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BEETHOVEN'S EROICA

Some pieces have tunes so good and emotions so true that they never stop feeling fresh – and tonight's concert is full of them. Conductor Han-Na Chang joins the RSNO for Beethoven's revolutionary *Eroica* Symphony, the great French cellist Bruno Delepelaire performs Elgar's quintessentially British Cello Concerto, and the young musicians of Big Noise Raploch join the Orchestra to open proceedings with a real foot-tapper!

ABREU Tico-Tico no fubá (arr. Colnot) [5'] ROSSINI Overture to William Tell [11'] ELGAR Cello Concerto in E minor Op85 [26']

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BEETHOVEN Symphony No3 in E flat major Op55 Eroica [47']

Han-Na Chang Conductor Bruno Delepelaire Cello Big Noise Raploch Royal Scottish National Orchestra

PERTH CONCERT HALL Thu 8 Dec 2022 7.30pm

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WELCOME



Welcome to this evening's concert.

I would like to thank the fantastic young musicians from Big Noise Raploch for joining the RSNO for the latest of our side-by-side performances in partnership with Sistema Scotland. These performances give students a chance to share the stage with Scotland's National Orchestra and conductors from around the world, performing in front of family, friends and our Season audience. It is so important that children get first-hand opportunities like this, and I know that our musicians always love getting to know those taking part. We were delighted to programme this side-by-side performance within the Perth Concert Series, which has been supported by the Gannochy Trust since 1995.

Tonight's programme celebrates the cello, and I'm delighted that it is conducted by Han-Na Chang, herself a wonderful cello player. With the Philharmonia Orchestra I performed in Lorin Maazel's Cello Concerto, with Han-Na as soloist. She played the remarkable piece beautifully and it remains a fond memory, despite the challenging trumpet solo!

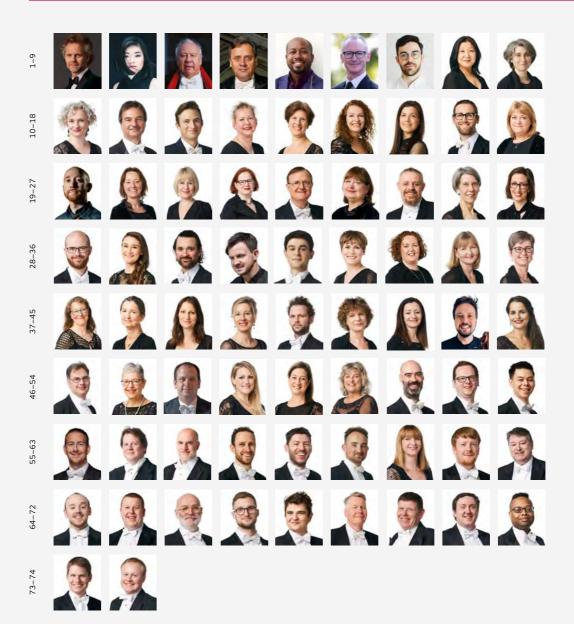
We welcome back cellist Bruno Delepelaire. Bruno performed Tchaikovsky's *Rococo Variations* at our 21:22 Season Opener, a special performance that was our first Season concert back after the pandemic. Though socially distanced and still wearing masks, it felt at the time like an exciting 'return to normal'. Happily, things have continued to improve since then.

Thank you for your support of the RSNO's visits as part of the Perth Concert Series. I look forward to seeing you all again in March as we return with Music Director Thomas Søndergård's Festival of Brahms. In the meantime, I wish you a restful and happy festive period.

