

HOME ALONE

IN CONCERT



FRIDAY 12 DEC 2025: 7.00PM
USHER HALL, EDINBURGH

SATURDAY 13 DEC 2025: 2.30PM AND 7.00PM
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A true Christmas favourite, *Home Alone* features renowned composer John Williams' charming and delightful score performed live to picture by the Royal Scottish National Orchestra. Macaulay Culkin stars as Kevin McCallister, an eight-year-old boy who's accidentally left behind when his family leaves for Christmas vacation, and who must defend his home against two bungling thieves. Nominated for two Academy Awards® for Best Original Score and Best Original Song (*Somewhere in My Memory*), *Home Alone* is hilarious, heart-warming festive fun for the entire family!



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Royal Scottish National Orchestra

Formed in 1891, the Royal Scottish National Orchestra (RSNO) plays an integral part in Scotland's musical life, with regular concerts in Glasgow, Edinburgh, Dundee, Aberdeen, Perth and Inverness. The Orchestra's artistic team is led by Danish conductor Thomas Søndergård, who was appointed Music Director in 2018.

The RSNO is supported by the Scottish Government and is one of Scotland's five National Performing Companies. 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 RSNO believes music can enrich lives, and aims to inspire, educate and entertain people throughout Scotland and beyond with its performances, recordings and engagement programmes. Supporting schools, families, young professionals and wider communities, the RSNO delivers high-quality initiatives for all ages and abilities.

Royal Scottish National Orchestra

FIRST VIOLIN

Maya Iwabuchi
LEADER

Lena Zeliszewska
ASSOCIATE LEADER

Tamás Fejes
ASSISTANT LEADER

Patrick Curlett
Caroline Parry
Ursula Heidecker Allen

Elizabeth Bamping
Lorna Rough
Susannah Lowdon

Alan Manson

Liam Lynch
Veronica Marziano
Stewart Webster
Gillian Risi

SECOND VIOLIN

Jacqueline Speirs
ASSOCIATE PRINCIPAL

Marion Wilson

Nigel Mason

Emily Nenniger

Paul Medd

Anne Bünemann

Sophie Lang

Robin Wilson

Kirstin Drew

Colin McKee

Helena Rose

Fiona Stephen

Joana Rodriguez

VIOLA

Tom Dunn
PRINCIPAL

Felix Tanner

Asher Zaccardelli

Susan Buchan

Lisa Rourke

Claire Dunn

Nicola McWhirter

Maria Trittinger

Beth Woodford

Elaine Koene

CELLO

Pei-Jee Ng
PRINCIPAL

Kennedy Leitch

Yuuki Bouterey-Ishido

Rachael Lee

Sarah Digger

Robert Anderson

Gunda Baranauskaitė

Erdem Akca

DOUBLE BASS

Nikita Naumov

PRINCIPAL

Michael Rae

Moray Jones

Alexandre Cruz dos Santos

Olaya Garcia Alvarez

Chris Sergeant

FLUTE

Katherine Bryan
PRINCIPAL

Oliver Roberts

Adam Richardson

GUEST PRINCIPAL PICCOLO

OBOE

Adrian Wilson
PRINCIPAL

Peter Dykes

Henry Clay

PRINCIPAL COR ANGLAIS

CLARINET

Timothy Orpen
PRINCIPAL

William Knight

Duncan Swindells

PRINCIPAL BASS CLARINET

BASSOON

David Hubbard
PRINCIPAL

Jamie Louise White

Paolo Dutto

PRINCIPAL CONTRABASSOON

HORN

Amadea Dazeley-Gaist
PRINCIPAL

Alison Murray

Andrew McLean

David McClenaghan

Martin Murphy

TRUMPET

Christopher Hart
PRINCIPAL

Juliette Murphy

Jason Lewis

TROMBONE

Dávur Juul Magnussen
PRINCIPAL

Cillian Ó Ceallacháin

Alastair Sinclair

PRINCIPAL BASS TROMBONE

TUBA

John Whitener
PRINCIPAL

TIMPANI

Dominick Hackett
GUEST PRINCIPAL

PERCUSSION

Simon Lowdon
PRINCIPAL

Phil Hague

Pete Murch

Robbie Bremner

HARP

Pippa Tunnell

PIANO

Lynda Cochrane

KEYBOARD/SYNTHESISER

Michael Barnett

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RSNO Chorus

SOPRANO

Amelie Masters
Catherine Taylor
Carol McLean
Caroline Cradock
Charlotte McKechnie
Elspeth Waugh
Jennifer Stoddart
Judith Pexton
Laura Gorman
Mairi Therese Cleary
Margaret Mills
Mhairi Hendry
Morag Kean
Morven MacDonald
Roberta Yule
Sally Sandground
Sarah Greer
Seonaid Eadie

