

RECENT REVIEWS

"One of the best amateur orchestras I've ever heard."
Liz Rossi - violin soloist, November 2007

"A fine performance, well read and executed and, as for the Mendelssohn, the Spa Grand Hall rang with foot-stamping and applause."

"The music button-holed by its sheer intensity."

"The foot-stamping and applause greeting this riveting performance was totally justified."

"This had been the Scarborough Orchestra at pretty much its best. It has done good work with Dvořák before, but it was never as good as this."

David Smart

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The Scarborough Symphony Orchestra is privileged to be able to continue its association with the Spa Complex. The recently refurbished venue provides excellent professional facilities for the orchestra and its patrons and plenty of additional space for our ever-increasing audiences.

Scarborough's Spa Complex is located in the picturesque South Bay and is the most prestigious venue for conferences, exhibitions, entertainment and events on the Yorkshire Coast. It is easy to find and is signposted from all directions. The address is: Scarborough Spa Complex, South Bay, Scarborough YO11 2HD.



PARKING

There is limited parking outside the venue **1** and along the approach road, but there is also an underground car park a short walk away **2** - this is sometimes closed in winter. Free parking is available above the Spa along the Esplanade **3** and the adjoining streets. You can then either walk to the Spa down a steep path or, if you are feeling less energetic, use the cliff lift, which should be running on every concert day.

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Individual ticket prices:

Full price: £8.50

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TIMES:

Concerts begin at 7.30pm and end by approximately 9.30pm. Doors and box office are open from 6.45pm.

Please arrive as early as possible to ensure a good seat.

PRE-CONCERT TALKS:

Frank James will be continuing his entertaining and informative talks which introduce each of the concerts this season. These will begin at 6.45pm in the Vitadome Lounge and should finish by about 7.10pm.
Entrance with concert ticket only.

JOINING:

New members are very welcome, especially string players. Woodwind, brass and percussion players should enquire first to see if there are any vacancies. For more details, contact: 01751 431879.

MAILING LIST:

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SCARBOROUGH SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

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59TH CONCERT SEASON 2008 / 2009



A FEW WORDS FROM THE CONDUCTOR...

A warm welcome to the Scarborough Symphony Orchestra's 59th concert season.

In keeping with the adventurous programming spirit of the orchestra, I have tried to mix the familiar with the unfamiliar in every concert. This makes for exciting music making, which I know the orchestra loves and many within the audience appreciate. I am looking forward to all of our concerts, but particularly 'Eternal Life' on 14th March 2009, the music of which is especially close to my heart.

Our soloists for the season are truly exceptional. We welcome the internationally renowned 'cellist, Leonid Gorokhov, to play Elgar's glorious concerto, the highly respected pianist and pedagogue, Josephine Peach, to perform Rimsky-Korsakov's virtuosic concerto and our old friend Gary Matthewman, who returns with Mozart's sublime A major piano concerto. Our co-principal flute, Catherine Sign, will be performing Mozart's G major concerto and we close the season with Adi Brett, sub-principal violin of the Hal-lé, in Lalo's *Symphonie Espagnole*.
Shaun Matthew

ENGLISH MASTERS

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Saturday 1st NOVEMBER, 2008 ~ 7.30pm
Spa Grand Hall, South Bay, Scarborough

Leonid Gorokhov 'cello

A Moorside Suite	HOLST
'Cello Concerto in E minor	ELGAR
Rhapsody - A Shropshire Lad	BUTTERWORTH
Variations on a Theme by Hindemith	WALTON

Holst's *A Moorside Suite* was originally written in 1927 as a brass band competition piece, but it wasn't considered sufficiently technically difficult. A brass band concert standard its original scoring, it was later orchestrated by Gordon Jacob.

We are proud to welcome Leonid Gorokhov to perform Elgar's deeply spiritual 'cello concerto. His last major work, it was written just after the First World War, and conveys his despair and disillusionment with a sadness which pervades the whole work.

Butterworth's tragic death in the trenches at the age of 31 meant that we were left with precious little of his music, of which this moving piece is a fine example.

Regarded as the symphonic masterpiece of Walton's later years, the theme of these *Variations* is from the slow movement of Hindemith's *Cello Concerto*, one of his finest melodies.

