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# Sibelius One

#### **Usher Hall, Edinburgh** Fri 27 Oct 2023 7.30pm **Glasgow Royal Concert Hall** Sat 28 Oct 7.30pm

'Tis the gift to be simple: Aaron Copland knew a great tune when he heard one and that old American hymn strides confidently through the closing bars of *Appalachian Spring*. This concert is all about strong emotions and new beginnings, as the incredible American violinist Rachel Barton Pine rediscovers the music of African American composer Florence Price, and conductor Kristiina Poska explores the young Sibelius' majestically passionate First Symphony.

**COPLAND** Appalachian Spring [24'] **PRICE** Violin Concerto No2 in D Minor [14']

**INTERVAL** 

**SIBELIUS** Symphony No1 in E Minor Op39 [38']

Kristiina Poska Conductor Rachel Barton Pine Violin Royal Scottish National Orchestra

The Glasgow performance will be recorded for the RSNO Archive. Supported by the Iain and Pamela Sinclair Legacy.



**ABN** Thu 2 Nov 2023: 7.30pm **EDN** Fri 3 Nov 2023: 7.30pm **GLW** Sat 4 Nov 2023: 7.30pm

Lotta Wennäkoski Om fotspår och ljus (Of Footprints and Light) Sibelius Violin Concerto Dvořák Symphony No6

Thomas Søndergård Conductor Ray Chen Violin

In memory of **Tom Bruce Jones** and in recognition of the generosity of **Stina Bruce Jones** 

Pre-concert talk, 6.45pm (EDN and GLW)

Ray Chen in conversation with RSNO Oboe Peter Dykes

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## Welcome



Welcome to this evening's concert.

Tonight the RSNO welcomes conductor Kristiina Poska for what is sure to be a memorable occasion. She is joined by a fantastic soloist, American violinist Rachel Barton Pine. Although last featured on our concert stage in February 2020, Rachel has been back with the RSNO in Scotland's Studio since then, recording a special reissue of an album that stated her intention as an advocate for composers of African descent. Released in September of last year, the album included Florence Price's Violin Concerto No2, which I can't wait to hear out of the Studio and performed on the main stage.

The Concerto itself is a fascinating piece, cinematic in both notation and its story. I find it incredible that this piece sat lost for over 50 years in a house once owned by Price and was so very nearly lost to history. It is such a pleasure to be able to programme this work, and to have Rachel here to perform it.

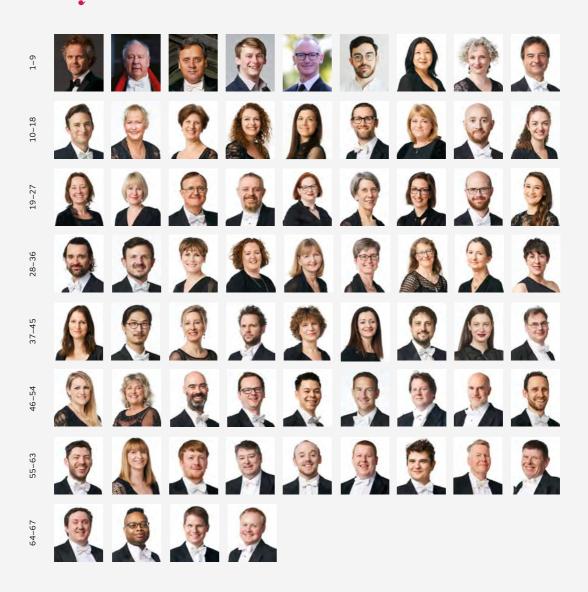
The remainder of the programme straddles both sides of the Atlantic, from the warmth of the prairie lands in Copland's Appalachian Spring to the wintery scenes of Sibelius' First Symphony. The RSNO has a long history with the American composer; Copland conducted the Orchestra in the 1960s and features on many of the Orchestra's favourite-pieces lists. In such difficult times in the wider world, I hope that the uplifting vigour of Copland will provide a welcome balm, and perhaps be added to your favourites list too.

