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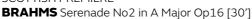


DVOŘÁK & BRAHMS

Even great composers take time off to relax, and Brahms' Second Serenade is music with an unmistakable smile, written for an orchestra with a magical difference. In fact, there's more than a hint of magic about this whole concert, from Dvořák's lively Czech folk tales to Thea Musgrave's hunt for a fabulous beast rather closer to home. With guest conductor Erina Yashima leading the quest this afternoon, we might not see Nessie exactly, but we'll definitely get to hear him ...

DVOŘÁK Legends Op59, Nos1, 3, 4 and 8 [18']

THEA MUSGRAVE Loch Ness – A Postcard from Scotland [9'] SCOTTISH PREMIERE





Erina Yashima Conductor Royal Scottish National Orchestra

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Thea Musgrave Song of the Enchanter **Dvořák** Cello Concerto Sibelius Symphony No5

Tabita Berglund Conductor Torleif Thedéen Cello

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WELCOME



Thank you for joining us for an afternoon of music by Dvořák, Brahms and Thea Musgrave. We're delighted to welcome conductor Erina Yashima, making her debut with the RSNO.

Dvořák's Legends and Brahms' Serenades are perhaps overlooked in favour of their composers' famed symphonies, so it's wonderful to hear the music written by great friends programmed together. Brahms' Second Serenade was written in the years when the ambitious composer was trying to write his first symphony. Such was the pressure and expectation from others to produce a symphonic work that it was some 16 years after completing this Serenade that his First Symphony was premiered. What he produced while he was honing his craft perhaps shows a lesser seen, more relaxed composer at work. You can hear the power and technical brilliance that developed in those years as the RSNO play all four of Brahms' symphonies under Thomas Søndergård during the 2022:23 Season.

This is the Scottish premiere of Thea Musgrave's Loch Ness – A Postcard from Scotland.

Musgrave highlights the humour central to the legend of the Loch Ness Monster, following a day in the life of the beast, with the Orchestra bringing the scenery and weather of Musgrave's birthplace to life. The performance of Loch Ness – A Postcard from Scotland, part of the RSNO's Scotch Snaps series, is kindly supported by the John Ellerman Foundation and the Ambache Charitable Trust, which raises the profile of music by women.

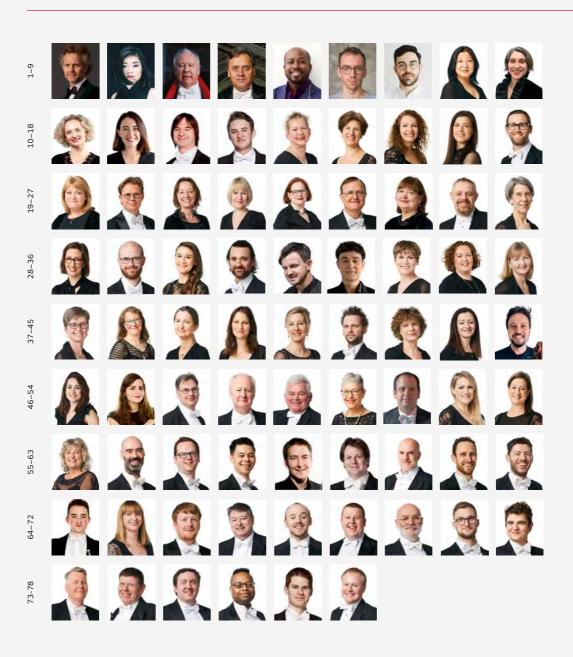
This concert gives us a great taste of what's ahead at our next Season performance in Dundee, Edinburgh and Glasgow (12, 13 and 14 May), which again brings the work of Musgrave and Dvořák together.

I hope you enjoy the concert.

Alistair Mackie

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Alan Manson	18	Sally Davis	51	Alastair Sinclair	7.
Elizabeth Bamping	19	Aaron Berrera Reyes	52	PRINCIPAL BASS TROMBONE	
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Xander van Vliet PRINCIPAL	20	Katherine Bryan PRINCIPAL	53	John Whitener PRINCIPAL	7.
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Harriet Wilson SUB PRINCIPAL	23				
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Wanda Wojtasinska	25	Adrian Wilson PRINCIPAL	56	Simon Lowdon PRINCIPAL	7
Paul Medd -	26	Peter Dykes ASSOCIATE PRINCIPAL	57	John Poulter ASSOCIATE PRINCIPAL	78
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Antonín Dvořák (1841-1904)

LEGENDS Op59 **Nos1, 3, 4 and 8**



FIRST PERFORMANCE Prague, 1882 **DURATION** 18 minutes

When Antonín Dvořák began his ten-piece set *Legends* for piano duet, he had been hard at work on his Symphony No6. Despite having composed prolifically for two decades, only now was he experiencing a long-sought breakthrough.