Alistair Mackie

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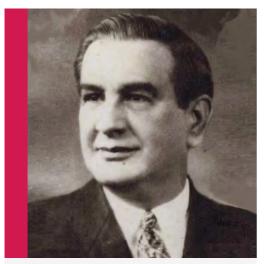
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Zequinha de Abreu (1880-1935) TICO-TICO NO FUBÁ



FIRST PERFORMANCE 1917 DURATION 5 minutes

Carmen Miranda serenaded Groucho Marx with it in the 1947 movie *Copacabana*. Donald Duck samba'd to it alongside dapper Brazilian parrot José Carioca in Walt Disney's 1942 animation *Saludos Amigos*. It's been recorded by everyone from Charlie Parker to Liberace, Ray Conniff to The Andrews Sisters, and arranged for every conceivable musical group, from rock bands to symphony orchestras. Not bad for a simple tune that's now more than a century old – but once heard, the infectious syncopations of *Tico-Tico no fubá* swiftly get into the brain and under the skin, never to be forgotten.

It was created by the Brazilian composer and bandleader Zeguinha de Abreu, one of the country's best-loved musicians, and strictly speaking it's conceived as an authentically Brazilian choro, a supposedly sad piece delivered in fast, happy music. Legend has it that the tune was unveiled to an unsuspecting world, as yet untitled, by Abreu's dance band at a ball in 1917. It sent the jiving couples so crazy that Abreu remarked they looked like sparrows fluttering around cornmeal. When the bandleader asked for suggestions from his musicians for what to call this miraculous new piece. his bassist Artur de Carvalho told him he'd already christened it himself: Tico-Tico no fubá, literally 'sparrow in the cornmeal'.

The piece wasn't published until 1930, but then quickly went on to accumulate a wealth of lyrics in Portuguese, English and other languages. Even without words, though – as Abreu originally intended – it's still got the knack of setting toes tapping and hips swaying, not least when its catchy rhythms and melodies are cast across the kaleidoscopic canvas of a symphony orchestra.

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Gioachino Rossini (1792-1868) Overture to WILLIAM TELL



FIRST PERFORMANCE Full opera: Paris, 3 August 1829 DURATION Overture: 11 minutes

The overture to Rossini's opera Guillaume Tell (William Tell) is one of the most famous pieces of orchestral music. For many years its fast final section was used as the theme tune of the long-running US radio series *The Lone Ranger* and its much-syndicated TV follow-up. In these and the 2013 Hollywood movie starring Armie Hammer and Johnny Depp, a masked figure on a horse rights wrongs in the Wild West with the aid of his Native American sidekick, Tonto.

To some extent this represented an appropriate use of Rossini's music – even if *The Lone Ranger* had nothing to do with Switzerland – because Tell and the Lone Ranger both worked selflessly for the common good and with no thought of reward.

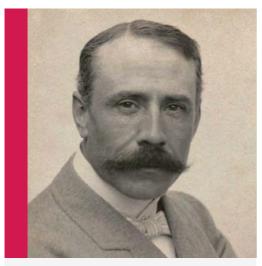
This final section of the overture is a galop, a popular dance in late 1820s Paris that emulated the gait of a horse. Its reappearance in Rossini's overture presumably represents the Swiss patriots on the move, though there's no actual cavalry charge in the opera, whose narrative – based on an 1804 play by the great German playwright Friedrich Schiller – describes Tell's heroic and inspiring resistance to oppression and his eventual triumph.

In every respect the piece is unique in Rossini's output, and indeed in the operatic repertory as a whole, being not so much an overture as an orchestral tone poem in four sections. These represent (1) a sombre but peaceful rural scene over which (2) a storm bursts, and then clears (3) to allow the local herdsmen to play their folk instruments to call their animals in a traditional *Ranz des Vaches*, before (4) the galop brings the piece to its exciting conclusion.

William Tell is an immense and highly original opera, and Rossini was obviously keen to create such an individual overture for what he clearly viewed as an important piece – his first entirely new work written for the Paris Opéra. Ironically, William Tell would also turn out to be his last opera, though he lived for a further 30 years – but what a way to go out!

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Edward Elgar (1857-1934) CELLO CONCERTO in E minor Op85



FIRST PERFORMANCE London, 27 October 1919 DURATION 26 minutes

- 1. Adagio-Moderato -
- 2. Lento-Allegro molto
- 3. Adagio
- 4. Allegro-Moderato-Allegro, ma non troppo

It would be easy to hear Edward Elgar's Cello Concerto of 1919 as a great musical gasp of grief and horror at the losses and sufferings brought about by the Great War, which had finally ended the previous year. Sombre, introspective and anguished, the work appears to encapsulate what the British public must have been feeling as they quietly surveyed the conflict's aftermath.