Our next concert sees the return of our side-by-side performances with Sistema Scotland's Big Noise ensembles as part of our ongoing partnership with the organisation. Big Noise Torry will join the Orchestra on stage in Aberdeen, sitting alongside our musicians as they share the orchestral experience with the next generation of music-makers. We'd love to see you there or at our other side-by-side events over the course of our 2023:24 Season.

#### **Alistair Mackie**

CHIEF EXECUTIVE

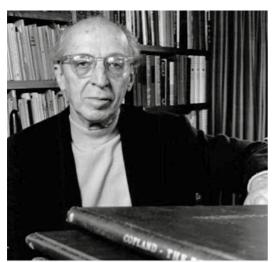
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Anne Bünemann	24	Timothy Orpen	52		
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Robin Wilson	26	Duncan Swindells	52		
Emily Nenniger	27	PRINCIPAL BASS CLARINET			

#### **Aaron Copland** (1900-1990)

# **Appalachian Spring**



FIRST PERFORMANCE
Ballet: Washington, DC, 30 October 1944.
Suite: New York, 4 October 1945

DURATION 24 minutes

Appalachian Spring was the third in a series of ballets on American themes which Aaron Copland composed during the late 1930s and early 1940s, the previous two being Billy the Kid (1938) and Rodeo (1942). Commissioned by the famous arts patron, Elisabeth Sprague Coolidge, it was written for Martha Graham and her dance company, and first staged at the Library of Congress, Washington in 1944 alongside newly written ballets by Paul Hindemith and Darius Milhaud.

According to the composer, the ballet's scenario depicts 'a pioneer celebration in spring that takes place around a newly-built farmhouse in the Pennsylvanian Hills during the early part of the nineteenth century'. The bride-to-be and the young farmer experience a varied range of emotions from joy to apprehension in anticipation of their impending domestic partnership. An older neighbour weighs in with pearls of wisdom, alongside a revivalist and his followers who warn the new householders of the unpredictable and potentially tragic circumstances of human fate. However, at the end, the young couple are left alone to enjoy peace and contentment in their new home.

Copland originally conceived Appalachian Spring for a chamber ensemble of 13 instrumentalists. But it was given far wider dissemination when he created a Suite drawn from the ballet which was rescored for large orchestra. Premiered in October 1945 by the New York Philharmonic under Artur Rodziński, the Suite soon became one of Copland's most frequently performed works. Its lasting popularity can be attributed to the more lyrical and musically accessible vernacular the composer cultivated during this period, in contrast to the abrasive modernist idiom of his earlier works.

The Suite is divided into eight continuous sections that juxtapose slow, calm music with more upbeat animated material. In the introduction, Copland creates a marvellous sense of the wide-open spaces of the American prairie through the use of sustained pedal notes and gentle, slow-moving harmonies. This stillness is suddenly interrupted by a faster section which opens with a fanfare-like unison passage in upper strings, piano and xylophone. As the music becomes more excitable, Copland ingeniously combines this vivacious rhythmic activity with a religiously tinged chorale. The tempo then slackens for a more intimately scored passage depicting a dance between the farmer and his bride-to-be. In the fourth section, entitled 'The Revivalist and his flock', we return to a more extrovert and playful mode of expression with obvious imitations of folk fiddles and square dances. After a huge climax, there is a momentary passage of calm before Copland ratchets up the tension even further with a jagged and angular dance for the solo bride that moves at breakneck speed. Another moment of repose, reminiscent of the opening of the work, leads to the penultimate section, in which Copland constructs an increasingly rousing set of variations on the American shaker folk tune 'The Gift to be Simple', which is first heard on the solo clarinet. After such life-affirming music, the work concludes with a hushed prayer-like chorale on muted strings and a final heart-warming recollection of the work's opening section.

#### **RSNO Connections**

Aaron Copland appeared as Guest Conductor of the Scottish National Orchestra (as the RSNO was then known) at a Prom concert in Glasgow's Kelvin Hall on 18 June 1964. He returned to conduct in Edinburgh and Glasgow on 15 and 16 October 1965, in concerts featuring his Clarinet Concerto and *Billy the Kid* Suite.