He had been noticed and championed by Johannes Brahms, the critic Eduard Hanslick and the violinist Joseph Joachim; and his Slavonic Dances for piano duet (later for orchestra), modelled after Brahms' Hungarian Dances, had proved a smash hit for what one critic termed their 'heavenly naturalness'. Until then, the composer, who was nearly 40, had been feeding his family by variously working as a violist at the Czech National Opera, playing the organ, giving music lessons and applying for government grants.

Though the Legends are on one level a follow-up to the Slavonic Dances, they are substantially different: subtle, lyrical and infused with the sense of woodland magic so characteristic of Czech folklore. Although no specific stories are attached, Dvořák builds atmospheres and structural progressions so that each piece has an inner life of its own. The musicologist Gerald Abraham suggested, furthermore, that Dvořák had in some cases derived motivic material from the rhythms of verse by the Czech poet Karel Jaromír Erben.

Dvořák wrote the *Legends* early in 1881 and dedicated the set to Hanslick in thanks for his encouragement. The Berlin music publisher Simrock, to whom Brahms had introduced Dvořák, published the duets that summer and requested that he orchestrate the pieces, a task he completed before the year was out.

Hanslick offered hearty praise, writing:

The title Legends finds its justification in the distinctive narrative and epically restrained tone which pervades this entire series of pieces, now softened to an enigmatic whisper, now enlivened in a colourful portrayal. What the work depicts, no one can probably say for certain yet, even so, we sense that the main role is given over to something miraculous, enchanting. ... The music flows up through Legends from crystal-clear, deep waters, refreshing and invigorating ...

No1's main theme turned out, according to Abraham, to match the first lines of Erben's poem *The Daughter's Curse*. A terse opening section contrasts with a seductive second idea, ending in a tranquil coda. No3, with syncopated accompaniment, is both busy and lilting, drawing to a brusque conclusion. The heroic No4 opens with a fanfare in which Abraham identified the rhythm of Erben's *Song of the Victory at Domazlice*. No8 unfolds in the narrative pulse of a ballad, permeated by hunting calls, then carries us through a wealth of incident – all packed into just a few short minutes.

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What was happening in 1882?

- **2 Jan** John D Rockefeller and associates secretly set up the Standard Oil Trust to control multiple corporations
- **3 Feb** US showman P T Barnum acquired the elephant Jumbo from London Zoo
- **3 Apr** Outlaw Jesse James was shot and killed by Robert Ford at St Joseph, Missouri
- **1 May** The Berlin Philharmonic Orchestra was founded as the Frühere Bilsesche Kapelle
- **6 May** Chief Secretary for Ireland Lord Frederick Cavendish and Permanent Undersecretary Thomas Henry Burke were fatally stabbed by Irish National Invincibles in Phoenix Park, Dublin
- **26 Jul** Richard Wagner's opera *Parsifal* premiered at the Bayreuth Festspielhaus in Bayaria
- **4 Sep** Thomas Edison switched on the power to the first commercial electrical power plant in the US, in Manhattan
- **5 Sep** Tottenham Hotspur Football Club was founded, as Hotspur FC, in London
- **16 Dec** Cricketer Jack Hobbs, known as 'The Master', was born in Cambridge

Thea Musgrave (Born 1928)

LOCH NESS – A Postcard from Scotland





SCOTTISH PREMIERE
FIRST PERFORMANCE
BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra,
BBC Proms, London, 5 August 2012
DURATION 9 minutes

This Scottish loch is famous for its monster – only very occasionally seen.

In this lighthearted work he, the monster (a tuba), emerges from the depths (E flat) to find the sun (A Major) coming out from a thick mist (string clusters, comprised of an octatonic scale built from the triads of E flat and A Major and Minor). As he plays he is warmed by the sparkling sun (trumpets) and by the strains of an ancient Scottish melody.

