

SATURDAY 22 MARCH 2025**SAT 00:30 Through the Night (m0028shr)**

Beethoven and Schubert from the Chiaroscuro Quartet and cellist Christian Poltéra

Beethoven's 'Razumovsky' String Quartet and Schubert's String Quintet in C, D.956 performed in La Chaux-de-Fonds, Switzerland. Penny Gore presents.

12:31 AM

Ludwig van Beethoven (1770-1827)
String Quartet no 8 in E minor, Op 59 no 2 'Razumovsky'
Chiaroscuro Quartet

01:10 AM

Franz Schubert (1797-1828)
String Quintet in C major, D.956
Chiaroscuro Quartet, Christian Poltera (cello)

02:04 AM

Franz Schubert (1797-1828)
Symphony no 8 in B minor D.759 "Unfinished"
BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra, Thomas Dausgaard (conductor)

02:25 AM

Ludwig van Beethoven (1770-1827), Geert Bierling (arranger)
Marcia Funebre from Symphony no 3 in E flat major, Op 55 'Eroica'
Geert Bierling (organ)

02:31 AM

Domenico Scarlatti (1685-1757)
Six Sonatas (K474; K132; K461; K115; K215; K260)
Fou Ts'ong (piano)

02:50 AM

Maria Antonia Walpurgis (1724-1780)
Talestri, Regina delle Amazzoni (excerpts)
Christine Wolff (soprano), Johanna Stojkovic (soprano), Marilia Vargas (soprano), Ulrike Bartsch (soprano), Batzdorfer Hofkapelle, Tobias Schade (harpsichord), Tobias Schade (director)

03:29 AM

Samuel Barber (1910-1981)
Adagio for Strings, Op 11
Melbourne Symphony Orchestra, Jorge Mester (conductor)

03:37 AM

Hermann Ambrosius (1897-1983)
Suite
Zagreb Guitar Trio

03:45 AM

Gabriel Faure (1845 - 1924)
Nocturne for piano no 6 in D flat major, Op 63
Jean-Yves Thibaudet (piano)

03:54 AM

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart (1756-1791)
Symphony no 23 in D major, K.181
RTV Slovenia Symphony Orchestra, Marko Munih (conductor)

04:06 AM

Arcangelo Corelli (1653-1713)
Sonata da Chiesa in G major, Op 1 no 9
London Baroque

04:12 AM

Gustav Holst (1874-1934), arr. Claude Rippas
St Paul's Suite, Op 29 no 2
Hexagon Ensemble

04:24 AM

Mel Bonis (1858-1937)
Salome, Op 100
BBC Symphony Orchestra, Rumon Gamba (conductor)

04:31 AM

Richard Wagner (1813-1883), arr. Franz Liszt
Elsa's Bridal Procession, from 'Lohengrin'
Michele Campanella (piano)

04:39 AM

Benjamin Britten (1913-1976)
Choral Dances from 'Gloriana' - Coronation opera for Elizabeth II, Op 53
King's Singers, David Hurley (counter tenor)

04:45 AM

Tomaso Albinoni (1671-1751)
Oboe Concerto in D minor, Op 9 no 2
Carin van Heerden (oboe), L'Orfeo Baroque Orchestra, Michi Gaigg (director)

04:56 AM

Antonin Dvorak (1841-1904)
Romance Op 11 in F minor
Mincho Minchev (violin), Violinia Stoyanova (piano)

05:08 AM

George Gershwin (1898-1937)
An American in Paris
Melbourne Symphony Orchestra, Jorge Mester (conductor)

05:27 AM

Jean Coulthard (1908-2000), orch. Michael Conway Baker
Four Irish Songs
Linda Maguire (soprano), CBC Vancouver Orchestra, Mario Bernardi (conductor)

05:37 AM

Fryderyk Chopin (1810-1849)
Piano Sonata no 2 in B flat minor, Op 35
Zheeyoung Moon (piano)

06:00 AM

Richard Strauss (1864-1949)
Metamorphosen for 23 solo strings, AV.142
Risor Festival Strings, Christian Tetzlaff (conductor)

SAT 06:30 Breakfast (m002920t)

Start your weekend the Radio 3 way, with Saturday Breakfast

Join Emma Clarke to wake up the day with a selection of the finest classical music.

