

# HULL CITY HALL CLASSICS

2023/2024

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# WELCOME

## Welcome to the 2023-24 Hull City Hall Classics series in partnership with the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra and Hull Philharmonic Orchestra.

Our resident orchestra, the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra, returns with a host of star soloists and guest conductors, bringing you four exciting concerts. From audience favourites, such as Dvořák's *New World* Symphony, Beethoven's *Emperor* Piano Concerto and Tchaikovsky's *Symphony No.4*, to dazzling displays of virtuosity, such as in Haydn's Cello Concerto, Sibelius' *Violin Concerto* and Ravel's *Piano Concerto* for the Left Hand, and many more evocative orchestral gems, there really is something for everyone in this first-class series.

We are also very pleased to welcome back the Hallé Orchestra this spring with a programme that is infused with Spanish warmth and the Czech National Symphony Orchestra, who will showcase four standout Romantic works.

The Hull Philharmonic Orchestra will light up the City Hall with a programme which will include a journey through *Music, Magic and Mystery*, the landscapes of northern Europe and Scandinavia with *Northern Lights*, and a celebration of cinematic epics: *Take Me To The Movies - Film Music Through the Decades*.

We do hope that you will join us to enjoy well-known masterpieces and discover a few new favourites in what promises to be a thrilling season of orchestral music.

## ROYAL PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA BEETHOVEN'S 'EMPEROR' PIANO CONCERTO

Thursday 19 October 2023, 7.30pm

Leslie Sukanandarajah Conductor  
Mark Bebbington Piano

Louise Farrenc *Overture No.1*  
Beethoven *Piano Concerto No.5, 'Emperor'*  
Brahms *Symphony No.4*

Although they called her the 'female Beethoven', the nineteenth-century French composer Louise Farrenc was very much her own woman, and it is only now in the twenty-first century are we rediscovering her ardently romantic, strikingly original music. Tonight, her stirring *Overture* begins a concert charged with poetry and emotion. Mark Bebbington joins the orchestra for Beethoven's fifth, popularly known as the '*Emperor*'. We then voyage to the raging storms and sunset colours of Brahms's mighty final symphony, with conductor Leslie Sukanandarajah.

Pre-concert talk 6.15pm.



## PRE-CONCERT ACTIVITY

### Free for ticket holders

Pre-concert lecture and talk 6.15pm - with Dr Simon Desbruslais - Lecturer in Music, School of Drama, Music and Screen at the University of Hull

Royal Philharmonic Orchestra  
Thursday 19 October 2023

Royal Philharmonic Orchestra  
Thursday 30 November 2023

Royal Philharmonic Orchestra  
Thursday 22 February 2024

Hallé Orchestra  
Thursday 14 March 2024

Czech National Symphony Orchestra  
Thursday 23 May 2024

Royal Philharmonic Orchestra  
Thursday 13 June 2024

### MEET THE ARTIST

Free for ticket holders at 6.30pm, rehearsal conductor Dr Elaine King talks to Simon Callaghan

Hull Philharmonic Orchestra  
Saturday 2 March 2024

Please book tickets in advance



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## Music, Magic and Mystery

A Concert of Fantasy and  
Fun for all the family

## HULL PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA MUSIC, MAGIC AND MYSTERY

Sunday 26 November 2023, 4.00pm

A Concert of Fantasy and Fun for all the family including:

Mussorgsky *Night On A Bare Mountain*  
Elfmán Music from *The Nightmare Before Christmas*  
Williams Suite from *Harry Potter*  
Blake Music from *The Snowman*  
Tchaikovsky *Nutcracker Suite*

Join the orchestra for a magical journey of fantasy, film and fun in a concert for all the family. Dress up as your favourite character, bring your wands and a hefty dollop of imagination as we take you on a journey through a programme of your favourite melodies celebrating the run up to Christmas with well-loved figures such as Harry Potter, the Snowman, and the Sugar Plum Fairy!





## ROYAL PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA

### SIBELIUS' VIOLIN CONCERTO

Thursday 30 November 2023, 7.30pm

Tito Muñoz Conductor  
Francesca Dego Violin

Ida Moberg *Sunrise* Orchestral Suite: *Sunrise*  
Sibelius *Violin Concerto*  
Grieg *Lyric Pieces: Wedding Day at Trolldhaugen*  
Shostakovich *Symphony No.9*

Great music never plays by the rules, and this is a concert full of wonderful surprises – whether a radiant vision of the Northern sunrise by a neglected Finnish genius, or a joyous glimpse of Grieg and his family celebrating a wedding at home. The dynamic American conductor, Tito Muñoz, joins superstar violinist Francesca Dego in a song of fire and ice: Sibelius's windswept, wildly romantic *Violin Concerto*. We end with Shostakovich's mini-masterpiece, his irreverent *Symphony No.9*.