As the sun goes down, he dives back into the deep waters with a big splash. Then a cool moon rises, a light breeze ruffles the surface of the waters, and all is at peace.

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THEA MUSGRAVE Composer

Rich and powerful musical language and a strong sense of drama have made Edinburghborn Scottish-American composer Thea Musgrave one of the most respected and exciting contemporary composers in the Western world. Her works are performed in major concert halls, at festivals and on radio stations on both sides of the Atlantic.

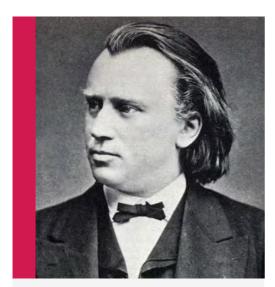
Known for the clarity of her invention, the skill of her orchestrations and the power of her musical communication, Musgrave has consistently explored new means of projecting essentially dramatic situations in her music, frequently altering and extending the conventional boundaries of instrumental performance by physicalising their musical and dramatic impact: both without programmatic content (such as the Clarinet Concerto, the Horn Concerto, the Viola Concerto and Space Play) and others with specific programmatic ideas (such as the paintings in The Seasons and Turbulent Landscapes, the poems in Ring Out Wild Bells, Journey through a Japanese Landscape and Autumn Sonata, and the famous Greek legends in Orfeo, Narcissus, Helios and Voices from the Ancient World) – all extensions of concerto principles. In some of these, to enhance the dramatic effect, the sonic possibilities of spatial acoustics have been incorporated: in the Clarinet Concerto the soloist moves around the different sections of the orchestra, and in the Horn Concerto the orchestral horns are stationed around the concert hall. Thus the players are not only the conversers in an abstract musical dialogue, but also very much the living (and frequently peripatetic) embodiment of its dramatis personae.

Her ten large-scale and several chamber operas of the past 40 years, beginning with The Voice of Ariadne (1972) and followed by Mary, Queen of Scots (Scottish Opera: 1977), A Christmas Carol (1979), Harriet, the Woman Called Moses (1984) and Simón Bolívar (1992), are in every sense the true successors to these instrumental concertos.

Musgrave has been the recipient of many notable awards, including two Guggenheim Fellowships, the Ivors Classical Music Award 2018 and The Queen's Medal for Music. She was awarded a CBE in The New Year Honours 2002

Johannes Brahms (1833-1897)

SERENADE No2 in A Major Op16



FIRST PERFORMANCE Hamburg, 10 February 1860 **DURATION** 30 minutes

Allegro moderato

Scherzo: Vivace - Trio

Adagio non troppo

Quasi menuetto

Rondo: Allegro

When is a symphony not a symphony? When it's a serenade – or a host of other formats that somewhat tug their forelock to those usual full-orchestra, four-movement juggernauts. We might associate Brahms more with the latter, but in truth he took a long time to find his feet in symphonic waters, not least because the long shadow of Beethoven proved a hefty and intimidating challenge. Brahms' First Symphony emerged only in 1876, when he was 43.

Both the serenades were written in the late 1850s. No1 went through a couple of incarnations before Joseph Joachim, one of Brahms' closest friends, advised him to score it for full orchestra. He showed the first movement of No2 to his other close friend and mentor, Clara Schumann, in December 1858, though nearly a year passed before he sent her the full score. Further revisions followed, with some as late as 1875. Clara herself was its dedicatee – the person who had inspired in the youthful composer a love and devotion second to none from the moment he first met her and her husband Robert Schumann in 1853.

The instrumentation immediately sets the Serenade No2 apart from a conventional symphony: there are no violins. This peculiar choice – perhaps inspired by the quartet in Act I of Beethoven's *Fidelio* – gives the piece a special colour, lacking the usual brilliance of the high frequencies and the weight towards the body of string tone. Nor does he employ percussion, or brass other than French horns. The woodwind stand out almost as a concertante group of soloists against a twilit background of lower strings. It is almost like choosing to paint with a colour palette that excludes red and yellow.

Moreover, the work has five movements rather than four. The central movement is its heart, with a sombre, shadowy gravitas that casts its influence across the more sprightly surrounding movements – though the high-spirited finale banishes the darkness in earnest. The key, A Major, is one that Brahms chose for some of his most felicitously relaxed and open-hearted pieces – the Violin Sonata No2 and the Piano Quartet No2, for instance – and the Serenade shares their radiance.

