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JOIN US...

Membership is open to any amateur musician in the area, subject to vacancies being available. Full time students pay a reduced subscription.

Rehearsals are held on Wednesday evenings in central Cheltenham. There is no formal audition. Prospective members join on a probationary basis. There are more details at : www.cheltenhamphilharmonic.co.uk

If you are interested in joining as a player please send an email to : orchestra@cheltenhamphilharmonic.co.uk

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Cheltenham Philharmonic Orchestra

125th Anniversary Season
2019/2020





Welcome to the Cheltenham Philharmonic Orchestra's 125th Anniversary Season.

On behalf of the whole Orchestra may I warmly invite you to join us for a very special year of music making here in Cheltenham.

On the 30th May 1895 in the Upper Hall of the Cheltenham Ladies College a performance of Schumann's Cantata 'Paradise and the Peri' was given by, what came to be called, the Cheltenham Philharmonic Society. One hundred and twenty five years on the tradition of music making continues with the Cheltenham Philharmonic Orchestra. We have a very special year of concerts to celebrate our Anniversary.

Our opening concert features music written in 1895 by Rachmaninov and a world premiere of a brand new work commissioned by the Orchestra. During the season we welcome our President Joanna MacGregor OBE to play Brahms's wonderful Piano Concerto No. 1. We will pay homage to our one-time conductor Sibelius and finish with a performance of Verdi's Requiem for orchestra and massed choir.

The Orchestra has great pleasure in presenting our celebratory programme and we look forward to entertaining you during our 125th Anniversary Season.

Michael Kilshaw
Chair, CPO

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The CPO at 125 : Autumn Concert

In memory of George Toulmin

Sunday 10th November 2019

Pittville Pump Room, Cheltenham, 3pm

Biberian : Valses

Biberian : Concerto for Viola & Orchestra *World Premiere with Viola : Richard Crabtree*

Rachmaninov : Symphony No.1

We start our 125th Anniversary Season with music spanning the history of the Orchestra. We are delighted to present the world premiere of local composer Gilbert Biberian's Concerto for Viola and Orchestra, The work was commissioned by the Orchestra to celebrate our anniversary and in memory of one of our former viola players, George Toulmin. We are delighted to be joined by renowned violist and soloist Richard Crabtree to perform the concerto. The concert also features a work that was written in 1895 – as the Cheltenham Philharmonic Society was born – Rachmaninov's stunning Symphony No.1.

The CPO at 125 : Winter Concert

Sunday 26th January 2020

Pittville Pump Room, Cheltenham, 3pm

Verdi : Overture 'La forza del destino'

Prokofiev : Suite from 'Romeo and Juliet'

Brahms : Piano Concerto No. 1 *with Joanna MacGregor – piano*

We are delighted to welcome back the Orchestra's President Joanna MacGregor to perform Brahms's epic Piano Concerto No. 1. The concert also features much loved works by Prokofiev and Verdi.

Joanna MacGregor OBE is one of the world's most innovative and acclaimed musicians. She is Head of Piano at the Royal Academy of Music, Professor of Music at the University of London and curator of the Dartington Festival.



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The CPO at 125 : Spring Concert

Sunday 29th March 2020

Pittville Pump Room, Cheltenham, 3pm

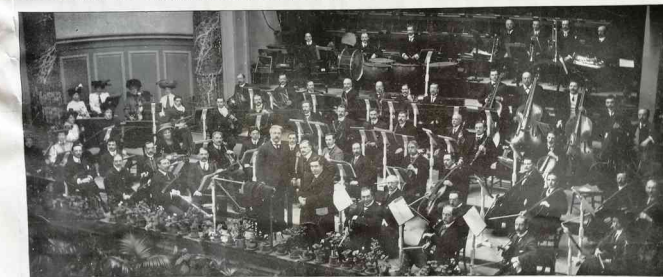
Sibelius : Finlandia

Grieg : Peer Gynt Suite

Sibelius : Symphony No. 2

In our Spring Concert we celebrate the music of the Finnish composer Jean Sibelius. Whilst visiting the UK in 1909 Sibelius conducted the Orchestra in a performance of his work Finlandia (pictured below). We open our concert with a performance of this piece. Continuing a Nordic theme the concert also includes Grieg's well-known Peer Gynt Suite and the powerful second symphony by Sibelius – a piece he described as a "confession of the soul".

PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRAL CONCERT, TOWN HALL, CHELTENHAM, FEB. 17, 1909.



SNAP OF ORCHESTRA FROM BALCONY.
In centre is Mr. Phillips (conductor); next him is Herr Sibelius, the Finnish composer; and next Mr. John McCormack, the famous Irish tenor.

The CPO at 125 : Gala Concert

Sunday 28th June 2020

Cheltenham Town Hall, 3pm

Verdi : Requiem

The finale to our year of musical celebration is a performance of the Verdi Requiem. At 8pm on Saturday 7th December 1895 in the 'Large Hall of the Cheltenham Ladies College' a performance was given of Verdi's Requiem conducted by the founding musical director of, what was then, the Cheltenham Philharmonic Society – Mr C J Phillips. 125 years later Verdi's masterpiece, full of vigorous rhythms, sublime melodies, and dramatic contrasts, is a fitting end to our Anniversary year.

We will have the honour of being joined by singers from throughout Gloucestershire including those from Tewkesbury Choral Society, Churchdown Choral Society, Cantate Domino, Musica Vera, Stroud Choral Society and Philomusica. We look forward to welcoming you to celebrate 125 years of music making here in Cheltenham.