Pre-concert talk 6.15pm.

## HULL PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA

### NORTHERN LIGHTS

Saturday 2 March 2024, 7.30pm

Simon Callaghan Soloist

Wagner Overture: *The Flying Dutchman*  
Grieg Piano concerto in A minor  
Sibelius *Symphony No.2*

We look to the north in a programme of stirring music inspired by the landscape and legends of northern Europe and Scandinavia. Pianist Simon Callaghan, who has been praised for his "velvet-gloved pianism of ravishing sensitivity," makes a welcome return to the city to perform one of the repertoire's best loved and most exhilarating piano works.

Meet the artist 6.30pm.



## ROYAL PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA

### DVOŘÁK'S 'NEW WORLD' SYMPHONY

Thursday 22 February 2024, 7.30pm

Shiyeon Sung Conductor  
Zlatomir Fung Cello (RPO Artist-in-Residence, 2023–24)

Beethoven *Leonore Overture No.3*  
Haydn *Cello Concerto in C major*  
Dvořák *Symphony No.9, 'From the New World'*

Don't mention the Hovis ad (if you can even remember it), because – with its great tunes, grand emotions and sweeping drama – Dvořák's *Symphony No.9, 'From the New World'* was a favourite with audiences the world over long before TV even existed. It's the exuberant ending to a concert that begins with Beethoven's mighty musical drama of courage, struggle and freedom: the soul-stirring *Leonore Overture No.3*. RPO Artist-in-Residence Zlatomir Fung then brings all his brilliance, grace and wit to Joseph 'Papa' Haydn's perfectly-cut jewel of a *cello concerto*. We warmly welcome conductor Shiyeon Sung, who has been described as 'a real trailblazer'; together with Beethoven, Haydn, Dvořák and the full RPO, she promises to bring pure sunshine to a February night in the heart of Hull.



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## HALLÉ ORCHESTRA

### ESPAÑA

Thursday 14 March 2024, 7.30pm

Delyana Lazarova Conductor  
Craig Ogden Guitar

Chabrier *España - Rhapsody for Orchestra*  
Granados *Spanish Dance No.5, 'Andaluza'*  
Rodrigo *Concierto de Aranjuez*  
Albéniz *Asturias (Leylenda)*  
De Falla *The Three Cornered Hat: Suite No.1*  
Piazzolla *Libertango*  
Bizet *Carmen: Suite No.1*

Conductor Delyana Lazarova will guide us through the sights and sounds of Spain, with a concert that begins with Chabrier's *España*. Bizet shows his flair in his opera, *Carmen*, the colourful *Suite No.1* concluding with the famous *Toreadors' March* which ends this concert. But to capture the country's soul, turn to a Spaniard: Rodrigo's *Concierto de Aranjuez*, performed by guitarist Craig Ogden. The concert also includes music from three more great Spanish composers: Granados, Albéniz, and Piazzolla.



# HULL PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA

## TAKE ME TO THE MOVIES – FILM MUSIC THROUGH THE DECADES

Saturday 11 May, 7.30pm

Walton Spitfire Prelude  
Bernstein Symphonic Dances from *West Side Story*  
Strauss "Also Sprach Zarathustra" from 2001 *A Space Odyssey*  
Williams *Star Wars* Suite  
Williams Theme from *Schindler's List*  
Shore *Lord of the Rings* Symphonic suite  
Giacchino Music from *The Incredibles*

Thrill to the finest film music from some of the greatest composers of the last 80 years. Take to the skies over war-torn Europe or travel to new galaxies in the fight against the evil Empire. Live the heartbreak of star-crossed lovers. Retrace the quest from Middle Earth to the dragon fire of Mount Doom. Our final concert line up brings something for everybody to enjoy in a programme celebrating the music of the silver screen.