ALTO

Alison Bryce
Anne Murphy
Brenda Williamson
Catriona Eadie
Denny Henderson
Esther McMillan
Gillian Downie
Jane Stansfield
Julia King
Louise Reid
Marita McMillan
Marrian Murray
Olivia Howe Gillespie
Ruth Townsend
Sophy Ying

TENOR

Andrew Clifford
Calum Lowe
Cosma Gottardi
David Miller
George Lloyd
Kerr Noble
Laurie Nelson
Nathan Dunsmore
Robert Paterson
Sandy Eadie
Stuart Tait

BASS

Alan Maxwell
Alistair Laird
Andrew Lyons
Graeme Simpson
Ian Mills

Melvyn Davies
Robin Watson
Stephen Lipton
Stephen Penman
Stewart Macfarlane
Toby Reed

RSNO CHORUS DIRECTOR

Stephen Doughty

RSNO CHORUS PIANIST

Edward Cohen

RSNO CHORUS VOCAL COACH

Polly Beck

Stephen Doughty DIRECTOR, RSNO CHORUS

Stephen Doughty was appointed Director of the RSNO Chorus from the start of the 2022:23 Season. Since his arrival the Chorus has seen an influx of new members, and an abundance of varied and critically acclaimed performances, including Verdi's *Requiem*, Britten's *War Requiem*, Bruckner's *E Minor Mass* and the Scottish premiere of Sir James MacMillan's *Christmas Oratorio*. He directed the Chorus on their concert tour to Budapest last month.

Prior to this appointment, Stephen's 12-year tenure as Chorus Master of Belfast Philharmonic Choir included a number of world premieres, most significantly James Whitbourn's

The Seven Heavens and Philip Hammond's *Requiem for the Lost Souls of the Titanic*. Stephen particularly enjoys working with amateur singers; he was Musical Director of Edinburgh Bach Choir and has been Musical Director of the Garleton Singers since 1994.

Away from the podium Stephen is in demand as an arranger and orchestrator, with commissions from the BBC, RSNO, Ulster Orchestra and others. He has also produced arrangements of Christopher Norton's popular piano music for wind sextet, and piano duet, with a new set of arrangements for piano six hands recently published.



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Ben Palmer CONDUCTOR

Ben Palmer is Artistic Director of Covent Garden Sinfonia and Chief Conductor of the Orchestra da Camera di Pordenone and Babylon Orchester Berlin. From 2017 to 2024 he was Chief Conductor of the Deutsche Philharmonie Merck, ending his tenure with three performances of Mahler's Symphony No8.

Ben is a regular visitor to the Aalborg Symphony Orchestra, Arctic Philharmonic, City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra, Hallé, London Symphony Orchestra, Montreal Symphony Orchestra, Royal Liverpool Philharmonic Orchestra, Royal Northern Sinfonia, RSNO and the five BBC orchestras. In 2022 he made his debut at the BBC Proms with the BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra. In December 2024 he conducted the BBC SSO in Seoul as part of BBC Proms Korea.

Recent and upcoming debuts include the Copenhagen Philharmonic, London Philharmonic Orchestra (in the presence of composer Howard Shore), Munich Symphony Orchestra, Oakland Symphony,

Odense Symphony Orchestra, Orchestre National d'Île-de-France and San Francisco Symphony. As a guest conductor he has worked with the Antwerp Symphony Orchestra, BBC Singers, City of Prague Philharmonic, Hof Symphony Orchestra (Bavaria), Hong Kong Philharmonic, Philharmonia, National Symphony Orchestra (Dublin), NDR Radiophilharmonie (Hanover), Rotterdam Philharmonic and Zurich Chamber Orchestra.

Personally authorised by John Williams to conduct his film scores in concert, and acclaimed by Hans Zimmer as 'a masterclass in conducting', Ben is one of the world's most sought-after specialists in conducting to film, both live to picture (with a repertoire of more than 50 films) and in the recording studio. A trumpeter and composer by training, he studied at the University of Birmingham and the Royal Academy of Music, which elected him an Associate in 2017. He continues to be in great demand as a composer, arranger and orchestrator.

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