

BSO Benevolent Fund Concert: run by musicians to support musicians

- **BBC Music Magazine's Personality of the Year, renowned violinist Tasmin Little, will perform Bruch's much-loved violin concerto at Lighthouse, Poole.**
- **Musicians of Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra will perform under the baton of David Hill, BSO Associate Conductor.**

On Sunday 8 September, musicians of Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra will perform in the annual BSO Benevolent Fund concert at Lighthouse, Poole's Centre for the Arts. The musicians will be joined by David Hill, Associate Guest Conductor of the BSO, and internationally-renowned violinist Tasmin Little, a firm favourite with Dorset audiences.

The Orchestra will be performing Verdi's *The Force of Destiny Overture* and Tchaikovsky's Symphony No.4, alongside Bruch's Violin Concerto No.1 which will be performed by Tasmin Little. Tasmin announced in January 2019 that she will be "*hanging up my concert gowns*" in the summer of 2020, and this concert will be her penultimate performance with the Orchestra.

I'm delighted to perform Bruch with my friends at the BSO for this very special performance supporting the BSO Benevolent Fund" Tasmin Little, violinist

This annual concert is the main source of income for the Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra Benevolent Fund. Set up in 1958, the BSO Benevolent Fund provides financial support for musicians in cases of prolonged serious injury or illness. All musicians freely give their service for the annual concert, as have many conductors and soloists who have featured in the concert over the years.

"We are honoured that Tasmin Little and David Hill have agreed to join us for this concert. They both have a long association with the Orchestra and we are delighted that they were prepared to find time in their exceptionally busy schedules to support this charity. This will be Tasmin's penultimate performance with the BSO before her forthcoming retirement from the concert platform, so we are very much looking forward to playing the Bruch violin concerto with her one last time." Jacoba Gale, BSO Benevolent Fund Trustee

For more information or to book tickets to the BSO Benevolent Fund concert, please visit BSOlive.com or visit or call Lighthouse Box Office on 01202 280000

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2. Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra is a cultural beacon for the South and South West, existing to give people across the region of over 10,000 square miles the opportunity to experience and participate in great art. As one of the UK's busiest orchestras, the BSO reaches around 5,000 concert-goers per week and is the only UK symphony orchestra not based in a major city.
3. Since its founding in 1893, the BSO has been committed to bringing the highest quality of music to audiences around the world and making music more accessible for everyone. Last year, the BSO made history becoming the first orchestra in the world to form a professional disabled-led ensemble. Six months after the ensemble's creation, BSO Resound became the first disabled-led ensemble to ever perform at the BBC Proms.
4. The BSO's Principal Broadcast Partner is BBC Radio 3
5. The BSO is Classic FM's Orchestra in the South of England.