

PRESS RELEASE

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LIVE MUSIC FOR ALL AGES AND 'ON YOUR DOORSTEP' THIS SPRING WITH BOURNEMOUTH SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA



The BSO continues to tour its live music ©Mark Allan

- The BSO and Chief Conductor Kirill Karabits to give the **first symphonic performance in the newly-refurbished Hall for Cornwall, Truro** this March.
- Rural communities in **Bristol, Cornwall, Dorset and Somerset** to benefit from further **'BSO On Your Doorstep'** live chamber concerts throughout spring.
- A unique opportunity to learn more about writing for disabled-led ensemble, **BSO Resound**, in partnership with the **2022 Festival of Contemporary Music for All**.
- Symphonic music for all ages as family concerts make a spectacular return with the film music **John Williams** and a symphonic celebration of **Elton John**.

Audiences of all ages throughout the South West to experience live music as musicians from Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra (BSO) continue to tour the region in venues both large and small this spring. From live performances in village halls to music-making workshops for all ages, the Orchestra launches its further popular concerts with a bang!

One of the UK's best-loved orchestras, the BSO exists to champion the role of culture in people's lives. This spring it returns with a series of performances — from Cornwall to the New Forest — as audiences of all ages return to live music.

Dougie Scarfe, the BSO's Chief Executive said, *"As people re-emerge from the pandemic and make steps back into their local village halls and concert halls we'll be there to welcome them with a range of live music for all ages. Alongside our main concert series — in Exeter, Poole and Portsmouth — we're excited to continue reaching further and deeper into rural communities with our 'BSO On Your Doorstep' chamber-scale concerts. We're also excited to give the first symphonic performance at Truro's newly-refurbished Hall for Cornwall with our Chief Conductor, Kirill Karabits. As well as presenting a special event that explores writing for disabled-led ensembles in partnership with the Festival of Contemporary Music for All, we'll also continue to welcome families back into the concert hall with popular symphonic family concerts this spring. See you there!"*

Hall for Cornwall

The Orchestra's Chief Conductor, Kirill Karabits, marks the first symphonic performance in the newly-refurbished **Hall for Cornwall, Truro (Fri 18 Mar)** with Beethoven's *Consecration of the House* — a work written to celebrate the opening of a Viennese theatre exactly 200 years ago — when the BSO tours the county in March.

Inspired by a visit to the medieval Cornish castle of Tintagel in 1917, Arnold Bax's atmospheric symphonic poem of the same name was given its world premiere by the Bournemouth Municipal Orchestra (now BSO) in 1921. Steeped in Arthurian legend and with references to Wagner's *Tristan und Isolde* it remains Bax's most highly regarded symphonic work.

The programme also features Sibelius's monumental Second Symphony — an ecstatic work referred to by Sibelius as the 'confession of the soul' — and a new work, *Unforged*, by rising star Carmen Ho.

'BSO On Your Doorstep' concerts

Musicians from the BSO tour chamber-scale performances throughout the South West, as its popular series of **'BSO On Your Doorstep'** concerts continues.

Launched in 2021 to reach those unable to attend larger city-based venues, the popular series of small-scale concerts visits **Aldersholt, near Fordingbridge (Sat 26 Feb)** in partnership with Artsreach following recent 'On Your Doorstep' performances from BSO Resound.

Principal players of the BSO return to St Georges, **Bristol (Tues 22 Mar)** with a programme including Dvořák's String Quartet in F major, and further 'On Your Doorstep' concerts take place in **Yeovil (Sun 10 Apr)**, **St Austell (Sat 19 Mar)** and **St Ives (Sat 19 Mar)** with chamber music from JS Bach to Michael Nyman. A 'Relaxed Concert' will also take place in **Yeovil (Sun 29 May)**.

Younger members of the family will also have the chance to experience live music-making for the first time: designed for babies and children aged 0-3 and their caregivers, a 'Time Together' session and relaxed concert takes place in the Westlands Ballroom, **Yeovil (Sun 20 Mar)**.

Festival of Contemporary Music for All

BSO Resound – the world's first disabled-led ensemble at the core of a major symphony orchestra – returns to Lighthouse, **Poole (Sun 6 Mar)** to give a concert in partnership with the **2022 Festival of Contemporary Music for All**.

Presented from the stage, the event provides a unique look under the lid of the award-winning ensemble, offering inspiration to those wishing to learn more about writing for disabled-led groups.

Symphonic music for all the family

The music of film icon **John Williams**, whose soundtracks to *ET*, *Star Wars*, *Schindler's List* amongst many more are heralded as the gold standard, will be celebrated in **Poole (Sat 12 Mar)**. Later in the month, the Orchestra welcomes a host of special guests from the West End to mark its **symphonic celebration of Elton John's music Poole (Sat 26 Mar)**.

The Orchestra also continues its main season of full symphonic music throughout the season, with performances in Basingstoke, Exeter, Poole, and Portsmouth, featuring a range of guest artists. The BSO made history as one of the first British orchestras to return to the stage in 2020, and its livestreamed broadcasts continue to reach audience in the South West and beyond.

