This Season

The 2022–23 Northampton Symphony Orchestra season, our 130th 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 or contact our Friends' Secretary at ticketsecretary@nso.org.uk.

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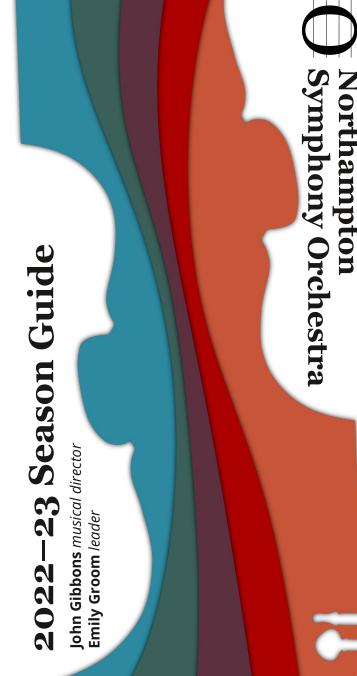




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Please note that, while the NSO will always endeavour to present concerts as advertised, concert programmes, venues, prices and soloists are subject to change.



Vaughan Williams, Rachmaninoff & Gershwin

Saturday 22nd October 2022 7:30pm • *St. Matthew's Church*

Gershwin
An American in Paris

Rachmaninoff
Rhapsody on a Theme
of Paganini

Vaughan Williams Symphony No. 9

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

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

A Christmas Cracker

Sunday 11th 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!

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

Honegger Pacific 231

Prokofiev The Love for Three Oranges Suite

John Griff compere and narrator

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

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

Rimsky Korsakov, Saint-Saëns & Arnold

Saturday 4th February 2023 7:30pm • *St. Matthew's Church*

Arnold Heroes of Telemark Suite

Saint-Saëns Piano Concerto No. 5

> Rimsky Korsakov Scheherazade

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

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

Women of Note: Celebrating Women Composers

Saturday 25th March 2023 7:30pm • *Christ Church*

G. Williams Penillion

Errollyn Wallen Triple Concerto

Price Concert Overture No. 2

Gipps Symphony No. 2

Kosmos Ensemble *trio*

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

Christ Church, Christchurch Road, Northampton, NN1 5LL

Shostakovich, Rossini & Hamilton Harty

Saturday 17th June 2023 7:30pm • *St. Matthew's Church*

> Rossini William Tell Overture

Hamilton Harty
Ode to a Nightingale

Shostakovich
Symphony No.11

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

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

Friends of the NSO

Sunday 9th July 2023 3:00pm • *Northampton High School*

An exclusive concert and reception for the Friends of the NSO

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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