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A FESTIVAL OF BRAHMS

One of the Romantic period's greatest composers is celebrated in a concert full to the brim with his glorious music. Music Director Thomas Søndergård explores Brahms' grand, melodic and poetic symphonies, as well as his stirring overture inspired by student drinking songs.

BRAHMS Academic Festival Overture Op80 [10'] **BRAHMS** Symphony No3 in F major Op90 [32']

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BRAHMS Symphony No2 in D major Op73 [39']

Thomas Søndergård Conductor Royal Scottish National Orchestra

PERTH CONCERT HALL Thu 30 Mar 2023 7.30pm

Dedicated to **Dr Robert Lillie** in recognition of the generous support of the RSNO Foundation.

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WELCOME



Welcome to this evening's concert, a veritable feast of Brahms performed by the RSNO under Music Director Thomas Søndergård.

The last Brahms cycle I performed in while I was with the Philharmonia Orchestra was conducted by Sir Charles Mackerras – familiar to audiences in Scotland through his work as Principal Guest Conductor of the Scottish Chamber Orchestra – at the Royal Festival Hall.

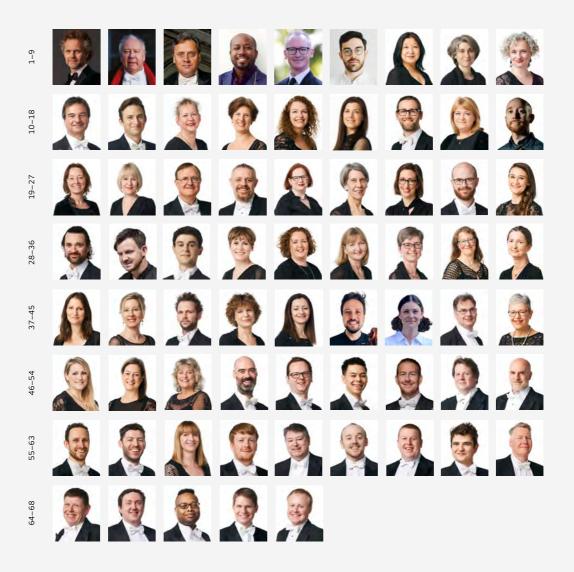
Performing Brahms' symphonies is an important marker for an orchestra's development and an expression of its relationship with a conductor. I can't wait to see what Thomas brings to the stage tonight. Speaking to him about this concert programme, it's clear how passionate he is about performing Brahms' symphonies as a measure of the Orchestra's cohesion and the quality of its collective sound. During the pandemic it was Brahms' music that he turned to for 'quiet contemplation', hearing it in a new way as he was at the time simply listening, not performing. This afternoon the Orchestra performed for schoolchildren in Perth in the latest of our Once Upon A Tune concerts with author and illustrator James Mayhew. Over the past two months the Orchestra has performed for thousands of children across the country as part of the RSNO's free National Schools Concert Programme, which includes the live tour, concert film and teaching resources. A vital and exciting part of our work, I'm hopeful that the concerts will have inspired a lifelong interest in music in Scotland's youngest audiences.

On behalf of the RSNO, I'd like to pass on my thanks to The Gannochy Trust for their continued support of the Orchestra's activities in Perth, including their support of the Perth Concert Series since 1995.

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Johannes Brahms (1833-1897) ACADEMIC FESTIVAL OVERTURE Op80

FIRST PERFORMANCE

Breslau (now Wrocław, Poland), 4 January 1881 **DURATION** 10 minutes

Brahms' own academic training was fairly basic. He never studied at a university and, when it came to music and the wider humanities, he mostly taught himself, which makes the range and depth of knowledge and culture he achieved all the more impressive. But together with his friend, the virtuoso violinist Joseph Joachim, Brahms had thrown himself into the student social life of the city of Göttingen in the summer of 1853, and memories of those escapades – and of the students' robust drinking songs – stayed with him for a long time afterwards.

