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## PARTY IN MEYRICK PARK THIS SUMMER! BOURNEMOUTH SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA UNITES WITH STARS IN WEEKEND OF OUTDOOR CONCERTS



*Kirsten Joy, singer of Clean Bandit © Matthew Joseph Crowds party at Meyrick Park © Corin Messer*

- The BSO returns to **Meyrick Park, Bournemouth** for two symphonic outdoor concerts [26-27 July] in partnership with **BCP Council**.
- Popular conductor **Pete Harrison** directs some of the **greatest Classical and Disco music of all time**, with tracks ranging from Rimsky-Korsakov and Saint-Saëns to the Bee Gees and Boney M!
- The best of disco music brought to life by a host of popular singers including **Kirsten Joy** and **Tess Burrstone**, who are known for their performances with **Clean Bandit**.
- Both evenings to culminate in a display of **stunning pyrotechnics and fireworks**
- **Early bird prices available at £30**

## **Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra returns to Meyrick Park this summer for two outdoor concerts: Classical Extravaganza [26 July] and Disco Symphonic Spectacular [27 July].**

'Classical Extravaganza' [26 July] features some of the best symphonic music written, including music by Rimsky-Korsakov, Grieg, and Saint-Saëns alongside a quick trip to the cinema courtesy of John Williams and Hans Zimmer. The evening reaches a colourful climax with Wagner's *Ride of the Valkyries*, accompanied by a stunning fireworks and pyrotechnic display.

Saturday night sees disco music lighting up the stage in 'Disco Symphonic Spectacular' [27 July], a concert featuring arrangements of music by the **Bee Gees, Earth Wind and Fire, Boney M, Sister Sledge, Donna Summer, Kool and the Gang**, to name but a few. This music will be brought to life by a host of popular singers including **Kirsten Joy** and **Tess Burrstone** - who are both known for their performances with **Clean Bandit** - and singers **Gavin Conder** and **Nick Shirm**.

Come along to relive the magical sounds of the seventies in this trip back to a time of big hair and platform shoes, wide lapels and Denim aftershave, in full symphonic glory! The evening culminates with a spectacular pyrotechnic and firework displays.

Visitors are encouraged to bring picnics to be enjoyed in the beautiful surrounds of Meyrick Park when gates open at 6pm, ahead of the concert at 8pm. **Early bird tickets are available at £30 (plus £1 booking fee per ticket) until 29 May.**

**BSO Pops conductor Pete Harrison** said: *"I can't wait to return to Bournemouth's Meyrick Park with these two concerts showcasing the best of classical and disco music. Whether you fancy a night under the stars listening to some of the greatest symphonic and film music written, or dancing the night away listening to the BSO play well-known classics alongside a star-studded line-up, these concerts are guaranteed to leave you with a smile on your face."*

**The BSO's Chief Executive, Dougie Scarfe OBE DL**, said: *"Bringing music into people's lives is why the BSO exists – from large symphonic performances in concert halls to community music to support health and wellbeing. Our concerts in Meyrick Park are always a fantastic display of the power of music in bringing people together – and we're thrilled that BCP Council continue to support these live events. We hope you're looking forward to partying with the BSO in the heart of Bournemouth this summer."*

**For more information and tickets see [bsolive.com](https://bsolive.com)**

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1. **Images available [here](#)**
  - a) Conductor Pete Harrison © Andy Holdsworth
  - b) Singer of Clean Bandit Kirsten Joy © Matthew Joseph
  - c) Crowd at Meyrick Park © Corin Messer
  - d) Musicians of Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra © Corin Messer
  
2. **Event listings – see full details at [bsolive.com](https://bsolive.com)**

**Friday 26 July 2024, 8pm**

**[Classical Extravaganza Meyrick Park 2024](#)**

Meyrick Park, Bournemouth

Early bird price: £30

Advance price (29 May to 25 July): £34

On the day: £38

(plus £1 booking fee per ticket)

**Saturday 27 July 2024, 8pm**

**[Disco Symphonic Spectacular Meyrick Park 2024](#)**

Meyrick Park, Bournemouth

Early bird price: £30

Advance price (29 May to 25 July): £34

On the day: £38

(plus £1 booking fee per ticket)

### 3. About Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra

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**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, it has residencies in Bournemouth, Bristol, Exeter, Portsmouth, Southampton and Yeovil — and is the largest cultural provider in the South West, serving one of the biggest and most diverse regions in the UK.**

The Orchestra is known for pushing artistic boundaries and during Kirill Karabits' 15-year tenure as Chief Conductor its series of music from former Soviet states, Voices from the East, has continued 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.

The Orchestra's Digital Concerts have cemented its reputation for presenting live music of the highest quality, and in 2023/24 guest artists have included Artist-in-Residence Alexander Malofeev, Alina Ibragimova, and Awadagin Pratt. It reunited with Seeta Patel Dance in a Bharatanatyam interpretation of The Rite of Spring and gave world premieres by Jonathan Dove and Mark-Anthony Turnage on returning to its residency at Bristol Beacon.

The BSO leads hundreds of community-based events each year, from award-winning work in health settings to partnerships with education providers — and in 2023/24 it welcomed its second cohort of BSO Young Associate music leaders. 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.

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