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SAT 09:00 Saturday Morning (m002920w)

Pianist Boris Giltburg performs live in the studio

Tom Service is joined in the studio by the Finnish conductor Susanna Mälkki, who is in the UK this week to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the composer and conductor Pierre Boulez. And the international pianist Boris Giltburg plays music by Beethoven and Rachmaninov live just after 11 o'clock.

Each week as part of BBC Radio 3's 25 for 25: Sounds of the Century series, Tom introduces a brand-new piece of music commemorating some of the biggest events of the 21st century. This week Radio 3 commissioned the American composer Nkeiru Okoye. She marks the historic election of the first African American US president in her piece, And the People

Celebrated. It's performed by the BBC Concert Orchestra with narrator Paterson Joseph.

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SAT 12:00 Earlier... with Jools Holland (m0025c3t)

Classical, blues and jazz for the weekend

In a new show for Saturday lunchtimes, Jools shares his lifelong passion for classical music, and the beautiful connections with jazz and blues. With fascinating guests each week, who bring their own favourite music and occasionally perform live in Jools's studio.

Today, Jools's choices include music by Johannes Brahms, Fats Waller, Cevanne Horrocks-Hopayian and Felix Mendelssohn. His guest is musician Roxanne de Bastion who tells the fascinating story of her grandfather, a Hungarian pianist and composer who, along with his beloved piano, survived World War II and ended up settling in Stratford-upon-Avon. Roxanne shares a track from her album 'Songs From The Piano Player of Budapest' which combines archive cassette recordings of her grandfather with her own singing, and introduces music by Chopin and George Martin.

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SAT 13:00 Music Matters (m002920y)

Jenni Murray's Women Composers

Undercover

Jenni Murray continues her celebration of the music of women composers, presenting a fabulous playlist of great music, classic and modern, and exploring the issues women have faced in forging careers as composers.

7. Undercover. Jenni is joined by composer-conductors Odaline de la Martinez and Yshani Perinpanayagam to uncover the stories of women composers publishing under pseudonyms, often to neutralise gender or cultural prejudice - from the Baroque composer "Mrs Philharmonica", whose real identity is still unknown today, to the British composer Amanda Aldridge, whose music found great success published under the name "Montague Ring". Do women composers today still hide their true identities in order for their work to be seen and heard?

Producer: Graham Rogers

SAT 14:00 Record Review (m0029210)

Bruckner's Symphony No. 4 in Building a Library with William Mival and Andrew McGregor

Andrew McGregor with the best new recordings of classical music.

1405

Kate Kennedy explores an exciting selection of new releases

1500

Building a Library

William Mival chooses his favourite recordings of Bruckner's Symphony No. 4

Recommended recording:
Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra
Manfred Honeck (conductor)
Reference Recordings FR-713

1545

Record of the Week: Andrew's top pick.

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SAT 16:00 Sound of Cinema (m0029212)

Hans Zimmer on the concert platform

This special episode of Sound of Cinema features an exclusive interview with the legendary film composer and record producer, Hans Zimmer.

Hosted by Matthew Sweet, this programme dives into the growth of live film music, exploring how scores are reworked for the concert platform.

With a catalogue of iconic soundtracks including Pirates of the Caribbean, Inception, and The Dark Knight, Hans Zimmer is a household name. Tune in to find out how he got started in the music industry, where his inspiration comes from and how he prepares for a live performance.

Sharing the stage in this episode is Debbie Wiseman, the award winning composer behind the music of Wolf Hall, and Bear McCreary, a composer who is celebrated for his work on Battlestar Galactica, God of War and more.

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SAT 17:00 This Classical Life (m0029214)

Jess Gillam with.... Hildur Guðnadóttir

Jess's guest this week is the film composer and cellist Hildur Guðnadóttir

Hildur Guðnadóttir is a multi award-winning Icelandic composer, cellist and singer known for her film scores. In 2019 she won the Oscar for best original score for 'Joker' and the 2025 London Soundtrack film festival dedicates a special concert to her work.

Jess and Hildur talk about her life in music and swap favourite tracks to listen to, including music by Gorecki, Ryuichi Sakamoto and Dvorak.

SAT 18:00 Opera on 3 (m0029216)

Mark-Anthony Turnage's Festen

From the Royal Opera House in London, Tom Service presents Turnage's gripping new opera, adapted from the cult film by Thomas Vinterberg and starring Allan Clayton and Gerald Finley.

