



PRESS RELEASE
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FREE OUTDOOR CLASSICAL MUSIC FOR ALL AGES

Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra joins BCP's Festival Coast Live!



Brass musicians from the BSO tour the conurbation ©Mark Allan

- A series of **FREE live music events for all ages** as part of **BCP's Festival Coast Live!**
- **Big screens to stream the BSO's industry-leading symphonic broadcasts**, thanks to support from BCP Council.

Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra (BSO) performs a series of outdoor events throughout the Bournemouth, Christchurch, and Poole region this summer as part of BCP Council's *Festival Coast Live!*

All ages will experience the full symphonic might of the BSO when **the Orchestra's streamed concerts will be available to watch — for free — in outdoor spaces**, thanks to support from BCP Council.

From early August, musicians from the Orchestra tour the conurbation with **chamber-scale concerts for all ages**. Each of the 45-minute outdoor concerts will be **free to attend**, and feature performances from BSO Brass and special family-friendly events.

Dougie Scarfe, Chief Executive of Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra said,

“We’re thrilled to be performing in the heart of the local community with live music for all ages in this series of outdoor events this summer. As ever, we’re grateful to BCP Council for their ongoing recognition of the value of music and culture in people’s lives — and especially now when it’s needed more than ever.”

Councillor Beverley Dunlop, Lead Member for Cultural Events said:

“I am absolutely delighted that the BSO is supporting this summer’s Festival Coast Live! Their symphonic performances streamed to an outdoor audience truly captures the spirit of what we had hoped to achieve.

“Festival Coast Live! is an ambitious entertainment programme across Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole, from traditional to quirky, classical to contemporary, giving everyone a chance to access music, art and performance free in an outdoor setting, it’s a real celebration of the talent we have across the BCP region.”

The BSO was awarded a grant from BCP Council to help deliver its socially-distanced concerts this summer. Its industry-leading livestreams were recently championed at a meeting of G7 Ministers, and the continuation of its series — thanks to support from the Council — will help to generate pride in the region and provide long term benefits for the wider business community.

The Orchestra’s **‘Classical Extravaganza’ concert (12 Aug) will also be free to livestream** for audiences at home. Classic FM’s Anne-Marie Minhall presents the broadcast of popular classics from Lighthouse, Poole.

To find out more about the BSO’s summer events visit [BSOlive.com](https://bsolive.com) or search BCP’s Festival Coast Live!

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1. Images available [here](#):
 - a) Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra at Lighthouse, Poole ©Mark Allan
 - b) BSO Chief Executive Dougie Scarfe ©Mark Allan
2. Concert listings and booking link: <https://bsolive.com/whats-on/festival-coast-live/>

'BSO On Your Doorstep' live performances

Wed 4 August

BSO Brass
 11.00–11.45am Lower Gardens Bandstand, Bournemouth
 3.00–3.45pm Lower Gardens Bandstand, Bournemouth

Thurs 5 August

Mini BSO Family Concert
 11.00–11.45am The Quomps, Christchurch
 3.00–3.45pm Lower Gardens Bandstand, Bournemouth
 5.00–5.45pm Horseshoe Common, Bournemouth

BSO Brass
 11.00–11.45am Ashley Cross, Parkstone
 3.00–3.45pm Poole Quay

BSO from Lighthouse, Poole

Thurs 12 August

7.00pm Lighthouse, Poole
 Smooth Classics – an evening of relaxing classics. Free access to the livestream.

'BSO On The Big Screen'

Fri 13 August

3.15pm Ashley Cross, Parkstone
 Tchaikfest! symphonic concert

Wed 18 August

7.00pm Poole Park
 Smooth Classics – an evening of relaxing classics.

Sat 21 August

7.00pm Poole Park
 Classical Extravaganza – an explosive evening featuring the greatest classical music in the world.

Wed 25 August

7.00pm Lower Gardens, Bournemouth
 Hollywood Classics – explore classic soundtracks with the BSO.

3. **About Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra**
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Chief Conductor – Kirill Karabits | Associate Guest Conductor – David Hill MBE
 Conductor Emeritus – Marin Alsop | Conductor Laureate – Andrew Litton

One of the UK's best-loved orchestras, Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra is a professional ensemble known for igniting change both on and off the stage. With residencies in Bournemouth, Bristol, Exeter, Poole and Portsmouth it is also the largest cultural provider in the South West of England serving one of the biggest and most diverse regions.

Maintaining the highest artistic ideals the Orchestra remains committed to new and lesser-known repertoire while remaining relevant to its broad audience's tastes. Under Chief Conductor Kirill Karabits the Orchestra's *Voices from the East* series of music from former Soviet countries continues to receive critical acclaim, and its recent recordings of Prokofiev and Walton are outstanding modern performances. The Orchestra is also loved for its performances of film and light music, and its discography charts a number of landmark moments in 20th century music. A commissioner of new music, the Orchestra gave premiere performances of works by Shirley J. Thompson and Magnus Lindberg in its 2020/21 season.

Awarded the Royal Philharmonic Society's Impact Award in 2019, for its work in improving opportunities for disabled talent, the BSO continues to explore new territory with BSO Resound — the world's first professional disabled-led ensemble at the core of a major orchestra. BSO Participate works with all ages off the stage and is internationally recognised as an act to follow: over 650 community workshops and events take place each year across the Orchestra's vast region, empowering thousands of lives each year.

Following the longest break in its 127-year history, the Orchestra was one of the first ensembles in the UK to launch a series of full-symphonic performances in 2020.

4. The BSO's Principal Broadcast Partner is **BBC Radio 3**
5. The BSO is **Classic FM**'s Orchestra in the South of England.