In reality, though, while the war undoubtedly played its part in forming the music's emotional world, the concerto's darkly reflective mood probably owes more to the increasing bleakness of the composer's more immediate personal, social and artistic surroundings.

As Elgar penned the concerto during the summer of 1919, his beloved wife of 30 years, Alice, began her descent into the illness that would claim her life the following spring. He later described her literally 'fading away before one's very eyes'.

Socially, Elgar's beloved Edwardian England was also fading away, as new, more socialist ideals captured the imagination of postwar society. Likewise, new ideals were gathering momentum in the world of music. Across the channel in Paris, 1919 saw the completion of Darius Milhaud's surrealist ballet *The Ox on the Roof*, its lively, Brazilian-influenced music playfully sidestepping the traditional rules of harmony. Likewise, Prokofiev's first two piano concertos – thoroughly modernist of aesthetic, and tonally dissonant – were already a number of years old. Elgar's implacably tonal, late-19th-century style was beginning to sound dated.

Even so, when the concerto received its premiere that autumn at the opening concert of the London Symphony Orchestra's first postwar season, its intense autumnal beauty should have won it a warm reception. The fact it didn't was largely down to the conductor of the rest of the concert, Eric Coates, who had devoted the majority of the rehearsal time to his own favourite work on the programme, Scriabin's *Poem of Ecstasy*. The *Observer* reported afterwards of Elgar's work:

The orchestra was virtually inaudible, and when just audible was merely a muddle. No one seemed to have any idea of what it was the composer wanted.

Still, even without that Eric Coates-shaped torpedo, it's possible that the work, as gloriously affecting as it was quickly discovered to be by subsequent audiences, still wouldn't have met with an ecstatic reception that night, simply due to its mood. Right at that moment, Scriabin's lushly scored, otherworldly, euphoric music probably delivered the sheer escapism the war-weary audience needed. By contrast, the searing pathos of Elgar's work might well have hit the national psyche a bit too squarely on the head for an evening that was supposed to be entertainment.

The concerto opens with an impassioned cello solo. This solitary outpouring of emotion is eventually overtaken by a flowing, lyrical theme introduced by the violas, which the cello then picks up. The mood lifts briefly for the central section, but only slightly; when the cello reintroduces the flowing theme as the movement moves towards its climax and close, there's no perceptible shift in temperament.

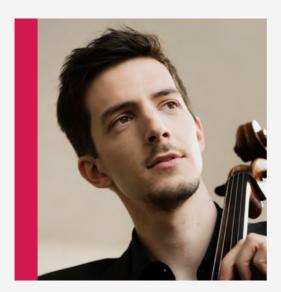
The music slips into the second movement without a break, starting off tense and hesitant, with the cello alternating between plucked notes and nervous bowed statements. The orchestra then launches the movement proper with two sharp woodwind chords, off which the cello immediately bounces and is away, hesitating no more. In the scherzo-like music that follows, full of fast, gossamer-light cello runs, the overarching tension is punctuated by moments of brightness and even humour.

With the slow movement, peace and profundity combine. More than ever the cello dominates, with the orchestra largely the sympathetic background texture. Mournful acceptance appears to be the message of the cello's intensely lyrical song.

The finale opens with a doom-laden statement from the orchestra, which heralds a cello solo echoing that of the work's opening. As the movement continues, there are upbeat moments, and even a gentler theme containing glimmers of hope. However, sorrow is never completely out of earshot, meaning it's no surprise when eventually, towards the end, the music irrevocably darkens. First, the cello reutters a lamenting passage from the *Adagio*. It follows this with the anguished phrase from the very opening of the concerto. Then, the music swiftly builds to its dramatic conclusion.