Festen is Danish for "celebration": wealthy hotel owner Helge is throwing a huge party for his 60th birthday. His elder son Christian gives the first speech - and reveals an appalling secret about Helge's past behaviour.

Festen contains very strong language, adult themes and upsetting scenes. If you, or someone you know, has been affected by the issues reflected in the opera, details of organisations offering information and support are available from BBC Action Line at www.bbc.co.uk/actionline.

Synopsis of the story and additional information:
www.rbo.org.uk/opera-essentials-festen.

Presented by Tom Service, in conversation with Mark-Anthony Turnage

Turnage: Festen

Christian Allan Clayton (tenor)
 Michael, younger son Stéphane Degout (baritone)
 Helge Gerald Finley (bass-baritone)
 Else, mother Rosie Aldridge (mezzo-soprano)
 Helena, younger daughter Natalya Romaniw (soprano)
 Linda, dead twin sister of Christian Marta Fontanals-Simmons (mezzo-soprano)
 Grandma Susan Bickley (mezzo-soprano)
 Grandpa John Tomlinson (bass)
 Helmut, Master of ceremonies Thomas Oliemans (baritone)
 Mette, Michael's wife Philippa Boyle (soprano)
 Gbatokai, Helena's boyfriend Peter Brathwaite (baritone)
 Chef Aled Hall (tenor)
 Lars, receptionist Julian Hubbard (tenor)
 Pia, waitress Clare Presland (mezzo-soprano)
 Michelle, waitress Kitty Whately (mezzo-soprano)
 Poul, Helge's brother Jeremy White (bass)
 Christine, Poul's wife Ailish Tynan (soprano)
 Leif, their son Eugene Dillon-Hooper (bass)
 Bent, old friend Luke Price (tenor)
 Lene, Bent's wife Kiera Lyness (soprano)
 Stig Andrew O'Connor (tenor)
 Trine, Stig's partner Miranda Westcott (contralto)
 Renée, Else's cousin Elizabeth Weisberg (soprano)
 Lasse, Renée's husband Patrick Ashcroft (tenor)
 Bjorn, family friend Dawid Kimberg (bass)
 Kitchen workers Nicholas Sharratt (tenor), Jonathan Fisher (bass)
 Solo voices Esther Mallett and Helen Withers (sopranos),
 Andrea Hazell and Cari Searle (contraltos), Richard Monk and
 Alex Haigh (tenors), Charbel Mattar and Olle Zetterström
 (basses)
 Royal Opera Chorus
 Orchestra of the Royal Opera House
 Conductor Edward Gardner

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Following the opera, a sequence of music inspired by Herman Melville's classic American novel Moby-Dick, to look forward to next week's Opera on 3: Jake Heggie's opera Moby-Dick from the Metropolitan Opera in New York City.

SAT 21:30 Music Planet (m0029218)

Seu Jorge's footprints

Lopa Kothari welcomes Brazilian singer, songwriter, and actor Seu Jorge for a special conversation celebrating the release of his new album and tracing his footprints through the lineage of Brazilian music. Raised in the favelas of Rio de Janeiro, Seu Jorge has carved out a unique place in Brazilian music, blending samba, soul, and funk with his unmistakable baritone voice. Together, they explore his musical journey, influences, and the rich heritage of Brazilian sounds that have shaped his career.

Produced by Gabriel Francis
 A Reduced Listening production for BBC Radio 3

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SAT 22:30 New Music Show (m002921b)

A Kind of Haunting

Tom Service speaks to composer Michael Zev Gordon about his new work, 'A Kind of Haunting', inspired by Michael's grandfather, who was killed by the Nazis in a remote Polish forest. Plus specially recorded music from Huddersfield Contemporary Music Festival and Aberdeen's Sound Festival,

and the latest in new releases.

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SUNDAY 23 MARCH 2025

SUN 00:30 Through the Night (m002921d)

Montsalvatge, Mozart and de Falla

Lawrence Foster conducts the Polish National Radio Symphony Orchestra, Katowice. Presented by Jonathan Swain.