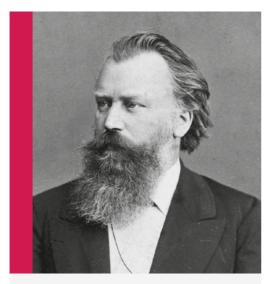
So when, in 1879, the University of Breslau conferred the title of Honorary Doctor of Philosophy on him, Brahms responded by composing an overture which wasn't quite the solemn, intellectually rigorous affair its title seemed to promise. Brahms himself conducted the premiere, in Breslau in 1881, and while there may have been a little tut-tutting from some of the faculty's more earnest representatives, the general impression seems to have been that it went down rather well.

The opening may be subdued and in the minor key, but the muted jog-trot first theme suggests that mischief is brewing. Eventually a hush descends and an expectant *pp* timpani roll introduces something that really does sound grand and resplendent: a noble brass hymn tune, based on the patriotic song 'Ich hab mich ergeben' (I am devoted to you with heart and hand, land full of love and life). Memories of its stately phrases linger as the opening tune breaks out joyously in the major key, leading to a gorgeous second theme (first and second violins deliciously divided) based on another popular fraternity song, 'Hört, ich sing das Lied der Lieder' (Listen, I sing the song of songs), in praise of ideal and earthly beauty.

Next, two perky bassoons launch 'Was kommt dort von der Höh?' (What comes from up yonder?), traditionally sung as part of an initiation rite for first-year students. A condensed recapitulation of these themes marks a formal nod towards respectable textbook 'sonata form', then the Overture does something decidedly unconventional. The time shifts to three in a bar, and through a rich brocade of percussion (triangle, cymbals and bass drum) and surging strings, perhaps the most famous of all student songs, Gaudeamus igitur (So let us rejoice), sounds out triumphantly on woodwind and brass.

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Johannes Brahms (1833-1897) SYMPHONY No3 in F major Op90



FIRST PERFORMANCE Vienna, 2 December 1883 DURATION 32 minutes

- 1. Allegro con brio
- 2. Andante
- 3. Poco Allegretto

4. Allegro

Brahms' Third is the subtlest, the least epic, of his four symphonies. Very unusually for a 19th-century symphony, all four movements end quietly, and there are times, especially in the middle two movements, where the style and expression are closer to chamber music, a field in which Brahms often revealed his most private thoughts and feelings. There are close, intimate dialogues, particularly between solo woodwind instruments, while the beautiful long horn solo in the third movement, with its delicate string accompaniment, is closer in style and atmosphere to the gloriously romantic Horn Trio of 1865 than to anything in the other three symphonies.

Beyond that, the older Brahms' habitual mask of 'classical objectivity' slips more often here than in any of his other big orchestral works. The Third Symphony begins with the wind instruments outlining a rising three-note motif which dominates the first movement and returns to wind up the argument at the end of the finale. Brahms rarely even hinted at personal meanings in his orchestral works, but he did reveal that this motif had a specific significance: the three notes, F-A-F, 'spell' a motto in German, Frei aber froh – 'Free but happy' - an expression of proud defiance, perhaps, by the famously lifelong bachelor. But it's striking how Brahms flattens the second note of the opening motif, A, and adds a guestioning dissonance underneath. The word aber ('but') is therefore emphasised - a shadow of doubt?

Immediately after this motto comes a magnificent downward-plunging violin theme. Its opening phrase is a direct quotation from another Third Symphony, that of the young Brahms' mentor, encourager and, for a painfully brief time, surrogate father, Robert Schumann. Schumann's attempted suicide and final descent into madness in 1854 was a profound shock for Brahms. Much of Brahms' first movement is carried along by a strong, buoyant forward current; but just before the return of the first theme the tempo slows, the mood darkens (telling use of the contrabassoon here) and Brahms quotes one of his own choral works, 'Begräbnisgesang' (Funeral Song), composed not long after Schumann's death. Then, suddenly, the original F-A-F motif returns with full force. It's as though a shadow of remembered grief has passed over the music - so much so that Brahms has to rally himself

and grasp again the happiness of freedom. Schumann may be no more, he seems to say, but his spirit lives on in Brahms himself, as Schumann had once prophesied.

