

**Pekka Kuusisto performs a world premiere by Enrico Chapela with BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra, and a UK premiere by Nico Muhly with Scottish Chamber Orchestra in April 2020**

“It was a brilliantly conceived, thought-provoking evening – somehow both wildly entertaining and deeply moving – showcasing exceptionally fine playing from Kuusisto.” – *The Scotsman*, March 2019



In April 2020, Pekka Kuusisto returns to Scotland to perform with both the BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra and the Scottish Chamber Orchestra where he is this season's Featured Artist. On Thursday 2 April Kuusisto is set to perform the world premiere of Mexican composer Enrico Chapela's *Antiphaser*, a concerto for electric violin and strings, in his return to the BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra after they performed together at the BBC Proms last summer. Thomas Dausgaard will also lead the orchestra in Nielsen's Symphony No.6, Villa-Lobos' *Danca dos mosquitos*, and *Seabird Cities* by Scottish composer Lisa Robertson.

Later the same month, Kuusisto once again joins the Scottish Chamber Orchestra for the third concert series in his residency as Featured Artist this season. He will perform the UK premiere of Nico Muhly's *Shrink*, a concerto for violin and strings which was written especially for him. He received praise for the world premiere with the Australian Chamber Orchestra in December 2019, with *The Age* describing how he 'met the concerto's ferocious demands with relish'. He will also direct the orchestra in Stravinsky's Concerto in E flat, Barber's *Adagio for Strings*, and Copland's suite from *Appalachian Spring*, as well as Bryce Dessner's *Ornament and Crime* which was written in 2015.

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**Thursday 2 April 2020**  
**Glasgow City Halls, 7.30pm**  
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**Pekka Kuusisto violin | Thomas Dausgaard conductor | BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra**

**Villa-Lobos** *Danca dos mosquitos*  
**Enrico Chapela** *Antiphaser* Concerto for E-violin and orchestra (world premiere)  
**Lisa Robertson** *Seabird Cities*  
**Nielsen** Symphony No.6 'Sinfonia semplice'

**Wednesday 22 April 2020, Holy Trinity Church, St Andrews, 7.30pm**

**Thursday 23 April 2020, The Queen's Hall, Edinburgh, 7.30pm**

**Friday 24 April 2020, City Halls, Glasgow, 7.30pm**

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**Pekka Kuusisto** violin/director | **Scottish Chamber Orchestra**

**Stravinsky** Concerto in E flat 'Dumbarton Oaks'

**Nico Muhly** *Shrink* Concerto for violin and strings (UK premiere)

**Bryce Dessner** *Ornament and Crime*

**Barber** *Adagio for Strings*

**Copland** *Appalachian Spring* suite