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Congress Theatre



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It's great to share  
with you the details  
of our 2024/25 season  
at Eastbourne's  
Congress Theatre.



**David Burke**  
Chief Executive

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "David".

**Elena Dubinets**  
Artistic Director

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Our opening concert launches with Sibelius's stirring *Finlandia* and finishes with Beethoven's irrepressible Symphony No. 7, bookending Dvořák's joyous Cello Concerto. Conductor Vinay Parameswaran and cellist Sterling Elliott both make their LPO debuts.

In November we present a pair of Russian masterpieces, in a concert showcasing two more talented artists making debuts with the Orchestra. Violinist Blake Pouliot, described by *Gramophone* as 'a musician with soul', performs Tchaikovsky's beautiful Violin Concerto, and conductor Alevtina Ioffe is at the helm for Rachmaninoff's deeply Romantic, evocative Second Symphony.

December sees a playful pairing of *The Marriage of Figaro* and Strauss's Second Horn Concerto followed by Dvořák's tuneful Eighth Symphony, with two more artists new to the LPO stage – conductor and BBC Rising Star Valentina Peleggi, and internationally-acclaimed British horn player and former BBC Young Musician finalist Ben Goldscheider.

In February we return to the Congress Theatre with LPO 2024/25 Fellow Conductor Matthew Lynch. Mentored by Principal Conductor Edward Gardner, he'll take

to the stage for a programme featuring Mozart's Concerto for Flute and Harp and Dvořák's 'New World' Symphony.

March sees more favourites of the Classical repertoire, when conductor Adam Hickox and violinist Hyeyoon Park bring a delightful programme of Schumann, Beethoven and Brahms to the Congress Theatre stage.

Young Finnish conductor Tarmo Peltokoski rounds off our season in April. Acclaimed Canadian pianist Jan Lisiecki shows off his virtuosity in Prokofiev's Piano Concerto No. 2 before Sibelius's invigorating Second Symphony brings our season to a triumphant close.

As well as our concerts at the Congress Theatre, we're delighted to share the wonder of classical music with our local South Coast communities. With our local partners we're working together to offer musical opportunities for people of all ages in the area. More information can be found on page 9 of this brochure.

We can't wait for the new Eastbourne season to start, and hope you'll join us at a concert soon!



SUNDAY 27 OCTOBER 2024, 3.00PM

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## Beethoven's Seventh

**Sibelius** Finlandia (8')

**Dvořák** Cello Concerto (40')

**Beethoven** Symphony No. 7 (36')

**Vinay Parameswaran** conductor

**Sterling Elliott** cello\*

Beethoven set out to make the whole world drunk with joy, and from first note to last, his Seventh Symphony simply blazes with pure, irrepressible life-force. It's a torrent, a celebration, a cosmic dance. Sounds like we're overselling it? Just wait until you hear the Seventh played live by the full London Philharmonic Orchestra under our dynamic guest conductor Vinay Parameswaran. But then, everything about this concert is off-the-scale: from Sibelius's stirring hymn to freedom, to the unchained melody of Dvořák's glorious Cello Concerto – an ideal showcase for the inspirational young American cellist Sterling Elliott.

\*Alexandra Jupin Award recipient. An annual award for an artist making their debut with the London Philharmonic Orchestra.

Vinay Parameswaran



Sterling Elliott



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SUNDAY 17 NOVEMBER 2024, 3.00PM

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# Rachmaninoff's Second Symphony

**Tchaikovsky** Violin Concerto (34')  
**Rachmaninoff** Symphony No. 2 (54')

**Alevtina Ioffe** conductor  
**Blake Pouliot** violin

'A musician with soul, and ideas worth hearing' – that was *Gramophone* magazine's verdict on the debut album by Canadian violin star Blake Pouliot. But judge for yourself, as he joins guest conductor Alevtina Ioffe in a masterpiece that demands every last ounce of brilliance and feeling: Tchaikovsky's hugely-popular Violin Concerto. Rachmaninoff's Second Symphony, meanwhile, is like an epic Russian novel: a sweeping emotional drama, filled with winter storms, sunlit vistas and mile after mile of unforgettable melody. Is this the ultimate romantic symphony? We just know that it sounds wonderful, and we can't wait to share it.

Alevtina Ioffe





SUNDAY 8 DECEMBER 2024, 3.00PM

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## Strauss's Horn Concerto No. 2

**Mozart** Overture, The Marriage of Figaro (5')

**R Strauss** Horn Concerto No. 2 (20')

**Dvořák** Symphony No. 8 (36')

**Valentina Peleggi** conductor

**Ben Goldscheider** horn

Strange but true: they used to call Dvořák's Eighth his 'English' symphony. Yet its lilting melodies and exuberant dance rhythms could hardly be more Czech – the sound of a composer who's thoroughly at home, and loving it. Pure sunshine, in other words, and in the hands of conductor Valentina Peleggi it's a gloriously tuneful climax to a concert that begins with Mozart's comedy overture and stars the internationally-acclaimed young British horn player Ben Goldscheider in Richard Strauss's playful Second Horn Concerto. They said it was impossible to play, but for Ben Goldscheider it's not just possible – it's fun.

### Pre-concert event, 2.15pm

Enjoy the sound of local young talent, as musicians from Create Music, the music education hub for Brighton & Hove and East Sussex give a special free performance in the Congress Theatre foyer.