The middle two movements are much gentler, and scored for reduced forces (no trumpets, drums or contrabassoon). The opening woodwind melody of the Andante, with its answering phrases on low strings, is like an idyllic pastoral hymn, but the more searching second theme (clarinet, bassoon, with rich supporting string chords) leads into more troubled regions. Pastoral imagery is also suggested in the following Poco Allegretto. The rustling string figures accompanying the gorgeous cello melody may evoke rustling foliage. The suggestion of a woodland setting is confirmed when the opening melody is taken up at length by the horn: for German-speaking composers the horn is *the* romantic woodland instrument

The finale brings the stormiest, most driven music in the whole Symphony, though the darkly purposeful opening is momentarily interrupted by a kind of brief reverie (woodwind against more rustling strings), followed by a sombre hymn-like figure, pianissimo – more 'funeral' music? From this an impassioned, striving Allegro springs to life. One may be led to expect a noisily triumphant or perhaps even a tragic conclusion. But at the end it is the element of romantic reverie (again woodwind and rustling strings) that prevails, leading to a quiet return of the Symphony's original motto and 'Schumann' themes. No triumph, no tragedy, the music seems to say, just peaceful acceptance.

What was happening in 1883?

4 Jan The weekly general-interest magazine *Life* was first published in Los Angeles

28 Apr The first rugby sevens tournament was played at Melrose RFC

23 May Robert Louis Stevenson's children's adventure novel *Treasure Island* was first published in book format

24 May The Brooklyn Bridge in New York opened to traffic after a 13-year construction period

3 Jul The SS *Daphne* sank on its launching at Govan, killing 124, many of them young boys

4 Jul The world's first rodeo was held, at Pecos, Texas

26-27 Aug The volcanic island of Krakatoa, between Java and Sumatra, erupted; the eruption and subsequent tsunamis killed more than 36,000 people

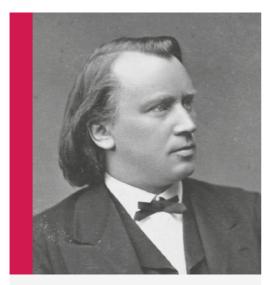
29 Aug The first Carnegie Library opened in Dunfermline, the home town of its benefactor, the industrialist Andrew Carnegie

4 Oct The Boys' Brigade was founded in Glasgow by Sir William Alexander Smith

8 Nov English composer Sir Arnold Bax was born

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Johannes Brahms (1833-1897) SYMPHONY No2 in D major Op73



FIRST PERFORMANCE Vienna, 30 December 1877 DURATION 39 minutes

- 1. Allegro non troppo
- 2. Adagio non troppo
- 3. Allegretto grazioso (Quasi Andantino) Presto ma non assai

4. Allegro con spirito

However robust and combative Brahms may have seemed in public, in private he was prone to painful self-doubt and profound depression. It took him two decades, involving much nervous consultation with friends, to finish his First Symphony. His relief at the triumphant success of its premiere in 1876 was immense, and for a while it seems to have boosted his mood and self-confidence. The following summer Brahms took a holiday at the lakeside resort of Pörtschach in the Austrian Alps, and almost immediately another symphony began to take form. This time the music fairly flowed from him. His close confidante Clara Schumann reported to the conductor Hermann Levi that 'Brahms is in good spirits, delighted with his summer holiday and has, in his head at least, a new Symphony in D major; he already has the first movement down on paper.'

As so often when Brahms was in 'good spirits', he gleefully set about leading his eager friends down the wrong path. To Clara Schumann he reported that the first movement was 'quite elegiac in character'. To his publisher, Fritz Simrock, he wrote, 'The new Symphony is so melancholy that you won't be able to bear it. I have never written anything so sad ... you must put a black edge round the score to give an outward show of grief.'

One can imagine Brahms' smile of satisfaction when he saw the effect of his new Symphony's opening on his woefully ill-prepared friends. The Second Symphony begins - after the tiniest of introductions on cellos and basses - with a horn and woodwind theme that positively glows with pleasure. From this grows a magnificent long first movement which flows like a broad, sunlit river. This is also one of Brahms' most generously melodic symphonic first movements, and yet so many of its thematic ideas grow from the horn theme at the start and from the cellos' and basses' tiny introductory motif. There are a few more troubled moments near the movement's central climax but, on the whole, it seems Brahms has vanguished melancholy and silenced his inner critic.

