

# HALLÉ



## THE HALLÉ ANNOUNCES 2022/23 BRIDGEWATER HALL SEASON

Monday 16 May 2022 - The Hallé is delighted to present its first full season of Manchester concerts for three years. From September 2022 to June 2023, the orchestra will feature a rich and diverse mix of music and artists with programmes to delight, inspire, illuminate and surprise.

Sir Mark Elder's first performance of the new season features Richard Strauss's showpiece *Ein Heldenleben* in a concert shared with Rachmaninov's romantic and fiendishly virtuosic Third Piano Concerto (6 October). Sir Mark's other highlights include Verdi's Requiem (27 October) and Wagner's Prelude and Liebestod from *Tristan und Isolde* alongside extracts from *The Sleeping Beauty* (30 November, 1 & 4 December). Great symphonies and orchestral works include Tchaikovsky's passionate Sixth Symphony, Rimsky-Korsakov's mystical Scheherazade, Brahms's Symphony No.2, Shostakovich's Symphonies 5 and 10, Mahler's Symphony No.4 and Stravinsky's *The Rite of Spring*.

The orchestra welcomes many truly inspirational performers, including Nicola Benedetti, Sheku Kanneh-Mason, Benjamin Grosvenor, Nelson Goerner, Anna Lapwood and Steven Isserlis. Guest conductors include Tabita Berglund, Ryan Wigglesworth, Marta Gardolińska, Delyana Lazarova and Daniele Rustioni. The season ends in spectacular style, with performances of Elgar's oratorios – *The Dream of Gerontius*, *The Apostles* and *The Kingdom*, each conducted by Sir Mark, with the Hallé Choirs and a stellar cast of soloists.

The Hallé will premiere works by Sofia Gubaidulina, Huw Watkins, Ryan Wigglesworth and its Artist in Residence for the season, Dobrinka Tabakova. Dobrinka's ravishing music has delighted not only concertgoers around the world, but also film and television audiences.

The Pops and Christmas concerts offer some wonderful nights out, including *Game On*, a multimedia spectacular featuring music from video games, and a screening of *E.T. The Extra-Terrestrial* on the Hallé big screen with live orchestra accompaniment.

Following a sell-out season at Hallé St Peter's in Ancoats, the Hallé Chamber series will return for eight more special events, featuring Hallé musicians and special guest artists, several of whom will also feature in the orchestra's Bridgewater Hall concerts.

The Hallé is also delighted to announce the return of the Siemens-Hallé International Conductors Competition, with the final taking place at The Bridgewater Hall on Tuesday 14 March 2023.

Hallé Chief Executive, David Butcher, said: "This is the first time since I joined the Hallé back in 2020 that we've been able to introduce a full season of events following two turbulent and disruptive years. The fact that the Hallé has emerged in such great shape, with its pioneering spirit refreshed and renewed, is thanks to the continued generosity of its loyal funders and, crucially, to the extraordinary levels of encouragement and support shown by our audiences."

Hallé Music Director, Sir Mark Elder, said: "We are delighted to welcome our audiences back to The Bridgewater Hall for the Hallé's first full season in three years. Everyone on stage has been overjoyed to see so many of our supporters returning over the past months to share in music making again. We hope those still to come back to us will be tempted by some of the extraordinary works we will perform throughout this varied and exiting season."

Full season details: [www.halle.co.uk/whats-on](http://www.halle.co.uk/whats-on)

Season brochure: [https://issuu.com/thehalle/docs/halle\\_2022-23\\_concert\\_season](https://issuu.com/thehalle/docs/halle_2022-23_concert_season)

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