#### If you like this, why not try:

Om fotspår och ljus (Of Footprints and Light) by Finnish composer Lotta Wennäkoski in Aberdeen (2 Nov), Edinburgh (3 Nov) or Glasgow (4 Nov), alongside Sibelius' Violin Concerto and Dvořák's Symphony No6.

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#### **Florence Price** (1887-1953)

### Violin Concerto No2

#### in D Minor



FIRST PERFORMANCE Chicago, 1964 **DURATION** 14 minutes

In 1933 Florence Price became the first
African American woman to have a symphony
performed by one of the major American
orchestras – the Chicago Symphony Orchestra.
It was a landmark in American classical music
history, and a defining moment in the career of
a woman who succeeded beyond the odds that
her heritage and sex would seem to have given
her amid the riots and lynchings of an American
South at the height of segregation.

But if Price – and many other women – always had to fight against society's disdain of her sex and race, then her distinctive and original music, frequently lyrical and harmonic, springing from the tonalities of the West African musical heritage and her own Southern roots, as well as the European classical tradition, said all that needed to be said. It is testament, both to her gifts as a composer and to her great tenacity, that Price found success in these prejudiced times, her music performed in musical societies across America and, indeed, Europe.

Born in Little Rock, Arkansas in a relatively integrated community untouched as yet by the devastating fallout of the 'Jim Crow' segregation laws, Price was the daughter of an eminent dentist and a piano teacher, growing up in a well-respected middle-class family, all too aware of the doors that would be closed to her as someone of African American heritage. When she gained a place to study at the prestigious New England Conservatory of Music in Boston, she enrolled as Mexican, on the advice of her mother.

Returning to Little Rock, married, some time later, she found the city the focus of increasing, abhorrent racial attacks. When a man named John Carter was lynched by a mob of thousands, Price and her young family joined the vast exodus of African Americans to the north.

Chicago, with its vibrant African American cultural scene, brought the intellectual Price opportunities to flourish. She won a scholarship to study music at the American Conservatory of Music in Chicago, odd-jobbing as an organist at silent-film screenings after the breakdown of her marriage. Other work that financially enabled her to continue writing her serious classical compositions ranged from publishing piano pedagogy pieces with G Schirmer in New York while her children were young, to writing popular music under a pen name. Her much-respected classical works included arrangements of spirituals which were championed by the contralto Marian Anderson, the first African American woman to sing at the Metropolitan Opera in New York.

It was her 1932 win of the prestigious Rodman Wanamaker Competition for her Symphony in E Minor that put Price and her music in demand among orchestras and musical societies – even the white ones – leading directly to the performance of the work by the Chicago

Symphony Orchestra. And yet many doors remained closed, as evidenced by her famous correspondence, largely one-way, with the maestro Serge Koussevitzky of the Boston Symphony Orchestra, asking him to perform her work.

When Price died suddenly of a stroke 20 years later, in 1953, the classical canon was too arrogantly white, male and largely long-dead to allow a Black woman in. Much of Price's work might have been lost to history had it not been for the miraculous chance discovery in 2009 of dozens of lost manuscripts, including the Violin Concerto No2, during the renovation of a dilapidated house in Illinois – Price's old summer house.

Price's Violin Concerto No2 was a late-career work, written in 1952 on the cusp of a European tour, and a year after an overture was commissioned from her and premiered on the other side of the Atlantic by Sir John Barbirolli and the Hallé. The Concerto begins in uncompromising, dramatic fashion, its quasicinematic sound dissipating at the entrance of the violin, which runs increasingly busy rings round the orchestra in ecstatic phrasing. Bold and distinctive, it had to wait ten years before its posthumous premiere, at the opening ceremony of The Florence B Price School in Chicago in 1964, an elementary school named in her honour.

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### Listen again to the RSNO

### Florence Price Violin Concerto No2

**Soloist** Rachel Barton Pine **Conductor** Jonathon Heyward

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### Get a taste of this recording





Please do not listen to this recording during the live performance.

