart.

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Elim Chan © Rahi Rezvani

John Williams at the Oscars

Thursday 23 March 2023, 7.30pm
Royal Scottish National Orchestra

Robert Baxter conductor
Tommy Pearson presenter



With over 50 nominations and five awards, no movie composer has conquered the Oscars as completely as John Williams. And with scores like *Star Wars*, *Superman*, *E.T. the Extra-Terrestrial*, *Jurassic Park* and *Saving Private Ryan*, that's no surprise! Hear all those favourites – and many more – played live by the Royal Scottish National Orchestra in this full-scale symphonic tribute.

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Schubert's Unfinished Symphony

Saturday 1 April 2023, 7.30pm
Scottish Chamber Orchestra

MOZART Overture, Die Zauberflöte

SCHUBERT Symphony No.8 'Unfinished'

JAMES MACMILLAN Eleven

MOZART Piano Concerto No.22 in E-flat, K482

Maxim Emelyanychev conductor/piano

Franz Schubert might never have completed his Symphony No.8, but he packed all the drama and emotion of a longer work into its two compelling movements – as well as his famously unforgettable melodies, of course.

Schubert's 'Unfinished' forms the centrepiece of this wide-ranging concert, with SCO Principal Conductor Maxim Emelyanychev as both conductor and soloist in Mozart's spectacular, opera-inspired Piano Concerto No.22. The dashing good humour of Mozart's much-loved Overture to *The Magic Flute*, and the first UK performances of Sir James MacMillan's new, football-themed *Eleven* complete a concert of high spirits and pithy power.

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Maxim Emelyanychev © Ryan Buchanan

Beethoven's Fifth

Saturday 29 April 2023, 7.30pm
Scottish Chamber Orchestra

BRITTEN Simple Symphony
SHOSTAKOVICH Cello Concerto No.2
BEETHOVEN Symphony No.5

Mark Wigglesworth conductor
Laura van der Heijden cello

The most famous symphony ever written, and justly one of the most admired, Beethoven's Fifth celebrates victory over the forces of fate in an unforgettable journey from struggle and conflict to blazing affirmation. Even if you feel you already know all there is to know about this iconic piece, inspirational conductor Mark Wigglesworth is just the figure to reveal new depths and splendours that might just make you think afresh.

Now an established international figure following her BBC Young Musician win in 2012, brilliant British cellist Laura van der Heijden is the soloist in Shostakovich's dark, dramatic and deeply cathartic Second Cello Concerto. A profoundly moving experience for all who hear it. The playful innocence of Britten's Simple Symphony – based on tunes he'd composed as a young child – complete the concert of darkness and light.



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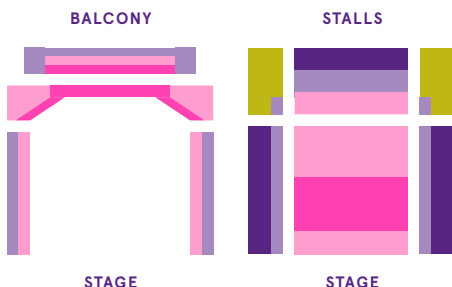
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