Joachim's orchestra in Hannover held a readthrough rehearsal of the piece in January 1860 and Brahms himself conducted the premiere on 10 February at the Hamburg Philharmonic Society. Although in his opinion it 'did not go very well', the audience proved enthusiastic and, as the composer happily reported, shouted its approval.

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What was happening in 1860?

- **17 Mar** The first Taranaki War began at Waitara, New Zealand, when Maori refused to sell land to British settlers
- **3 Apr** The Pony Express began its first run, from St Joseph, Missouri to Sacramento. California
- **28 May** One of the worst storms experienced on the east coast of England sank more than 100 boats and killed at least 40 people
- **9 Jul** The Nightingale Training School and Home for Nurses opened at St Thomas' Hospital in London
- **17 Oct** The Open Championship was played for the first time, at Prestwick Golf Club in Ayrshire, Scotland
- **18-21 Oct** Beijing's Old Summer Palace was burned on British general Lord Elgin's orders, in retaliation for mistreatment of POWs during the Second Opium War
- **6 Nov** Abraham Lincoln was elected 16th President of the United States, the first Republican to hold the office
- **1 Dec** Charles Dickens published the first instalment of *Great Expectations* in his magazine *All the Year Round*
- **29 Dec** The world's first ocean-going iron-hulled and armoured battleship, HMS *Warrior*, was launched



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Saturday 11 June 2022







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ERINA YASHIMA Conductor



German-born conductor Erina Yashima has been appointed First Kapellmeister of the Komische Oper Berlin from the 2022-23 season. Currently she is the Assistant Conductor of The Philadelphia Orchestra. She has been in this role since 2019, where she assists Music Director Yannick Nézet-Séguin, as well as other guest conductors.

As a rising star in the industry, Yashima has performed all over the world. Recent highlights include her debut at the Arena di Verona and her return to the Chicago Symphony Orchestra, as well as debuts with the San Francisco Symphony, Aspen Chamber Symphony, Rostov State Philharmonic and at the Colorado Music Festival, and a new production of Mozart's Don Giovanni at the Teatro di Pisa.

The 2021-22 season sees Yashima's debuts with the Seoul Philharmonic Orchestra, NDR Radiophilharmonie Hannover, Orchestra della Toscana, Orchestre Métropolitain de Montréal, Albany Symphony, Eugene Symphony, RSNO and Niederrheinische Sinfoniker. On the opera stage, she will conduct Mozart's Così fan tutte

in her debut with Washington National Opera, and lead a production of *Rusalka* at the Theater Krefeld und Mönchengladbach. She will also conduct a performance of Mozart's *Die Zauberflöte* at the Komische Oper in Berlin.

Since 2015, Yashima has been studying with Riccardo Muti. As winner of the Chicago Symphony Orchestra's Sir Georg Solti Conducting Apprenticeship, Yashima assisted Muti and worked closely with the Civic Orchestra of Chicago.

In opera, Yashima made her debut at the Salzburg Festival in 2017 with a production of Der Schauspieldirektor for children. She has also conducted Mozart's Le nozze di Figaro in Novara and Ravenna and Rossini's La Cenerentola in Lucca and Piacenza.

As one of three finalists of the prestigious Nestlé and Salzburg Festival Young Conductors Award, Yashima performed with Camerata Salzburg at the Salzburg Festival 2018. In November that year she was assistant conductor to Zubin Mehta and the Bavarian Radio Symphony Orchestra.

In 2015, Yashima was an active participant of the Italian Opera Academy in Ravenna, working with Muti on Verdi's *Falstaff*, as well as in Bernard Haitink's masterclass at the Lucerne Festival.

As a pre-college piano student of Bernd Goetzke, Yashima began her musical studies at the Institute for the Early Advancement of the Musically Highly Gifted (IFF) in her hometown of Hannover and had her first conducting lessons at the age of 14. After studying conducting in Freiburg with Scott Sandmeier, and in Vienna with Mark Stringer, she completed her studies at the Hanns Eisler School of Music, Berlin under the guidance of Christian Ehwald and Hans-Dieter Baum.

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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Thank you for being part of this wonderful Orchestra's journey, as we adapt and grow towards a bright future.

Thomas Søndergård
MUSIC DIRECTOR, RSNO

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