**Jean Sibelius** (1865-1957)

# Symphony No1

in E Minor Op39



FIRST PERFORMANCE Helsinki, 26 April 1899 **DURATION** 38 minutes

- 1. Andante ma non troppo Allegro energico
- 2. Andante ma non troppo lento
- 3. Scherzo: Allegro
- Finale (Quasi una fantasia): Andante Allegro molto

As Finland bristled under Russian rule, plenty of disgruntled Finns heard the first performance of Sibelius' Symphony No1 in April 1899 as a rallying cry. But is that really how the composer conceived the piece?

First, the politics. At the start of 1899, Tsar Nicholas II delivered the February Manifesto, tightening the Russian Empire's control over its 'grand duchy' of Finland. The decree effectively stripped the Finnish parliament of its legislative power and proposed Russian as an official language. Feelings ran high among those who had pinned their hopes on independence from Russia, Sibelius among them.

Plenty of patriots present at the Symphony's first performance on 26 April 1899 heard the work as an act of resistance. On a tour of mainland Europe in 1900, Sibelius was happy to tout the Symphony as a hymn of protest against the Russians. That is not quite how he conceived the music.

Yes, Sibelius initially planned the work as a programmatic one: a symphony telling of his homeland's geology and the triumph of Christianity over paganism. But seven years after the success of his major work based on Finnish folklore, *Kullervo*, friends and critics were urging Sibelius to think in more rigorous symphonic terms. Finland, they argued, needed art that was more international than parochial – a symphony that stood its ground on musical terms alone.

Such thinking would give the First Symphony its musical weight, irrespective of context. In his student days in Vienna and Berlin, Sibelius' teachers had stressed the importance of working through musical themes – honing them continuously until they were fit for purpose.

Already in this symphony, the composer was handling his material in a new and wholly

distinctive way. Its misty opening on a solitary clarinet doesn't just prepare us for the shock of the movement's fast-paced *Allegro*; it infiltrates the work's musical ideas like a nutrient in their soil. The shape of the clarinet's theme can be detected in numerous fragments right up to the final bars. The fourth movement launches with a transfigured version of it on thrusting strings.

That gesture speaks of another basic difference in Sibelius' symphonic designs: his response to the colours and capabilities of instruments. In a departure from traditional Germanic symphonic argument (which would make sense on a piano), Sibelius allowed the particular colour of instruments and instrumental groups to shape their music. The Symphony's opening clarinet solo presents one example. The fixed bass 'pedal' notes in the Andante and the pizzicatos of the Scherzo present two more. It was design features like these that led the critic Ernest Newman to write that 'every page [of the Symphony] breathes of another manner of thought, another way of living, even another landscape'.

That 'other way of living' can be rationalised. The use of recitation – a note repeating itself, like something half-sung – has its roots in Finland's runic singing tradition. That gives the first movement's main theme the feeling of a runic chant. More recently, musicologists have noted the *Scherzo*'s distinctive Finno-Ugric sense of bravado. Others have heard something distinctly Russian in the clarinet solo, in the fur-wrapped melancholy of the slow movement and in the feverish way in which the final *Allegro molto* erupts.

In this final movement, Sibelius is at his most unique. The organic treatment of themes continues (it opens with a version of the clarinet solo, now on strings, and closes with the same E Minor plucked chords that closed the first

movement). In the end, tension created by Sibelius' pitting of energy against stasis throws up a rousing, hymn-like tune. It has the distinct character and shape of rune songs through which Finnish folklore was recounted, and brings the Symphony to a magnificent conclusion.

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Andrew Mellor is author of The Northern Silence – Journeys in Nordic Music and Culture (Yale University Press).

#### **RSNO Connections**

Sibelius' Symphony No1 gained its first performance in Scotland on 5 January 1932, in a Scottish Orchestra (later the RSNO) concert at Glasgow's St Andrew's Hall conducted by the composer Constant Lambert. Sibelius' Karelia Suite had also had its first performance in Scotland three days earlier, again played by the Scottish Orchestra under Lambert.

### Listen again to the RSNO

Sibelius
Symphony No1
Plus Symphony No7

Conductor Sir Alexander Gibson

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### **Rachel Barton Pine**

#### **Violin**



Heralded as a leading interpreter of the great classical masterworks, American violinist Rachel Barton Pine thrills international audiences with her dazzling technique, lustrous tone and emotional honesty.