A NIGHT AT THE THEATRE

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SUNDAY 14th DECEMBER, 2008 ~ 7.30pm
Spa Grand Hall, South Bay, Scarborough

Josephine Peach *piano*

The Thieving Magpie <i>overture</i>	ROSSINI
Piano Concerto in C# minor	RIMSKY KORSAKOV
The Snow Maiden <i>Suite</i>	RIMSKY KORSAKOV
Sleeping Beauty <i>Suite</i>	TCHAIKOVSKY

Tonight we visit the theatre. Rossini's orchestral tour-de-force, the overture *The Thieving Magpie* opens our concert.

Rimsky-Korsakov's piano concerto is very rarely heard, which is a pity, since it displays all his usual melodic and harmonic gifts. We are pleased to welcome Josephine Peach to perform it for us.

The opera *The Snow Maiden* was written when the composer was in his late thirties, and despite containing much good music (including, notably *The Flight of the Bumble Bee*) it has never gained a regular place in the repertory.

Tchaikovsky, though a Russian composer, was not a member of the Nationalist school. His ballets *Swan Lake*, *The Nutcracker* and *The Sleeping Beauty* are all rich, tuneful and universally popular.

ETERNAL LIFE

Saturday 14th MARCH, 2009 ~ 7.30pm
Spa Grand Hall, South Bay, Scarborough

Gary Matthewman *piano*

Sinfonia Elegiaca	PANUFNIK
Piano Concerto No.23 in A, K488	MOZART
Symphony No.2 in D	BRAHMS

Panufnik's *Sinfonia Elegiaca* is a work full of passion. It is, in his own words, an "anti-war protest against violence and the aggressive element in mankind, and is an expression of my deep anguish for all war victims of all nationalities, all religions and all races throughout the world."

Mozart's piano concertos are a delight, full of variety and invention. The elegant 23rd is no exception, the more interesting in that its slow movement is the only thing that Mozart ever wrote in the key of F sharp minor. Our good friend Gary Matthewman will prove to be an ideal exponent.

To complete our journey from the darkness of humanity to the reaffirmation of life, we close with Brahms's joyous 2nd symphony. Sometimes known as his *Pastoral*, it has serious depths, but in the main it is an unusually genial and sunny work, which ends with one of music's most truly exhilarating and uplifting passages.

SYMPHONIC SUNSHINE

Saturday 16th MAY, 2009 ~ 7.30pm
Spa Grand Hall, South Bay, Scarborough

Catherine Sign *flute*

Symphony No.1 in C	BEETHOVEN
Flute Concerto No.1 In G, K313	MOZART
Symphony No.4 in D minor	SCHUMANN

The sunshine begins with Beethoven's *Symphony No.1*, which caused a certain amount of outrage at its first performance. It begins with a discord, which was too much for many of his contemporaries' ears. It's a jolly romp, and marks the start of a phenomenal development in symphonic writing.

Mozart detested the flute, as is well-known, but he surely would have changed his mind could he hear tonight's soloist. This beautiful concerto was written in 1778 for a Dutch player who later argued about paying up, which couldn't have improved Mozart's love of the instrument very much.

We close with the original version of Schumann's *Symphony No.4*. Schumann's four symphonies are wonderfully varied and representative of his emotional range, though for many years their orchestration was criticised, and Mahler, no less, wrote new versions. Now we appreciate them for what they are, and how they sound.

GALLIC DELIGHTS

Saturday 18th JULY, 2009 ~ 7.30pm
Spa Grand Hall, South Bay, Scarborough

Adi Brett *violin*

Le Roy d'Ys <i>overture</i>	LALO
Symphonie Espagnole	LALO
Samson et Dalila <i>Bacchanale</i>	SAINT-SAËNS
Pavane	FAURÉ
Pavane pour une infante défunte	RAVEL
L'Arlésienne Suite No.2	BIZET

Lalo did not achieve (relative) fame until he was in his forties. His opera *Le Roi d'Ys* was not performed until he was 65, but the powerful overture makes one wonder why. His violin concerto, the *Symphonie Espagnole*, was written in 1874 for the Spanish composer and violinist Pablo de Sarasate, and has achieved lasting popularity. Ravel and Fauré's beguiling pavaues need no introduction, but Saint-Saëns's opera *Samson et Dalila* is rarely heard, which is a pity, as it contains some powerful music, not least the *Bacchanale*. In 1872 Bizet wrote incidental music to Daudet's play *L'Arlésienne*, which deals with love, loss and madness in Provence. The first suite extracted by the composer proved such a success that after his death a colleague put together a second suite, which ends with the exciting *Farandole*.

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