

HULL CITY HALL CLASSICS

2024/2025

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WELCOME

Welcome to another spectacular season of classical music at Hull City Hall in partnership with the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra and Hull Philharmonic Orchestra

We are delighted to have you join us for an extraordinary series of concerts that promise to captivate and inspire.

Our historic venue, renowned for its exceptional acoustics and stunning architecture, provides the perfect setting for an enchanting programme of performances.

This season, we celebrate the timeless beauty of classical music, featuring world-class

orchestras, virtuosic soloists, and esteemed conductors from around the globe including guests Lviv Philharmonic Orchestra and the BBC Philharmonic Orchestra.

Each performance is designed to evoke profound emotions and create lasting memories for both seasoned aficionados and new listeners alike.

In addition to our mainstage events, we are thrilled to offer, pre-concert talks to deepen your appreciation of classical music and make it accessible to all.

Thank you for being part of this remarkable experience. Enjoy the season



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LVIV PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA BEETHOVEN'S SECOND SYMPHONY

Thursday 10 October 2024, 7.30pm

Theodore Kuchar Conductor
Jiri Barta Cello

Rossini *The Thieving Magpie Overture*
Elgar *Cello Concerto*
Beethoven *Symphony No. 2*
Dvořák *Slavonic Dances Nos. 46 & 72*

Opens with the effervescent overture to Rossini's comic opera *The Thieving Magpie*, then, marvel at the rich lyricism and profound emotionality of Elgar's Cello Concerto, featuring the extraordinary artistry of celebrated cello soloist Jiri Barta.

Be swept away by the power and passion of Beethoven's life-affirming Symphony No.2, a work brimming with the composer's signature inventiveness and vigour. The evening closes with a Dvořák's rousing *Slavonic Dances*, infectious pourings of Czech folk spirit.



HULL PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA HEROES AND VILLAINS

Sunday 24 November 2024, 4pm

Copland *Fanfare for the Common Man*
Mozart *Overture to Don Giovanni*
Copland *Billy the Kid Suite*
Mavor *Poppies*
Williams *Hymn to the Fallen*
Tower *Fanfare for the Uncommon Woman*
Rossini *Barber of Seville Overture*
Kilar *Dracula (3 Movements from the Film Suite)*
Morricone *The Good, the Bad and the Ugly Suite*
Williams *Superman (Main Title)*

Meet heroes and villains from the predatory Don Giovanni to outlaw Billy the Kid; from the mischievous Barber of Seville to mesmerising anti-hero, Count Dracula, to the ultimate super-hero; Superman. The Good, the Bad and the Ugly - they're all here in a programme that will delight every age and every taste.

FILM GALA WITH ROYAL PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA

Friday 1 November 2024, 7.30pm

Stephen Bell Conductor

Music from your all-time favourite Hollywood blockbuster soundtracks, including:

Jurassic Park
Out of Africa
Schindler's List
Harry Potter
Jaws
Indiana Jones
Star Wars
E.T. the Extra-Terrestrial
...and many more!

The Royal Philharmonic Orchestra invites you to join them on the red carpet for a celebration of some of the greatest film scores ever written. With mesmerising music from iconic movie moments, written by legendary composers such as John Williams, John Barry, Hans Zimmer and more, this spectacular gala show for movie fans of all ages is not to be missed.

Pre-concert talk 6.15pm.

A FAMILY CONCERT
HEROES AND VILLAINS



ROYAL PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA BEETHOVEN'S VIOLIN CONCERTO

Thursday 20 February 2025, 7.30pm

Kristian Sallinen Conductor
Inmo Yang Violin

Tarkianien *Joye*
Beethoven *Violin Concerto*
Tchaikovsky *Symphony No. 5*

Korean violinist **Inmo Yang** joins for Beethoven's Violin Concerto, a timeless masterpiece that has captivated audiences for centuries.

The concert opens with Tarkianien's *Joye*, alluding to the ancient French word meaning "bliss" and "fortune", it is filled with the elation and recklessness of a moment of intense happiness. Whetting your appetite ahead of Tchaikovsky's Symphony No.5.

Pre-concert talk 6.15pm.