Pine performs with the world's leading orchestras, including the Philadelphia Orchestra, Royal Philharmonic Orchestra, Camerata Salzburg and the Chicago, Vienna and Detroit Symphony orchestras. She has worked with renowned conductors such as Teddy Abrams, Marin Alsop, Daniel Barenboim, Semyon Bychkov, Neeme Järvi, Christoph Eschenbach, Erich Leinsdorf, Nicholas McGegan, Zubin Mehta, Tito Muñoz and John Nelson, and performed chamber music with Jonathan Gilad, Clive Greensmith, Paul Neubauer, Jory Vinikour, William Warfield, Orion Weiss and the Pacifica and Parker quartets.

In 2022 Cedille Records released Violin Concertos by Black Composers Through the Centuries: 25th anniversary edition, which features Pine's new recording of Florence Price's Violin Concerto No2 with the RSNO and Jonathon Heyward, and reprisals of her 1997 recordings of masterworks by Joseph Bologne, Chevalier de Saint-Georges (1775), José White Lafitte (1864) and Samuel Coleridge-Taylor (1899). Her most recent recording with the RSNO, of Shostakovich's First Violin Concerto and Earl Maneein's *Dependent Arising*, was released by Cedille in August 2023.

Pine writes her own cadenzas and performs many of her own arrangements. During the pandemic, she performed the entire solo violin part of 24 different violin concertos, live and unaccompanied, for her weekly series 24 in 24: Concertos from the Inside.

Pine's discography of 40 recordings includes Dvořák and Khachaturian Violin concertos (Teddy Abrams and the RSNO); Brahms and Joachim Violin concertos (Carlos Kalmar and the Chicago Symphony Orchestra) and Elgar and Bruch Violin concertos (Andrew Litton and the BBC Symphony Orchestra). Pine and Sir Neville Marriner's Mozart: Complete Violin Concertos with the Academy of St Martin in the Fields and her Bel Canto Paganini both charted at No3 on the classical charts. Pine's Testament: Complete Sonatas and Partitas for Solo Violin by J S Bach and Violin Lullabies both debuted at No1. Her recent Blues Dialogues is an album of blues-influenced classical works by 20th- and 21st-century Black composers.

An active philanthropist, Pine has led the Rachel Barton Pine (RBP) Foundation for over two decades. Early in her career, she noticed that young people learning classical music seldom have the opportunity to study and perform music written by Black composers. Since 2001, Pine and her RBP Foundation's Music by Black Composers (MBC) project have collected more than 900 works by 450+ Black composers from the 18th to the 21st centuries.

Rachel Barton Pine performs on the 'ex-Bazzini, ex-Soldat' Joseph Guarnerius 'del Gesù' (Cremona, 1742), on lifetime loan from her anonymous patron.

### Kristiina Poska

#### **Conductor**



The award-winning conductor Kristiina Poska is in high demand on the international music scene. She has been Chief Conductor of the Flanders Symphony Orchestra since the 2019/20 season and Principal Guest Conductor of the Latvian National Symphony Orchestra since 2021/22. She studied choral conducting at the Estonian Academy of Music and Theatre in Tallinn, and orchestral conducting at the Hochschule für Musik Hanns Eisler Berlin. She was a finalist at the renowned Donatella Flick LSO Competition in 2010 and at the Malko Competition in 2012, where she also won the audience prize. She then went on to win the prestigious German Conductors' Prize in 2013.

This season's highlights include debuts with the Oregon Symphony and Minnesota Orchestra in the United States, London Philharmonic Orchestra and RSNO in the UK, Rotterdam Philharmonic, Orquesta Nacional de España, Frankfurter Museumsorchester and NHK Symphony Orchestra in Tokyo. During the concert season, she will return to the WDR Sinfonieorchester Köln, Orchestra National de France, Hallé Orchestra and Stavanger Symphony Orchestra. She tours with the

Flanders Symphony Orchestra several times during the season, performing in the UK, Belgium, the Netherlands and France.