In the Adagio non troppo that follows, however, there are moments when Brahms' remarks about 'melancholy' and 'grief' may not seem so wide of the mark. The first theme, nobly sung by cellos with a rich bass accompaniment, does have an elegiac quality. After the lilting second theme, the mood grows troubled until, in a moment of eerie hush, solo trombone and tuba sound darkly through nervous tremolando strings. A distinctly romantic vista momentarily opens out, reminiscent of the darkly atmospheric, ruin-haunted landscapes of the German painter Caspar David Friedrich.

The third movement, on the other hand, is one of the most playful things Brahms ever composed. We begin with a gentle, elegant pastoral dance theme for woodwind above a walking pizzicato (plucked) bass on cellos. Suddenly the tempo lurches forward and a racing but at first still mostly hushed *Presto ma non assai* begins. The whole movement is a kind of affectionate contest between these two types of dance movement. The slower original music wins, but as it does so, the key turns minor, the mood wistful, and again a cloud passes momentarily over the sun.

The fleet-footed finale is full of reminders of how much Brahms admired Joseph Haydn, the master of sophisticated musical wit and sometimes earthy humour. There is one more moment of shadowy mystery (more soft, darkvoiced bass brass sounding through rustling strings) at the heart of this movement, but the ending is one of uproarious high spirits, culminating in a great shout of joy from high trombones. Then with four emphatic majorkey chords the Symphony Brahms called his *lieblicher Ungeheuer* – his 'lovely monster' – concludes.

What was happening in 1877?

1 Jan Queen Victoria was proclaimed Empress of India by the Royal Titles Act 1876

2 Mar Rutherford B Hayes was declared US President, despite Samuel J Tilden having won the popular vote

15-19 Mar The first Test cricket match was held between England and Australia, in Melbourne; Australia won by 45 runs

5 May Sitting Bull led his Lakota people into Canada to avoid harassment from the US Army

6 May Crazy Horse surrendered the Oglala Sioux people to US troops in Nebraska

15 Jun Henry Ossian Flipper became the first African American cadet to graduate from the US Military Academy

20 Jun Edinburgh-born Alexander Graham Bell installed the first commercial telephone service, in Hamilton, Ontario

22 Oct The Blantyre mining disaster killed 207 miners, when firedamp, a flammable gas, was ignited by a naked flame

29 Nov Thomas Edison demonstrated for the first time the phonograph, a machine that could record sound

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THOMAS SØNDERGÅRD Conductor



Danish conductor Thomas Søndergård has been Music Director of the RSNO since the 2018:19 Season, following six seasons as Principal Guest Conductor. From 2012 to 2018 he was 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 becomes Music Director of the Minnesota Orchestra in September 2023.

Thomas 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), Amsterdam and Rotterdam (Royal Concertgebouw, Netherlands Philharmonic, Rotterdam Philharmonic), and throughout Scandinavia. North American appearances have included the orchestras of Chicago, Toronto, Atlanta, Vancouver, Houston and Seattle. In November 2021 Thomas conducted the RSNO in the world premiere of Detlev Glanert's Violin Concerto No2 *To the Immortal Beloved* (with Midori) during the 2021 United Nations Climate Change Conference (COP26) held in Glasgow. Recent highlights with the RSNO have included tours to China and the US, the premiere of Wynton Marsalis' Violin Concerto with Nicola Benedetti (also at the 2022 BBC Proms) and much-praised performances at the Edinburgh Festival.

Following his acclaimed debut for Royal Danish Opera with Poul Ruders' Kafka's Trial, Thomas has returned regularly to conduct repertoire ranging from contemporary to Le nozze di Figaro, Il barbiere di Siviglia, La bohème, The Cunning Little Vixen and Il viaggio a Reims, and has made short concert tours with the Roval Danish Orchestra. He has also enjoyed successful collaborations with 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 has since returned for Berlioz's Romeo and Juliet

Thomas has recorded with violinist Vilde Frang and the WDR Köln and cellist Johannes Moser and the Rundfunk-Sinfonieorchester Berlin, and the music of Poul Ruders with the Aarhus Symphony, Norwegian Radio Orchestra and Royal Danish Opera. For Linn Records he has recorded Sibelius symphonies and tone poems with the BBC NOW, and Prokofiev symphonies 1 and 5 and Richard Strauss' *Ein Heldenleben* with the RSNO.

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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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