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Founded in the early years of the second world war to raise money for war charities, the Birmingham Philharmonic Orchestra received its present title in 1941. It retained its vigour at the cessation of hostilities and remains one of the country's leading large non-professional symphony orchestras, drawing its members from all walks of life throughout the West Midlands. For most of its members music is a form of relaxation, but for others it is a stepping stone in their musical careers.

The orchestra has been based at the Birmingham Conservatoire since 1993. It rehearses there on Sundays between September and June, giving concerts every 7-8 weeks in the Conservatoire's Adrian Boult Hall. Six or seven concerts a year are given at other venues in the West Midlands. The BPO has also performed regularly at Symphony Hall and Town Hall Birmingham as well as some of England's great cathedrals, and has been a mainstay of the Leominster Festival since its inception in 1980. For more information, visit our website (www.bpo.org.uk), email info@bpo.org.uk, or call us on 0121 689 2835.

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Ticket Prices and Booking Details

Adrian Boult Hall, Birmingham

Tickets £13 (£10 concessionary, £8 students/children), book online via www.oxboffice.com*, or direct from the orchestra (www.bpo.org.uk).

* (£1 postage and administration charge for online bookings).

St John's Smith Square, London SW1P 3HA

Tickets £15 and £10 (concessions £8). Booking opens 9th July. By Telephone - 020 7222 1061. Online - www.sjss.org.uk By Post - Please include SAE Debit/Credit Cards - MasterCard and Visa accepted. Booking fees - per transaction: £2.00 by telephone/£1.50 online. Advance Booking - the Box Office is open for advance bookings from 10am-5pm weekdays. The Box Office opens at 2.00pm on the day for personal callers for this concert only.

All Saints Church, Leamington Spa

Tickets £13 (Concessions £12, Students £5, 16 & under £2), available at the door and from members of the Choir, Presto Classical, Park Street, Leamington Spa, Kenilworth Books, Talisman Square, Kenilworth, or enquiries via choir website www.wkcs.org

Levi Fox Hall, Stratford on Avon

Tickets £13 (£10 concessionary, £8 students/children), tel (01789) 293351, or book online via www.oxboffice.com*, or direct from the orchestra (www.bpo.org.uk).

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Sutton Coldfield Town Hall

For tickets and other information contact Bill Stableford, tel 0121 308 4126.

St Peter Church, Sudbury

Tickets £10 reserved and £8 unreserved, tel 01787 881160.

Priory Church, Leominster

Tickets £12 (£5 under 18), from the Tourist Tnformation Centre, 1 Corn Square, Leominster, Herefordshire HR6 8LR, tel 01568 616460. For further details visit http://www.leominster-festival.co.uk

Tickets for all concerts are usually available direct from the orchestra. For enquiries, please email tickets@bpo.org.uk.

Programme details and ticket prices may be subject to change without notice. E&OE.

Music Director Michael Lloyd Patron Peter Donohoe CBE



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Concert Season 2012/13

The Midlands' leading non-professional orchestra

1: The English Century

English music came in from the cold in the 20th century. We present works from throughout the era, including VW's powerful and dramatic symphony, Arnold's memorial to a massacre, Elgar's maritime song cycle and a rarity from a forgotten visionary, Rutland Boughton.

Arnold: Peterloo Overture **Elgar:** Sea Pictures

Boughton: Love and Spring

Vaughan Williams: Symphony No 4

Mezzo-soprano: Wendy Dawn Thompson

Conductor: Michael Lloyd

St John's Smith Square:

Sunday 10th October, 3.00 pm **Adrian Boult Hall, Birmingham:** Sunday 17th October, 3.00 pm

2: Mighty Handful

Five Russians came together to write a new, national music for their homeland, and were dubbed a "mighty handful", These are some of their finest pieces.

Borodin: Prince Igor Overture

Cui: Tarantella Balakirev: Tamara

Rimsky-Korsakov: Russian Easter Festival

Overture

Mussorgsky (arr. Ravel): Pictures at an

Exhibition

Conductor: Richard Laing

Levi Fox Hall, Stratford-on-Avon: Sunday 9th December, 7.30 pm Adrian Boult Hall, Birmingham: Sunday 16th December, 3.00 pm

3: Romantic Symphony

Bruckner's fourth symphony opens with horn calls - but to whom? Bruch's ever-popular concerto reunites us with Byron Parish, and Beethoven's stirring overture prepares for drama to come.

Beethoven: Egmont Overture

Bruch: Violin Concerto No 1 in G minor **Bruckner:** Symphony No 4 in E flat major

(Romantic)

Solo Violin: **Byron Parish**Conductor: **Michael Seal**

Adrian Boult Hall, Birmingham: Sunday 24th February, 3.00 pm

4: Mozart's Clarinet Concerto

We make a welcome return to Sudbury, with the winner of the 2012 BPO Concerto Prize.

Programme to include:

Mozart: Clarinet Concerto in A major

Solo Clarinet: Jack McNeill Conductor: Michael Lloyd

St Peter Church, Sudbury: Sunday 14th April, 3.00 pm (*Promoted by the Friends of St Peter*)

5: BPO Concerto Prize

We accompany the final performances of students from the Birmingham Conservatoire in the competition for this prestigious prize.

Conductor: Michael Lloyd

Adrian Boult Hall, Birmingham: Sunday 21st April, 3.00 pm

6: Sibelius' 2nd Symphony

Sibelius' most popular symphony never fails to stir the blood. We mark Verdi's bicentenary with a famous overture, and Mozart's concerto features a prize-winning soloist.

Verdi: Overture, The Force of Destiny **Mozart:** Clarinet Concerto in A Major **Sibelius:** Symphony No 2 in D major

Solo Clarinet: Jack McNeill Conductor: Michael Lloyd

Priory Church, Leominster: Sunday 9th June, 7.30pm (Promoted by the Leominster Festival)

Adrian Boult Hall, Birmingham: Sunday 17th June, 3.00 pm

Special Events

The BPO with Warwick and Kenilworth Choral Society

Music for St Cecilia

Works by Handel, Parry, Finzi and Vaughan Williams

Conductor: Julian Parkin

All Saints Parish Church, Leamington Spa: Saturday 13th November, 7.30 pm

A Viennese Celebration

A programme of popular classics, including favourites from the Strauss family.

Conductor: Michael Lloyd

Sutton Coldfield Town Hall: Sunday 30th January, 7.30 pm (Promoted by Sutton Town Hall Users)