For tickets and further information see bsolive.com

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1. [Images available here](#)

- a) Kirill Karabits and musicians of the BSO ©Mark Allan
- b) Musicians from Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra ©Mark Allan
- c) Chief Executive of the BSO, Dougie Scarfe ©Mark Allan
- c) Members of BSO Resound ©BSO

2. Concert listings:

Sunday 26 February, 2.30pm

Aldersholt Village Hall, Fordingbridge

BSO On Your Doorstep: *From Hebrides to Padstow* // BSO Chamber Ensemble
In partnership with Artsreach

Sunday 6 March, 1.30pm

Lighthouse, Poole

BSO Resound // In partnership with 2022 Festival of Contemporary Music for All

Saturday 12 March, 7.30pm

Lighthouse, Poole

The best of John Williams
Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra
Pete Harrison (conductor)

Friday 18 March, 7.30pm

Hall for Cornwall, Truro

Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra
Kirill Karabits (conductor)
Beethoven — Consecration of the House
Bax — Tintagel
Carmen Ho — Unforged
Sibelius — Symphony No.2

Saturday 19 March, 2.30pm

Guildhall, St Ives

BSO On Your Doorstep: *From Hebrides to Padstow* // BSO Chamber Ensemble

Saturday 19 March, 4pm

Keay Theatre, St Austell

BSO On Your Doorstep: *From Hebrides to Padstow* // BSO Chamber Ensemble

Sunday 20 March, 10am

Westlands Ballroom, Yeovil Octagon

BSO On Your Doorstep: *Time Together*
BSO Chamber Ensemble

Tuesday 22 March, 7.30pm

St Georges, Bristol

BSO On Your Doorstep: BSO Principal players chamber recital

Saturday 26 March, 7.30pm

Lighthouse, Poole

The Music of Elton John
Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra
Richard Balcombe (conductor)
With leading singers from the West End

Sunday 10 April, 2.30pm

Westlands Ballroom, Yeovil Octagon

BSO On Your Doorstep: *From Hebrides to Padstow* // BSO Chamber Ensemble

Sunday 29 May, 2.30pm

Westlands Ballroom, Yeovil Octagon

BSO On Your Doorstep: *Homelands* — Relaxed Concert for all ages // BSO Chamber Ensemble

3. **About Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra**

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Chief Conductor – Kirill Karabits

Principal Guest Conductor – Mark Wigglesworth | 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 championing the role of culture in people's lives**. With residencies in Bournemouth, Bristol, Exeter, Portsmouth and Poole, it is the largest cultural provider in the South West of England, serving one of the biggest and most diverse regions.

The BSO received the **Royal Philharmonic Society's Impact Award** in 2019 for its work in improving opportunities for disabled musicians, and **BSO Resound – the world's first professional disabled-led ensemble at the core of a major orchestra** – continues to receive international attention for igniting change. Challenging access to high-quality music for all, the BSO leads hundreds of events each year, from award-winning work in health and care settings to partnerships with schools and music education hubs.

The Orchestra, under its Chief Conductor Kirill Karabits, is known for pushing artistic boundaries, and its ongoing series of music from former Soviet states, *Voices from the East*, continues to gain praise. Boasting an enviable list of principal conductors, including Marin Alsop, the first female principal conductor of a major UK orchestra, the BSO has given memorable performances worldwide and with regular live broadcasts on BBC Radio 3 and Classic FM.

The Orchestra's inaugural livestreamed series, which featured Sir John Eliot Gardiner, Benjamin Grosvenor and Alina Ibragimova, was widely praised by audiences and critics alike, with **the BSO making history as one of the first British orchestras to return to the stage in 2020**. In 2021, **Horn player Felix Klieser** made a memorable UK concerto debut as the Orchestra's Artist-in-Residence, and the BSO resumed its symphonic touring of the South West.

Committed to new music, the Orchestra celebrates a triptych of contemporary symphonic works written by women in its forthcoming season, with premiere performances of works by Carmen Ho, Franghiz Ali-Zadeh and Elizabeth Ogonek. During the pandemic, the BSO also gave premieres by composers Shirley J. Thompson OBE and Magnus Lindberg.

4. **About Hall for Cornwall** | www.hallforcornwall.co.uk

Hall for Cornwall is the county's flagship cultural venue. Having undergone a 3-year transformation, the historic 175-year-old former Truro City Hall reopened in 2021 with the 3-tier 1,352 seat Cornwall Playhouse, Green Room Café, Playhouse Bar and public spaces seamlessly integrated into the Grade II listed building.

5. **About Artsreach** | www.artsreach.co.uk

Artsreach is Dorset's rural touring arts charity, working with local volunteers to bring high quality, professional performances of live theatre, music, dance and family shows to the heart of rural communities across the county.

6. **About Festival of Contemporary Music for All (CoMA)** | www.coma.org

CoMA's vision is for contemporary music to be open to everyone, celebrating participation in new music-making as a meaningful and essential part of our lives. Its mission is to create a culture of musical participation and collaboration. It establishes environments for amateur, emerging and acclaimed music-makers of all

backgrounds and abilities to build musical communities and new repertoires. CoMA exists to share those unique experiences and practices as widely as possible across its networks, from audiences to institutions, from music education providers to professional ensembles. It runs contemporary music ensembles throughout the UK, plus workshops and residencies, with an expanding international programme. CoMA's music collection, including commissions from leading and emerging composers, is a unique resource for amateur, professional and youth ensembles. CoMA celebrates its 30th anniversary in 2023.

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