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BRUNO DELEPELAIRE Cello



Bruno Delepelaire owes the fact that he became a cellist to his grandmother, an enthusiastic amateur cellist. As a five-year-old, he also wanted to learn the instrument. Lessons with his first cello teacher, Erwan Fauré, were formative experiences for him.

Delepelaire later studied at the Paris Conservatoire under Philippe Muller. In 2012 he went to Berlin to continue his training under Jens Peter Maintz at the University of the Arts and under Ludwig Quandt at the Orchestra Academy of the Berliner Philharmoniker, taking up the position of First Solo Cellist of the Berliner Philharmoniker in 2013.

Delepelaire gained orchestral experience with the Verbier Festival Orchestra and Gustav Mahler Youth Orchestra, and as a student of the Orchestra Academy of the Berliner Philharmoniker. As a soloist he has performed with the Berliner Philharmoniker, Bielefelder Philharmoniker, Rundfunk-Sinfonieorchester Saarbrücken, Bayerische Kammerphilharmonie, Berliner Barock Solisten, Württembergische Philharmonie Reutlingen, Münchner Rundfunkorchester, RSNO, BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra, Orchestre de l'Opéra de Nice and Aalborg Symfoniorkester, under conductors including Semyon Bychkov, Reinhard Goebel, Alexander Kalajdzic, Matthias Pintscher, Michael Sanderling and Thomas Søndergård.

Delepelaire has won several awards, including First Prize at the Karl Davidov International Cello Competition (2012) and the Markneukirchen International Instrumental Competition (2013).

Bruno Delepelaire plays a cello made by Matteo Goffriller, on loan from the Karolina Blaberg Foundation.

Ludwig van Beethoven (1770-1827) SYMPHONY No3 in E flat major Op55 Eroica



FIRST PERFORMANCE Vienna, 7 April 1805 DURATION 47 minutes

- 1. Allegro con brio
- 2. Marcia funebre. Adagio assai
- 3. Scherzo. Allegro vivace-Trio
- 4. Finale. Allegro molto–Poco andante–Presto

Whether Beethoven was ever an unqualified admirer of Napoleon Bonaparte isn't clear. But at some stage he made the decision to dedicate his 'Heroic' Third Symphony to the French Revolution's self-made generalissimo and world leader. Then, in 1804, when Beethoven learned that Napoleon had proclaimed himself Emperor, he tore out the dedication in fury, shouting:

So he's just an ordinary being! Now he will trample the rights of men under foot and pander to his own ambition; he will place himself high above his fellow creature and become a tyrant!

When the symphony appeared in print two years later, the title page stated simply, 'Sinfonia eroica, composed in memory of a great man'. That 'in memory' is telling: in 1806 Napoleon was still very much alive.

All the same, Beethoven's belief in heroism and in the possibility of human beings transforming their political destiny proved more robust. It is that belief that remains relevant to the Eroica Symphony. True, the music abounds in triumphal military imagery: the trumpet and drum triplet-taps in the first movement's final crescendo; the eruptive major-key fanfares at the first big climax of the Marcia funebre (Funeral March); the celebratory horn calls in the trio section of the Scherzo; or the exultant timpani tattoos in the final moments of the Finale. But for many the symphony has more to say about spiritual struggle and liberation whether in a personal or political sense is for the listener to decide

The first movement is one of Beethoven's most truly heroic creations, brilliantly conveying the effect of epic conflict. The development of the opening theme (presented by cellos after the two sharp opening chords) is so much more than an abstract process: the theme's adventures in the long movement that follows are more like those of a character in a novel or a play. The movement appears to end in triumph – or at least the promise of triumph; which only makes the contrast with the sombre Funeral March that follows all the more extreme. (One wonders how Napoleon might have reacted to a 'Bonaparte' symphony that contained a depiction of his own funeral.) This movement's emotional range - from dignified mourning, to frenzied hope, to depictions of grief in which the music almost literally 'breaks down' - is remarkable; and yet the formal control is as impressive as the power of the feelings expressed.

