



ROBIN PAGE was appointed musical director of the Birmingham Philharmonic Orchestra in 1987. Robin studied music at Cambridge University and the Royal Academy of Music in London. He is now principal conductor of the Purcell Orchestra, Kingston Choral Society and the West Sussex Philharmonic Choir, and has recently made BBC recordings with the Ulster Orchestra. He is also a junior professor at the Royal Academy of Music. In 1986 he was a semi-finalist in the MTV Hungarian International Conducting competition. His particular interest is in Swedish music and he has given the UK premieres of several Swedish works. Robin has planned an adventurous and interesting programme of music for the BPO this season including the first Midlands performance of Lidholm's *Kontaktion*, an appearance by the Philharmonia Leader Bradley Creswick with Prokofiev's 2nd Violin Concerto and a visit from Paolo Vaoglieri of La Scala, Milan, for two concerts.

The

Birmingham Philharmonic Orchestra

is a full symphony orchestra which performs a wide variety of major orchestral works. It uses a selection of professional conductors and soloists and up to fifteen concerts a year are held at major venues throughout the West Midlands. Although an amateur orchestra the standard of performance is very high. Orchestral members are drawn from many backgrounds.

For some music is a form of relaxation; others use the orchestra as a stepping stone in their musical careers. All are united in their desire to share together the joy of making music and bringing this enjoyment to people who may otherwise miss the opportunity of hearing live performances of great works.

Rehearsals are held every Sunday at the Clarendon Suite, Hagley Road, Edgbaston, from 10.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m. The orchestra welcomes enquiries about membership, especially from string players.

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Birmingham Philharmonic Orchestra

1989/1990

SEASON

Musical Director: Robin Page

Patron: Dr. Malcolm Arnold, C.B.E.

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Philharmonic 1989/90

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Orchestra

SUNDAY 15th OCTOBER — 7.30 p.m.
CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN
CLEOBURY MORTIMER

SUNDAY 22nd OCTOBER — 7.30 p.m.
STRATFORD-UPON-AVON CIVIC HALL

Debussy: Prélude à l'Après – Midi d'un Faune

Grieg: Peer Gynt Suite No. 1

Sibelius: Pohjola's Daughter

Berlioz: Symphonie Fantastique

CONDUCTOR: ROBIN PAGE

SUNDAY 25th FEBRUARY — 7.30 p.m.
BIRMINGHAM TOWN HALL

Lidholm: Kontakion

Prokofiev: Violin Concerto No. 2

Sibelius: Finlandia

Nielsen: Symphony No. 3

CONDUCTOR: ROBIN PAGE

SOLOIST: BRADLEY CRESWICK

SATURDAY 9th JUNE — 7.30 p.m.
DENSTONE COLLEGE UTTOXETER

SUNDAY 17th JUNE — 7.30 p.m.
CLARENDON SUITE EDGBASTON

Britten: Matinees Musicales

Strauss: Don Juan

Shostakovich: Piano Concerto No. 2

Dvorak: Symphony No. 8

CONDUCTOR: ROBIN PAGE

SOLOIST: MICHELLE McILVANNA

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SUNDAY 26th NOVEMBER — 7.30 p.m.
BURTON-ON-TRENT TOWN HALL

SUNDAY 3rd DECEMBER — 7.30 p.m.
SHREWSBURY MUSIC HALL

SUNDAY 17th DECEMBER — 8.00 p.m.*
LICHFIELD CIVIC HALL

SPANISH FIESTA

Chabrier: Espana

Massenet: Suite, Le Cid

R. Korsakov: Capriccio Espagnole

De Falla: Three Cornered Hat

Ravel: Bolero

CONDUCTOR: MICHAEL LLOYD

*CONDUCTOR: ROBIN PAGE

SUNDAY 22nd APRIL — 7.30 p.m.
CLEOBURY MORTIMER

Verdi: Overture Sicilian Vespers

Britten: Matinees Musicales

Saint-Saens: Cello Concerto

Brahms: Symphony No. 2

CONDUCTOR: PAOLO VAGLIERI

SOLOIST: CLAIRE IBBOT

SUNDAY 18th FEBRUARY — 7.30 p.m.
CHESTERFIELD WINDING WHEEL

Sibelius: Karelia Suite

Grieg: Peer Gynt Suite No. 1

Lidholm: Kontakion

Sibelius: Finlandia

Nielsen: Symphony No. 3

CONDUCTOR: ROBIN PAGE

SUNDAY 29th APRIL — 8.00 p.m.
LICHFIELD CATHEDRAL

Verdi: Overture Sicilian Vespers

Britten: Matinees Musicales

Respighi: Fountains of Rome

Brahms: Symphony No. 2

CONDUCTOR: PAOLO VAGLIERI

SUNDAY 10th JUNE — 7.30 p.m.
LEOMINSTER PRIORY

Strauss: Don Juan

Mendelssohn: Piano Concerto No. 4

Dvorak: Symphony No. 8

CONDUCTOR: ROBIN PAGE

SOLOIST: LAUREN BROADHEAD

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WEDNESDAY 27th JUNE — 7.30 p.m.
WALSALL TOWN HALL

Strauss: Don Juan

Grieg: Piano Concerto

Dvorak: Symphony No. 8

CONDUCTOR: ROBIN PAGE

SOLOIST: HAROLD BRITTON

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* Programme subject to alteration without prior notice

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