Equally prolific in the operatic repertoire, this season Poska returns to the Staatsoper Berlin to conduct a production of Mozart's The Magic Flute. Recent opera productions include Così fan tutte at the Royal Danish Theatre, La bohème at Opera Ballet Vlaanderen, Carmen with the Staatsoper Stuttgart and Die Entführung aus dem Serail with the Sächsische Staatsoper Dresden (Semperoper). She has also appeared with the Komische Oper Berlin, Royal Swedish Opera, Norwegian Opera, English National Opera, Finnish National Opera, Teatro del Maggio Musicale Fiorentino and Volksoper Vienna.

Poska's previous roles have included Principal Conductor of Cappella Academica from 2006 to 2011, Kapellmeister at the Komische Oper from 2012 to 2016, and Music Director for Theater Basel for the 2019/20 season. Her latest recording, of Beethoven's Symphonies Nos 1 and 7 released on Fuga Libera/Outhere, is the fruit of her successful collaboration with the Flanders Symphony Orchestra.

### **Royal Scottish National Orchestra**



The Royal Scottish National Orchestra is one of Europe's leading symphony orchestras. 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 2018

The RSNO is supported by the Scottish Government and is one of the Scottish National Performing Companies. The Orchestra performs across Scotland, including concerts in Glasgow, Edinburgh, Dundee, Aberdeen, Perth and Inverness, and appears regularly at the Edinburgh International Festival and the BBC Proms. The RSNO has made recent tours to the USA, China and Europe.

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 (Denève/Roussel 2007; Denève/Debussy 2012) and eight GRAMMY Award nominations. Over 200 releases are available, including Thomas Søndergård conducting Strauss (Ein Heldenleben, Der Rosenkavalier Suite) and

Prokofiev (Symphonies Nos 1 and 5); two discs of African American Voices featuring the music of George Walker, William Levi Dawson, Margaret Bonds and more, conducted by Kellen Gray; 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).

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### On Stage

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Lorna Rough

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Susannah Lowdon

Veronica Marziano

Elizabeth Bamping

Gillian Risi Helena Rose

Yik Liang Soo

#### **SECOND VIOLIN**

Marion Wilson

Jacqueline Speirs

Colin McKee

Nigel Mason

Paul Medd

Harriet Hunter

Anne Bünemann

Sophie Lang

Robin Wilson

**Emily Nenniger** 

John Robinson Seona Glen

#### VIOLA

Tom Dunn

Felix Tanner

Lisa Rourke

Nicola McWhirter

Claire Dunn

Maria Trittinger

Francesca Hunt

Beth Woodford

Elaine Koene David McCreadie

#### **CELLO**

Pei-Jee Ng

Betsy Taylor

Kennedy Leitch

Robert Anderson

Rachael Lee

Sarah Digger

Gunda Baranuaskaitė

Sonia Cromarty

#### DOUBLE BASS

Alex Jones

GUEST PRINCIPAL

Michael Rae

Moray Jones

Alexandre dos Santos

Aaron Barrera-Reyes

Tom Berry

#### **FLUTE**

Katherine Bryan

Janet Richardson

PRINCIPAL PICCOLO

#### OBOF

Adrian Wilson

Peter Dykes

Henry Clay
PRINCIPAL COR ANGLAIS

#### CLARINET

Yann Ghiro

GUEST PRINCIPAL

Duncan Swindells

PRINCIPAL BASS CLARINET

#### **BASSOON**

Luis Eisen

ASSOCIATE PRINCIPAL

Paolo Dutto

PRINCIPAL CONTRABASSOON

#### HORN

Lauren Reeve-Rawlings GUEST PRINCIPAL

Alison Murray

Andrew McLean

David McClenaghan Martin Murphy

#### **TRUMPET**

Christopher Hart

PRINCIPAL

Brian McGinley

Ben Jarvis

#### **TROMBONE**

Dávur Juul Magnussen PRINCIPAL

Lance Green

Alastair Sinclair PRINCIPAL BASS TROMBONE

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#### TIMPANI

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cornerstone of all that we do, as it allows us to continually build and develop.

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

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Thomas Søndergård

MUSIC DIRECTOR, RSNO

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