The Scherzo that follows is one of Beethoven's most exhilarating symphonic dance movements. The writing for the three horns in the central trio section suggests battlefield celebrations to some, the exuberance of the hunt to others. Then the Finale begins with a terrific orchestral flourish, followed by a skeletal pizzicato figure for strings. Gradually the textures fill out, until the skeletal string figure turns out to be the bass for a joyous theme on high woodwind, then strings. This is the most formally free of the four movements, blending elements of classical variation, sonata form and fugue into a new kind of dynamic superstructure which, at the same time, completes the 'story' presented in the first movement. Beethoven knew he had achieved something special here. Years later, in 1817, when asked which was his favourite among his symphonies, he replied without hesitation, 'The Froica'

What was happening in 1805?

2 Apr Danish writer Hans Christian Andersen was born

9 May German poet, philosopher and playwright Friedrich Schiller, whose An *die Freude (Ode to Joy)* Beethoven set to music, died

4 Jun The first Trooping the Colour ceremony was held at Horse Guards Parade, London

9 Jul Muhammad Ali Pasha founded a dynasty in Egypt which ruled until Naguib and Nasser's army-led coup in 1952

12 Aug Meriwether Lewis became the first white person to reach the Continental Divide of the Americas

16-19 Oct At the Battle of Ulm, Austrian General Mack von Leiberich surrendered his entire army to Napoleon

21 Oct The British fleet defeated a French/Spanish fleet at Trafalgar but its commander, Admiral Horatio Nelson, was fatally shot

14 Nov Fanny Mendelssohn, German composer, pianist and sister of Felix, was born

26 Nov The Pontcysyllte Aqueduct, the world's highest canal aqueduct at 38m/126ft, taking the Llangollen Canal over the River Dee, opened

12 Dec Henry Wells, co-founder of American Express and the Wells Fargo bank, was born

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HAN-NA CHANG Conductor



Artistic Leader and Chief Conductor of the Trondheim Symfoniorkester and Opera in Norway since 2017, and Principal Guest Conductor of the Symphoniker Hamburg – Laeiszhalle Orchester from the 2022/23 season, Han-Na Chang's career spans nearly three decades.

She first gained international recognition for her precocious musical gifts at the age of 11, when she won First Prize and the Contemporary Music Prize at the 1994 Rostropovich International Cello Competition, awarded unanimously by the jury led by Mstislav Rostropovich. Her international career took off, taking her to all the major concert halls and the world's top orchestras as an indemand recitalist and soloist.

Having developed an interest in and passion for the symphonic repertoire during her late teens and early 20s, Han-Na Chang made her formal conducting debut in 2007, at the age of 24, and since then has focused exclusively on conducting. Prior to her appointment as Artistic Leader and Chief Conductor of the Trondheim Symfoniorkester and Opera, Han-Na Chang served as the orchestra's Principal Guest Conductor from 2013 to 2017. She was Music Director of the Qatar Philharmonic Orchestra for the 2013/14 season, culminating in their critically acclaimed performance at the 2014 BBC Proms. In 2009 she founded the Absolute Classic Festival at Seongnam Arts Center in South Korea and served as its Artistic Director until 2014.

As a guest conductor, Han-Na Chang's upcoming appearances include the Danish National Symphony Orchestra, Rotterdam and Oslo Philharmonic orchestras, and Singapore, Atlanta, Vancouver, Detroit and Milwaukee Symphony orchestras.

Her cello recordings, exclusively for the Warner Music label, have been nominated for GRAMMYs, awarded two ECHO Klassik awards, the Caecilia and Cannes Classical awards and a Gramophone Concerto of the Year accolade.

Han-Na Chang was born in Suwon, South Korea in 1982. At the age of six she received her first cello lesson. Her family moved to New York in 1993 in order to support her continuing studies at the Juilliard School, and she has lived in New York ever since. At the age of ten she also started studying with Mischa Maisky, who remains her most important influence, and she counts Mstislav Rostropovich and Giuseppe Sinopoli among the most influential mentors of her formative years. She read philosophy at Harvard University.

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.