SIBELIUS, GRIEG AND BRUCH WITH THE BBC PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA

Wednesday 19 March 2025, 7.30pm

John Storgårds Conductor
Jennifer Pike Violin

Grieg *Peer Gynt Suite No.1*
Bruch *Violin Concerto No.1*
Sibelius *Symphony No.3*
Sibelius *Karelia Suite*

Join the **BBC Philharmonic Orchestra** for a magical journey through the sweeping landscapes and stirring tales of the Nordic countries, led by the masterful Finnish conductor **John Storgårds**.

Pre-concert talk 6.15pm.

HULL PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA INVITATION TO DANCE

Saturday 22 February 2025, 7.30pm

Prokofiev *3 Movements from Romeo and Juliette*
De Falla *3 Dances from The Three-Cornered Hat*
Khachaturian *Adagio from Spartacus and Phrygia*
Bliss *3 Movements from Checkmate*
Stravinsky *Firebird Suite (1919 Version)*
Blake *Innocence Invictus from the Song of Oothoon: A Ballet in Eight Dances*

Lighten the dark days of February and put a spring in your step with this programme of music written for the ballet. Feel the fatal passions of Prokofiev's star-crossed lovers in the suite from *Romeo and Juliette*; join the gladiators' struggle for liberation with Spartacus; bask in the sun-soaked Spanish brilliance of de Falla's *Three Cornered Hat*; soar with Stravinsky's *Firebird*. It may be dark outside, but the orchestra will be burning bright as they open the doors of the City Hall and invite you in to dance with them.



ROYAL PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA DVOŘÁK'S SYMPHONY NO.8

Tuesday 8 April 2025, 7.30pm

Eduardo Strausser Conductor
Liya Petrova Violin

Schumann *Manfred Overture*
Korngold *Violin Concerto*
Dvořák *Symphony No.8*

The Royal Philharmonic Orchestra returns to Hull under the baton of conductor **Eduardo Strausser** for a musical journey across eras and emotions.

The concert opens with Schumann's dramatic *Manfred Overture*, drawing inspiration from Lord Byron's poetry. Let the stirring melodies transport you into the emotional world of the tormented title character.

Next, violin soloist **Liya Petrova** takes centre stage for Korngold's *Violin Concerto*. This 20th-century work seamlessly combines lyricism and technical fireworks into a gorgeous Romantic showcase. To close, Dvořák's treasured *Symphony No.8*. Overflowing with engaging folk-inspired melodies, the composer's pride in his Bohemian heritage resonates throughout this warm and majestic symphony.



Pre-concert talk 6.15pm.

HULL PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA

THE MALCOLM RUDDIFORTH CONCERT

Saturday 10 May 2025, 7.30pm

Andrew Penny MBE Conductor
Alessandro Taverna Soloist

Elgar *Sursum Corda*
Rachmaninov *Piano Concerto No. 2*
Brahms *Symphony No. 3*

Malcolm Ruddiforth was a long-time supporter of the Hull Philharmonic and this beautiful venue, and he left a generous bequest both to the orchestra and to the upkeep of the City Hall organ. To celebrate his generosity, Hull Philharmonic are bringing back two familiar and much-loved artists in a concert drawing on music close to Malcolm's heart. Musical Director emeritus, Andrew Penny, returns to the stage with international piano super-star, Alessandro Taverna, who will be performing Rachmaninov's dazzling *Piano Concerto No. 2*. Andrew has also chosen Elgar's *Sursum Corda* to showcase the magnificent organ and will conduct Brahms *Symphony No. 3* to bring our season to a towering conclusion.

Pre-concert talk 6.30pm.

ELGAR'S ENIGMA VARIATIONS WITH THE ROYAL PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA

Thursday 12 June 2025, 7.30pm

Gemma New Conductor
Daniel Ciobanu Piano

Britten *Peter Grimes: Four Sea Interludes*
Prokofiev *Piano Concerto No. 3*
Elgar *Enigma Variations*

Returning to Hull City Hall for a captivating evening of orchestral masterworks, the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra led by the talented Gemma New.