## TAKE ME TO THE MOVIES

FILM MUSIC THROUGH THE DECADES

# CZECH NATIONAL SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

## BEETHOVEN'S SYMPHONY NO.7

Thursday 23 May 2024, 7.30pm

Steven Mercurio Conductor  
Chloë Hanslip Violin

Smetana *Má Vlast: 'Vltava' (The Moldau)*  
Dvořák *Violin Concerto*  
Dvořák *Two Slavonic Dances*  
Beethoven *Symphony No.7*

We are delighted to welcome the Czech National Symphony Orchestra and its Music Director Steven Mercurio to Hull City Hall. The programme opens with 'Vltava' from Smetana's *Má Vlast* – an evocative orchestral picture of the river that flows through Prague, filled with ebbing and flowing woodwind and strings.

Dvořák's music also paints a picture of his Czech home. His *Slavonic Dances* and *Violin Concerto* are filled with joyful interpretations of traditional folk tunes.

Beethoven's *Symphony No.7* resounds with a wonderful blend of gravitas and rising melodies, with the fourth and final movement launching into a frantic fanfare that makes for a spectacular showpiece to end the concert.



Pre-concert talk 6.15pm.

# ROYAL PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA

## RAVEL'S PIANO CONCERTO FOR THE LEFT HAND

Thursday 13 June 2024, 7.30pm

Jordan de Souza Conductor  
Nicholas McCarthy Piano

Vaughan Williams *The Wasps: Overture, Entr'acte and Finale*  
Ravel *Piano Concerto for the Left Hand*  
Tchaikovsky *Symphony No.4*

When the pianist Paul Wittgenstein lost his right hand in the First World War, he asked Ravel to write him something he could play with his left hand alone. The result is a masterpiece that glitters like a rare diamond. Played tonight by one of its most brilliant living champions, Nicholas McCarthy, it is the smouldering heart of a concert that begins in the English countryside as depicted by Ralph Vaughan Williams, and ends with Tchaikovsky at his most impassioned.

Pre-concert talk 6.15pm.

## TICKET INFORMATION

HULL CITY HALL CLASSICS TICKET PRICES  
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On sale to subscribers Friday 16 June 2023 10am.  
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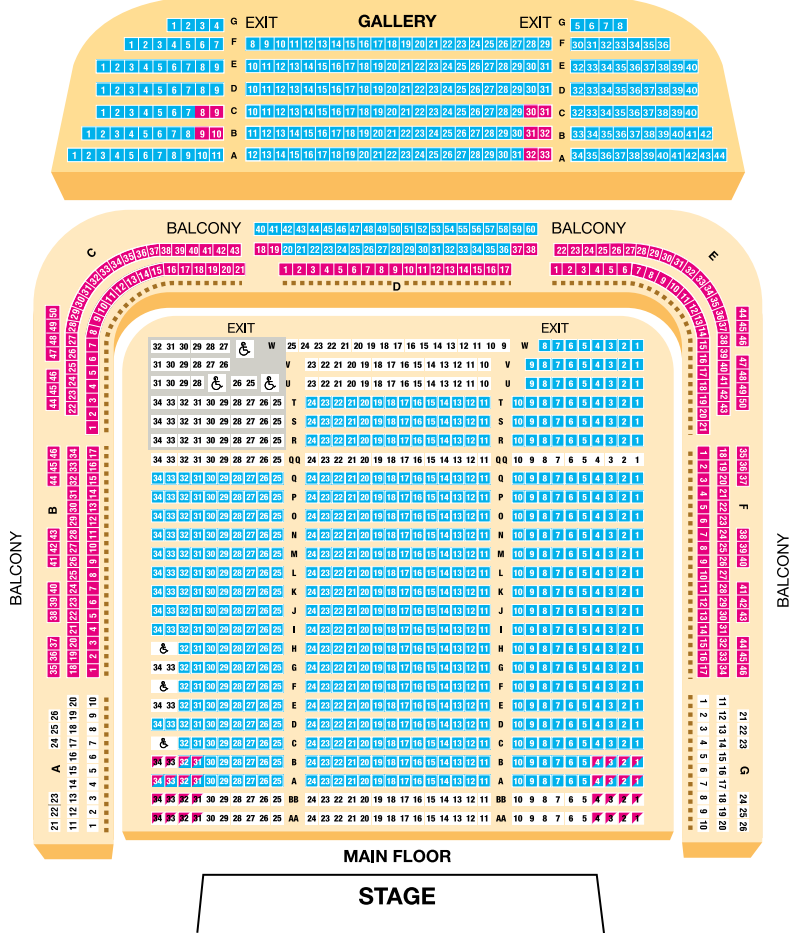
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