Ben Goldscheider



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'London's most  
adventurous and  
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*The Times*





SUNDAY 23 FEBRUARY 2025, 3.00PM

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## New World Symphony

**Chevalier de Saint-Georges** Symphony No. 2 (11')  
**Mozart** Concerto for Flute and Harp (29')  
**Dvořák** Symphony No. 9 (From the New World) (40')

**Matthew Lynch** conductor\*  
**Juliette Bausor** flute  
**Alexander Boldachev** harp

The movie *Chevalier* popularised the incredible life story of Joseph Bologne, Chevalier de Saint-Georges, but his music is even more exciting, and today it's just the start of an adventure that begins in 18th-century Paris, and ends with the glorious melodies of Dvořák's 'New World' Symphony. It's popular for a reason, but for pure elegance and enchantment it's hard to top Mozart's Concerto for Flute and Harp, performed by LPO Principal Flute Juliette Bausor plus the incredible Alexander Boldachev – a harpist with the charisma of a rock star. LPO 2024/25 Fellow Conductor Matthew Lynch completes a dream team: this should be magical.

\*LPO Fellow Conductor 2024/25. The LPO Conducting Fellowship is generously supported by Patricia Haitink with additional support from Gini and Richard Gabbertas.

Matthew Lynch





SUNDAY 9 MARCH 2025, 3.00PM

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## Beethoven & Brahms

**R Schumann** Overture, Genoveva (9')

**Beethoven** Violin Concerto (42')

**Brahms** Symphony No. 4 (40')

**Adam Hickox** conductor

**Hyeyoon Park** violin

True romance: for the composers of the Romantic era, music was about gazing into the human soul and transforming raw passion into timeless beauty. And music doesn't get much more beautiful than Beethoven's radiant Violin Concerto: a sunlit, soaring masterpiece in which the soloist almost seems to take flight. There's certainly nothing earthbound about our soloist – the award-winning Korean violinist Hyeyoon Park has been described as 'a marvel'. Her performance is the big, warm heart of a concert that opens with Schumann's swashbuckling overture and ends with Brahms's last symphony – tragedy, tenderness and defiance, told straight from the heart.

Adam Hickox



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Hyeyoon Park



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SUNDAY 13 APRIL 2025, 3.00PM

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# Jan Lisiecki plays Beethoven

**Beethoven** Piano Concerto No. 5 (Emperor) (38')\*  
**Sibelius** Symphony No. 2 (44')

**Tarmo Peltokoski** conductor  
**Jan Lisiecki** piano

Imagine a swelling river of sound; a musical voyage that begins amid the tranquillity of nature and ends in a surge of triumph. That's Sibelius's Second Symphony, and there are few experiences in classical music more invigorating, or more stirring. For the young Finnish conductor Tarmo Peltokoski, Sibelius is a national hero. There's another tale about memory to be told here, as Canadian pianist Jan Lisiecki takes centre stage to showcase the grandeur and glory of Beethoven's mighty 'Emperor' Concerto – a work dedicated to the composer's patron and friend, Archduke Rudolf.

\*Please note change of programme from originally advertised.

Jan Lisiecki





## Education and Community events

Join us as we spread the joy of classical music throughout our local South Coast communities! In addition to our Sunday concerts at the Congress Theatre, we're thrilled to extend the wonder of classical music beyond the concert hall.

Partnering with Create Music, the music education hub for Brighton & Hove and East Sussex, and with West Sussex Music, this season we're offering exciting musical opportunities for young people in Eastbourne and beyond. From unique experiences on our concert days to engaging, free LPO Overture days during school holidays, young musicians have the chance to connect with LPO players, refine their skills, and perform for their families and friends.

Last season, we performed our first ever BrightSparks schools concert at the Congress Theatre, providing Key Stage 2 children with the unforgettable experience of hearing a full orchestra live and up close – and we can't wait to do it again this season! With free resources, training for teachers and creative projects in local primary schools, we're dedicated to nurturing a love for music from an early age. Visit [lpo.org.uk/brightsparks](http://lpo.org.uk/brightsparks) to find out more.

Beyond our work with children and young people, we're actively forging partnerships with other local organisations, with exciting projects on the horizon. Recently, an ensemble of LPO brass players performed at Langney Shopping Centre at the launch of a new community library, 'The Huddle'. This event represents just the beginning of our engagement in Langney, with the hope of expanding our involvement with the community through future collaborations.

If you're aware of an organisation that could benefit from collaborating with us, or if you'd like to get involved, we're all ears. Contact Claudia Clarkson, our Regional Partnerships Manager, at [claudia.clarkson@lpo.org.uk](mailto:claudia.clarkson@lpo.org.uk), and let's explore how we can make a difference together.

The LPO's activities with South Coast communities are generously supported by TIOC Foundation and donors to the LPO's Arts for Impact Big Give campaign.



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I want the London Philharmonic  
Orchestra and Edward Gardner  
to come with me'**

*The Times* on Berlioz's *The Damnation of Faust*  
with Edward Gardner

# Booking information

## Congress Theatre Venue

Carlisle Road, Eastbourne,  
East Sussex BN21 4BP

## Congress Theatre Ticket Office & Correspondence

**01323 412000**

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Please ensure you notify us of any special requirements when booking, so we can ensure you are offered the most appropriate seats.





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### How to find us

The venue is situated close to Eastbourne seafront and a short distance from the town centre. We are just 45 minutes from Brighton, 30 minutes from Hastings and Bexhill and 60 minutes from Tunbridge Wells.



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