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Musicians from Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra return to rural locations in popular chamber series this season



The BSO's professional musicians tour chamber music this autumn ©BSO

- Musicians from Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra (BSO) bring **concerts to rural locations across the South West** as the popular 'BSO On Your Doorstep' series returns this autumn.
- People in **Dorset, Hampshire and Somerset** will experience live performances in local villages and community centres from Langport, near Taunton, to the New Forest.

Concerts in December will feature a **range of festive highlights, including music from *The Nutcracker***. **Communities across Dorset, Hampshire and Somerset can anticipate a plethora of rural concerts this autumn and winter taking place across the region, including Broadwindsor, Langport, Long Sutton, New Milton, Stalbridge and Sydling St Nicholas.**

Dorset and Hampshire

The BSO On Your Doorstep performances in Dorset and Hampshire are presented in partnership with **Culture in Common** and **Artsreach**, Dorset's rural touring agency.

The BSO's Brass Octet travels to **Stalbridge, near Sherborne [28 Oct]** for a programme of dance inspired music through the ages, ranging from Handel's *Sarabande* to Pharell Williams' *Happy*.

Explore the world of Curious Creatures in a family friendly concert in **New Milton, near the New Forest [12 Nov]** – this musical journey explores the many creatures you can find in the great outdoors, featuring such pieces as Mancini's *Baby Elephant Walk* and Vaughan Williams' *The Lark Ascending*.

There'll be music in **Broadwindsor, near Beaminster [19 Nov]** with a trio of flute, cello and harp to serenade you in a programme of music through the ages from Bach and Bizet to Ibert and Joni Mitchell, before a Brass Octet travels to **Sydling St Nicholas, near Dorchester [30 Nov]** for more dance inspired music.

You can also join Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra players for a selection of Christmas Crackers in **Sturminster Newton [15 Dec]**, when a 10 piece mixed ensemble plays such pieces as *Carol of the Bells* to *All I Want for Christmas*, to name but a few.

Somerset

There's plenty to look forward to in Somerset with a 14 piece ensemble kicking things off in **Langport [30 Sep]** – presented in partnership with The Octagon, Yeovil – with a celebration of the sea, featuring music from Adele's *Rolling in the Deep* to Vaughan Williams' *Sea Songs*.

Then welcome in Christmas in **Long Sutton [9 Dec]** with a Brass Christmas Fanfare, an eight piece ensemble who'll play a selection of joyful well-known festive tunes and wintery classics. The event is supported by the **Friends of Long Sutton Church**.

Lucy Warren, Head of BSO Participate, said *"Our BSO on Your Doorstep concerts present an opportunity for audiences to come and experience something new and different from their local orchestra. From the seasoned concert-goer to those who are completely new to classical music – programmes include well known music alongside lesser-known works from Bach and Adele, to Jessie Montgomery and William Grant Still.*

We want to give everyone the chance to experience something new; whether that's hearing known favourites in a new light through our arrangements, or a new piece of music entirely, all concerts are presented from the stage and give the audience that extra special chance to get to know more about the players and music of their local orchestra."

Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra ensembles to play music in Broadwindsor [19 Nov], Langport [30 Sep], Long Sutton [9 Dec], New Milton [12 Nov], Stalbridge [28 Oct] and Sydling St Nicholas [30 Nov].

For tickets and further information about Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra's events, see bsolive.com.

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1. High-resolution images available [here](#)
 - a) BSO on your Doorstep image
 - b) BSO players image
 - c) Lucy Warren image

2. Events listing

- a) Langport [30 Sep]
- b) Stalbridge [28 Oct]
- c) New Milton [12 Nov]
- d) Broadwindsor [19 Nov]
- e) Sydling St Nicholas [30 Nov]
- f) Long Sutton [9 Dec]

2. [About Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra](#) | bsolive.com | @BSOrchestra

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. Based at Lighthouse, Poole, the Orchestra has residencies in Bournemouth, Bristol, Exeter, Portsmouth, Southampton and Yeovil – it is the largest cultural provider in the South West, serving one of the biggest and most diverse regions in the UK.

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 **livestreamed broadcasts** have cemented its reputation for presenting live symphonic music of the highest quality; its digital performances remain popular around the globe, reaching around 900 regular online viewers for each performance. In 2023/24, the series features guest artists Vadim Gluzman, Alina Ibragimova, Sunwook Kim and Awadagin Pratt alongside a host of the UK's leading music broadcasters. The former winner of the Tchaikovsky Competition for Young Musicians, pianist **Alexander Malofeev** also features, when he becomes the Orchestra's Artist-in-Residence following popular appearances in recent seasons.

Committed to new music, the BSO has presented premiere performances of works by Carmen Ho, Franghiz Ali-Zadeh, Magnus Lindberg, Anna Korsun, Elizabeth Ogonek and Shirley J. Thompson OBE in recent years.

Challenging barriers to high-quality music for all, the BSO leads hundreds of community-based events each year,



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from its award-winning work in health and care settings to partnerships with schools and music education hubs – and in the 2023/24 season the Orchestra will welcome its next community-based **BSO Young Associate musicians**. Following international attention for igniting change, **BSO Resound** – the world's first professional disabled-led ensemble at the core of a major orchestra, and winner of the 2019 Royal Philharmonic Society's Impact Award – continues to challenge perceptions.

The BSO's Principal Broadcast Partner is **BBC Radio 3**

The BSO is **Classic FM's** Orchestra in the South of England.



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