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Brighton PHILHARMONIC Orchestra

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A Season of Symphonies and Suites from Bach to Beethoven to Butler

Starting in September, the Brighton Philharmonic Orchestra's 83rd concert season sees twelve concerts in the Brighton Dome Concert Hall focusing on the great 19th-century symphonic tradition, alongside some of the 20th century's most colourful orchestral suites.

The core of the season is a series comprising **Beethoven Symphonies I-IV**, before exploring other masterpieces of the symphonic repertoire by Mozart, Brahms, Dvořák and Sibelius. The suites include two dazzling ballets by Igor Stravinsky, ***The Firebird*** and ***Petrushka***, along with Prokofiev's ***Romeo & Juliet***, Holst's ***The Planets***, and Walton's modern-day update of Bach in ***The Wise Virgins***.

The array of world-class soloists featured in the season includes **John Lill** and **Artur Pizarro** (pianos), **Chloë Hanslip** (violin), **John Harle** (saxophone), **Gemma Rosefield** (cello) and a Classical Brit Award Winner making a welcome return to the BPO, **Alison Balsom** (trumpet).

Barry Wordsworth, Principal Conductor of the BPO and Music Director of the Royal Ballet, takes the baton for nine of the twelve concerts and guest conductors include **Paul Daniel**, **Daniel Capps** and **Stephen Bell**, who conducts the orchestra's annual New Year's Eve concert in the Brighton Dome Concert Hall.

Highlights of the year include **Barry Wordsworth's 60th Birthday Concert** on 24 February and the world premiere of ***From the Fairground of Dreams*** on 18 January, a piece written especially for the BPO by their Composer in Focus, **Martin Butler**.

The BPO season starts on Sunday 30 September with ***The Firebird*** and world-renowned saxophonist John Harle playing works by Debussy and Milhaud.

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