Dive into the turbulent seas of Benjamin Britten's gripping *Four Sea Interludes* from the opera *Peter Grimes*, a powerful evocation of the elemental forces of nature.

Then, embark on a thrilling musical voyage with Prokofiev's *Piano Concerto No. 3*, a tour de force of virtuosity and emotional depth, brought to life by the exceptional pianist Daniel Ciobanu.

The evening culminates with Elgar's beloved *Enigma Variations*, a profound exploration of friendship and the human spirit, skilfully woven into an orchestral tapestry of unforgettable melodies.

Pre-concert talk 6.15pm.

LUNCHTIME ORGAN SHOWCASE

Installed by local firm Forster and Andrews in 1911, the majestic Hull City Hall organ has entertained thousands of patrons over the years, including Queen Elizabeth and King George VI.

Today it is one of the largest working organs in the country and remains an integral part of the Hull Theatres programme.

Wednesday 25 September 2024
Robert Poyser, Director of Music,
Beverley Minster

Wednesday 9 October 2024
D'Arcy Trinkwon, Concert Organist,
Tunbridge Wells

Wednesday 6 November 2024
John Scott Whiteley, Organist,
Hull City Hall

Wednesday 18 December 2024
Keith Wright, Director of Music,
St Olave's, York

Wednesday 8 January 2025
Michal Szostak, Concert Organist,
Warsaw, Poland

Wednesday 5 February 2025
William Whitehead, Organist,
Lincoln's Inn

Hull City Hall Tickets £5.00 | 12.30PM

TICKET INFORMATION

HULL CITY HALL CLASSICS TICKET PRICES
£10.00 - £35.00

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Under 25s, Students, School parties, Children 16 and under:
£5.00 (stalls only)

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£1.50 reduction on all tickets

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30% Discount

BOOKING FEES

£1.50 per ticket
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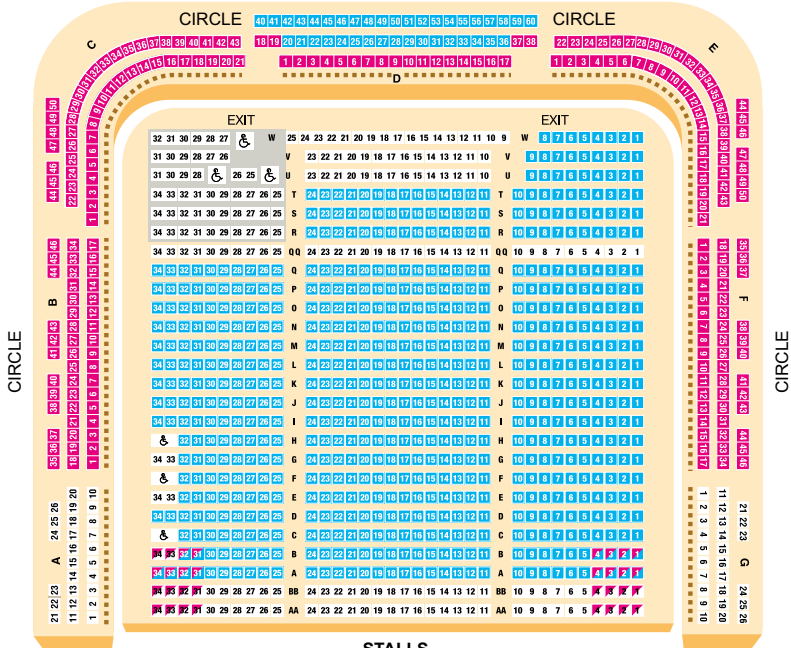
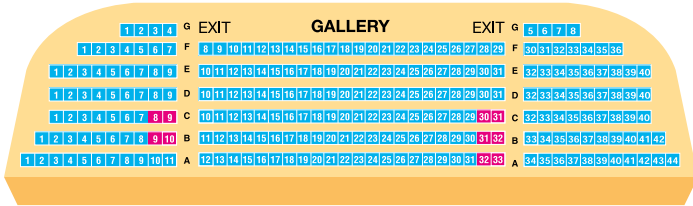
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- 20% reduction for 9 combined series including at least 3 HPO concerts.

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