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ORCHESTRA

STAR WARS™

A N E W H O P E

IN CONCERT

FRIDAY 20 SEP 2024: 7.30PM

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SATURDAY 21 SEP 2024: 7.30PM

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Premiered in 1977, the unforgettable characters and legendary storytelling of *Star Wars: A New Hope*™ have captured the imagination of movie-goers around the world. This evening, relive the magic on the big screen as the RSNO – Scotland's National Orchestra – and conductor Ben Palmer bring John Williams' Oscar®-winning score powerfully to life. Use the Force, Luke!



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Royal Scottish National Orchestra

Formed in 1891, the Royal Scottish National Orchestra (RSNO) plays an integral part in Scotland's musical life, with regular concerts in Glasgow, Edinburgh, Dundee, Aberdeen, Perth and Inverness. The Orchestra's artistic team is led by Danish conductor Thomas Søndergård, who was appointed Music Director in 2018.

The RSNO is supported by the Scottish Government and is one of Scotland's five National Performing Companies. The Orchestra appears regularly at the

Edinburgh International Festival and the BBC Proms, and has made recent tours to the USA, China and Europe.

The RSNO believes music can enrich lives, and aims to inspire, educate and entertain people throughout Scotland and beyond with its performances, recordings and engagement programmes. Supporting schools, families, young professionals and wider communities, the RSNO delivers high-quality initiatives for all ages and abilities, reaching over 68,000 people in 2023.

On Stage

FIRST VIOLIN

Rebecca Chan
GUEST LEADER
Lena Zeliszewska
ASSOCIATE LEADER
Patrick Curlett
Caroline Parry
Ursula Heidecker Allen
Lorna Rough
Susannah Lowdon
Alan Manson
Liam Lynch
Veronica Marziano
Gillian Risi
Fiona Stephen
Jane Reid
Maria Oguren

SECOND VIOLIN

Marion Wilson
ASSOCIATE PRINCIPAL
Jacqueline Speirs
Emily Nenniger
Paul Medd
Harriet Hunter
Anne Bünemann
Sophie Lang
Robin Wilson
Kirstin Drew
Colin McKee
John Robison
Sharon Haslam

VIOLA

Felix Tanner
ASSOCIATE PRINCIPAL
Susan Buchan
Beth Woodford
Nicola McWhirter
Francesca Hunt
Claire Dunn
Lisa Rourke
Georgia Boyd
Elaine Koene
David McCreadie

CELLO

Pei-Jee Ng
PRINCIPAL
Betsy Taylor
Robert Anderson
Sarah Digger
Gúnda Baranuáskaitė
Niamh Molloy
Susan Dance
Erdem Akca

DOUBLE BASS

Nikita Naumov
GUEST PRINCIPAL
Michael Rae
Moray Jones
Alexandre dos Santos
Olaya Garcia Álvarez
Aaron Barrera-Reyes

FLUTE

Katherine Bryan
PRINCIPAL
Alberta Brown
Janet Richardson
PRINCIPAL PICCOLO

OBOE

Peter Dykes
ASSOCIATE PRINCIPAL
Henry Clay
PRINCIPAL COR ANGLAIS

CLARINET

Timothy Orpen
PRINCIPAL
William Knight
Duncan Swindells
PRINCIPAL BASS CLARINET

BASSOON

David Hubbard
PRINCIPAL
Ines Aragon
Anna Mary Hubbard

HORN

Andrew McLean
ASSOCIATE PRINCIPAL
David McClenaghan
Martin Murphy
Christine McGinley
Hugh Seenan
Fergus Kerr
Helena Jacklin

TRUMPET

Christopher Hart
PRINCIPAL
Katie Smith
Ben Jarvis
Andrew Connell-Smith

TROMBONE

Dávur Juul Magnussen
PRINCIPAL
Robyn Anderson
Alastair Sinclair
PRINCIPAL BASS TROMBONE
Owen Pickering
Emma Close

TUBA

John Whitener
PRINCIPAL

TIMPANI

Paul Philbert
PRINCIPAL

PERCUSSION

Simon Lowdon
PRINCIPAL
John Poulter
Philip Hague
Stuart Semple

HARP

Pippa Tunnell

PIANO/CELESTE

Lynda Cochrane

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Ben Palmer CONDUCTOR

Ben Palmer is Artistic Director of Covent Garden Sinfonia and Chief Conductor of the Orchestra da Camera di Pordenone and Babylon Orchester Berlin. From 2017 to 2024 he was Chief Conductor of the Deutsche Philharmonie Merck, ending his tenure with three performances of Mahler's Symphony No8.

Ben is a regular visitor to the Aalborg Symphony Orchestra, Arctic Philharmonic, City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra, Hallé, London Symphony Orchestra, Montreal Symphony Orchestra, Royal Liverpool Philharmonic Orchestra, Royal Northern Sinfonia, RSNO and the five BBC Orchestras. In 2022 he made his debut at the BBC Proms with the BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra. In December he will conduct the BBC SSO in Seoul as part of BBC Proms Korea.

Forthcoming debuts include the Copenhagen Philharmonic, London Philharmonic Orchestra (in the presence of composer Howard Shore), Munich Symphony Orchestra, Oakland Symphony, Odense Symphony Orchestra, Orchestre

national d'Île-de-France and San Francisco Symphony. As a guest conductor he has worked with the Antwerp Symphony Orchestra, BBC Singers, City of Prague Philharmonic; Hof Symphony Orchestra (Bavaria), Hong Kong Philharmonic, Philharmonia, National Symphony Orchestra (Dublin), NDR Radiophilharmonie (Hanover), Rotterdam Philharmonic and Zurich Chamber Orchestra.

Personally authorised by John Williams to conduct his film scores in concert, and acclaimed by Hans Zimmer as 'a masterclass in conducting', Ben is one of the world's most sought-after specialists in conducting to film, both live to picture (with a repertoire of more than 50 films) and in the recording studio. A trumpeter and composer by training, he studied at the University of Birmingham and the Royal Academy of Music, which elected him an Associate in 2017. He continues to be in great demand as a composer, arranger and orchestrator.



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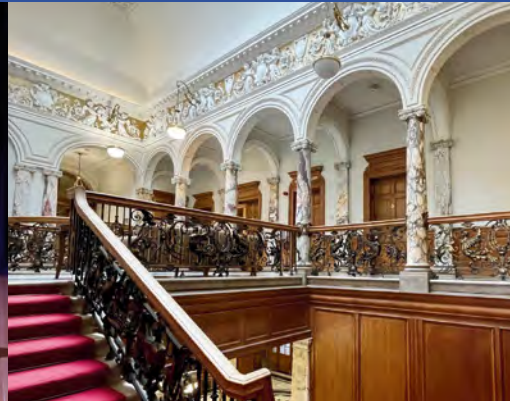
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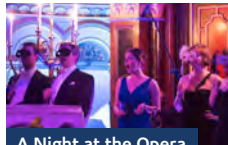
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