The Orchestra is joined for choral performances by the RSNO Chorus, directed by Stephen Doughty. The RSNO Chorus evolved from a choir formed in 1843 to sing the first full performance of Handel's *Messiah* in Scotland. Today, the RSNO Chorus is one of the most distinguished large symphonic choruses in Britain. The Chorus has performed nearly every work in the standard choral repertoire, along with contemporary works by composers including John Adams, Howard Shore and Sir James MacMillan. 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 Thomas Søndergård conducting Strauss (Ein Heldenleben, Der Rosenkavalier Suite) and Prokofiev (Symphonies Nos1 and 5), the complete symphonies of Sibelius (Gibson), Prokofiev (Järvi), Bruckner (Tintner) and Roussel (Denève), as well as further discs championing the music of William Grant Still (Eisenberg), Xiaogang Ye (Serebrier) and Thomas Wilson (Macdonald).

The RSNO's pioneering learning and engagement programme, Music for Life, aims to engage the people of Scotland with music across key stages of life: Early Years, Nurseries and Schools, Teenagers and Students, Families, Accessing Lives, Working Lives and Retired and Later Life. The team is committed to placing the Orchestra at the centre of Scottish communities via workshops and annual residencies.

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Tom Dunn PRINCIPAL Felix Tanner Lisa Rourke Claire Dunn Katherine Wren Maria Trittinger Francesca Hunt Sasha Buettner Elaine Koene Marsailidh Groat

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SISTEMA SCOTLAND



Sistema Scotland is the charity that delivers the Big Noise model, running Big Noise programmes across Scotland. Its work is underpinned by the belief that all children and young people in Scotland have great potential, skills and talents. The charity also recognises that poverty and inequality in Scotland have a significant impact on the support and opportunities some children have to build their self-esteem, confidence and social networks. Sistema Scotland believes that music and nurturing relationships have a critical role to play in inspiring individuals, families and communities.

Big Noise Raploch in Stirling was the very first Big Noise programme. It began in 2008 and works with around 600 participants from babies to school-leavers and beyond. The programme is delivered in partnership with, and is supported by, Stirling Council.

Big Noise Raploch works in partnership with Raploch Nursery, Castleview, Our Lady's and Raploch primary schools in Raploch and with St Modan's High School and Wallace High School in Stirling. The programme delivers:

- in-school teaching and activities for nursery and early years pupils
- an after-school club for Primary 3s and up which has seven distinct orchestra groups
- weekly Baby Noise sessions for babies, young infants and their carers
- an accreditation programme that supports participants to have their work and achievements at Big Noise recognised as part of their formal education record; and
- a Young Leaders programme that supports older participants with decisions and applications related to further and higher education, training and employment.

In addition to Big Noise Raploch, Sistema Scotland runs programmes in Fallin (Stirling), Govanhill (Glasgow), Torry (Aberdeen) and Douglas (Dundee). A brand-new Big Noise programme started in Wester Hailes (Edinburgh) in spring 2022.

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Thomas Søndergård MUSIC DIRECTOR, RSNO

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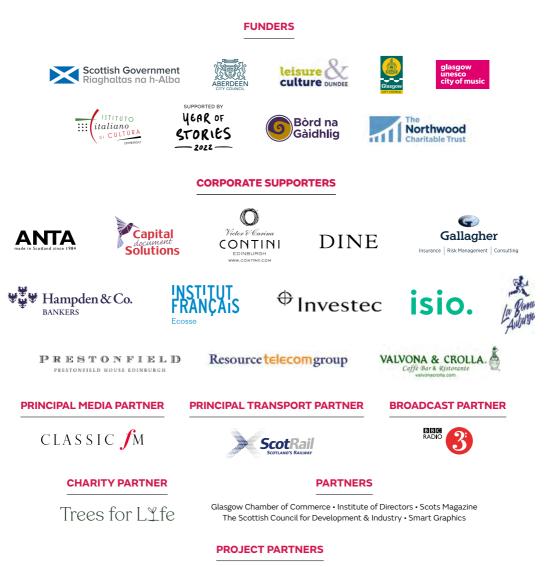
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