

## This Season

The 2022–23 Northampton Symphony Orchestra season, our 130<sup>th</sup> year, promises to be an exciting and momentous season for the orchestra. I am sure you will enjoy the extraordinary range of our programmes this year—a mix of popular selections and exciting new discoveries (and unjustly neglected masterpieces) can be found in every concert.

We start the season with Ralph Vaughn Williams' 'visionary, violent' Ninth Symphony and Gershwin's cheerful love letter to France, *An American in Paris*. We are then joined by compere and narrator John Griff for our Christmas Cracker, which will feature, along with many festive selections, the narrated musical presentation of *Haleakala: How Maui Snared the Sun* for a quick trip to Hawaii in December.

February brings us to Northampton's own Sir Malcom Arnold's *Heroes of Telemark Suite*, and Rimsky Korsakov's sweeping and romantic *Scheherazade*. We then make NSO history with a concert featuring the work of women composers, including Ruth Gipps, Florence Price and Grace Williams. As a special treat, we are pleased to present the Triple Concerto by Errollyn Wallen with the 'dynamic and dazzling' Kosmos Ensemble.

We close off the season's public concerts with Shostakovich's monumental evocation of the first Russian Revolution of 1905—a film score without the film', Symphony No. 11, and Irish composer Hamilton Harty's sweet and tuneful *Ode to a Nightingale*.

And of course, what season would be complete without our summer concert and reception for members of the orchestra's Friends' Scheme in July?

I hope you will join us for this exciting season. We look forward to sharing these fantastic pieces with you.

**John Gibbons, BEM** *musical director*

## Become our Friend

*It is said you can't buy friendship, but you can buy exclusive membership to the NSO Friends' Scheme. Why not pay for a friend to become a Friend? It's a great gift to give.*

For a minimum donation of £25 a year, you can become a Friend of the orchestra. There are a number of exclusive benefits available through the Friends' scheme, and your contribution plays an important part in funding our concerts and securing the orchestra's future. As a Friend, you will receive:

- Two free tickets to the Friends' concert and buffet
- A £1 discount on all concert tickets
- Priority booking
- Regular NSO newsletters about forthcoming concerts
- A free programme each concert
- Your name printed in our programmes

To find out more, please visit [www.nso.org.uk/friends](http://www.nso.org.uk/friends) or contact our Friends' Secretary at [ticketsecretary@nso.org.uk](mailto:ticketsecretary@nso.org.uk).

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## 2022–23 Season Guide

**John Gibbons** *musical director*  
**Emily Groom** *leader*

**NSO** Northampton  
Symphony Orchestra

## Vaughan Williams, Rachmaninoff & Gershwin

Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2022  
7:30pm • St. Matthew's Church

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*Gershwin*  
**An American in Paris**

*Rachmaninoff*  
**Rhapsody on a Theme  
of Paganini**

*Vaughan Williams*  
**Symphony No. 9**

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Adults £14; Concessions £12; 18 & under £2

*St. Matthew's Church, Kettering Road,  
Northampton, NN1 4RY*

## A Christmas Cracker

Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2022  
3:00pm • Spinney Theatre

Join us as we open our stockings,  
featuring train sets, oranges and stories  
**...plus many of your festive favourites!**

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*Coleridge-Taylor* **Christmas Overture**  
*Dan Welcher* **Haleakala: How Maui  
Snared the Sun**

*Honegger* **Pacific 231**

*Prokofiev* **The Love for Three  
Oranges Suite**

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**John Griff** *compere and narrator*

Adults £15; Concessions £13; 18 & under £2

*Spinney Theatre, Spinney Hill Road,  
Northampton, NN3 6DG*

## Rimsky Korsakov, Saint-Saëns & Arnold

Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> February 2023  
7:30pm • St. Matthew's Church

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*Arnold*  
**Heroes of Telemark Suite**

*Saint-Saëns*  
**Piano Concerto No. 5**

*Rimsky Korsakov*  
**Scheherazade**

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Adults £14; Concessions £12; 18 & under £2

*St. Matthew's Church, Kettering Road,  
Northampton, NN1 4RY*

## Women of Note: Celebrating Women Composers

Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2023  
7:30pm • Christ Church

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*G. Williams* **Penillion**

*Errollyn Wallen* **Triple Concerto**

*Price* **Concert Overture No. 2**

*Gipps* **Symphony No. 2**

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**Kosmos Ensemble** *trio*

Adults £14; Concessions £12; 18 & under £2

*Christ Church, Christchurch Road,  
Northampton, NN1 5LL*

## Shostakovich, Rossini & Hamilton Harty

Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> June 2023  
7:30pm • St. Matthew's Church

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*Rossini*  
**William Tell Overture**

*Hamilton Harty*  
**Ode to a Nightingale**

*Shostakovich*  
**Symphony No.11**

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Adults £14; Concessions £12; 18 & under £2

*St. Matthew's Church, Kettering Road,  
Northampton, NN1 4RY*

## Friends of the NSO

Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> July 2023  
3:00pm • Northampton High School

An exclusive concert and reception for  
the Friends of the NSO

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*Beethoven* **Romance No. 2**

*Elgar* **Serenade for Strings**

*Lehar* **Gold and Silver Waltz**

*Mendelssohn* **Hebrides Overture**

*J. Strauss II* **Perpetuum Mobile**

*Suppé* **Isabella: Overture**

*Wordsworth* **Variations on a  
Scottish Theme**

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*Northampton High School, Newport Pagnell  
Road, Hardingstone, NN4 6UU*