12:31 AM

Xavier Montsalvatge (1912-2002)
 Desintegracion morfologica da la Chacona de Bach
 Polish National Radio Symphony Orchestra, Katowice, Lawrence Foster (conductor)

12:40 AM

Manuel de Falla (1876-1946)
 Nights in the Gardens of Spain
 Elena Bashkistrova (piano), Polish National Radio Symphony Orchestra, Katowice, Lawrence Foster (conductor)

01:03 AM

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart (1756-1791)
 Symphony no 31 in D major, K.297 'Paris'
 Polish National Radio Symphony Orchestra, Katowice, Lawrence Foster (conductor)

01:21 AM

Grazyna Bacewicz (1909-1969)
 Serenade for orchestra
 Polish Radio Symphony Orchestra, Jan Krenz (conductor)

01:25 AM

Fryderyk Chopin (1810-1849)
 12 Studies Op 25
 Lukas Geniusas (piano)

01:57 AM

Grazyna Pstrokonska-Nawratil (b.1947)
 Eternal - for soprano, boys' choir, mixed choir and orchestra (1984)
 Izabella Klosinska (soprano), Cracow Philharmonic Boys' Choir, Cracow Polish Radio Choir, Polish Radio Symphony Orchestra, Antoni Wit (conductor)

02:31 AM

Domenico Auletta (1723-1753)
 Concerto for harpsichord and strings in C major
 Enrico Baiano (harpsichord), Cappella della Pietà de'Turchini, Antonio Florio (conductor)

02:49 AM

Joseph Haydn (1732-1809)
 String Quartet in D major, Op 64 no 5 (Hob.III.63) "Lark"
 Danish String Quartet

03:07 AM

Leos Janacek (1854-1928)
 Mladi (Youth)
 Anita Szabo (flute), Bela Horvath (oboe), Zsolt Szatmari (clarinet), Pal Bokor (bassoon), Gyorgy Salamon (bass clarinet), Tamas Zemleni (horn)

03:25 AM

John Corigliano (b.1938)
 Elegy for orchestra (1965)
 CBC Vancouver Orchestra, Mario Bernardi (conductor)

03:34 AM

Francois Francoeur (1698-1787), arr. Arnold Trowell
Sonata in E major (arr. for cello and piano)
Monica Leskovar (cello), Ivana Schwartz (piano)

03:45 AM

Antonio Cesti (1623-1669)
Filosofia's Aria 'Sciolta il crin' from the prologue of 'Orontea'
Andrea Bierbaum (alto), Cettina Cadelo (soprano), Concerto
Vocale, Rene Jacobs (conductor)

03:55 AM

Johannes Brahms (1833-1897)
Piano Trio no 3 in C minor, Op 101
Zoltan Kocsis (piano), Tamas Major (violin), Peter Szabo (cello)

04:13 AM

Daniel Auber (1782-1871)
Overture to Fra Diavolo - opera
Bratislava Slovak Radio Symphony Orchestra, Ondrej Lenard
(conductor)

04:22 AM

Giovanni Rovetta (c.1595-1668)
La bella Erminia - from Madrigali concertati a 2.3.4 & uno a sei
voci
Consort of Musicke, Anthony Rooley (director)

04:31 AM

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)
Fantasia (and unfinished fugue) for keyboard in C minor,
BWV.906
Andreas Staier (harpsichord)

04:38 AM

Jacques Offenbach (1819-1880)
Recit and duet 'C'est une chanson d'amour' (Antonia and
Hoffmann)
Lyne Fortin (soprano), Richard Margison (tenor), Orchestre
Symphonique du Quebec, Simon Streatfield (conductor)

04:46 AM

Giovanni Battista Viotti (1755-1824)
Duo concertante in G major
Alexandar Avramov (violin), Ivan Peev (violin)

04:55 AM

Carl Maria von Weber (1786-1826)
Concertino for clarinet and orchestra in E flat major, Op 26
Hannes Altrov (clarinet), Estonian National Symphony
Orchestra, Paul Magi (conductor)

05:06 AM

Hildegard of Bingen (1098-1179)
Alma Redemptoris Mater & Ave Maria, O auctrix vite
Sequentia, Elizabeth Gaver (medieval fiddle), Elisabetta de
Mircovich (medieval fiddle)

05:17 AM

Franz Schubert (1797-1828)
Piano Trio in E flat major, D.897, 'Notturmo'
Vadim Repin (violin), Jan-Erik Gustafsson (cello), Leif Ove
Andsnes (piano)

05:26 AM

Antonio Vivaldi (1678-1741)
Magnificat RV.610/RV.611
Lydia Teuscher (soprano), Maria Espada (soprano), Marie-
Claude Chappuis (mezzo soprano), Florian Boesch (baritone),
Bavarian Radio Choir, Peter Dijkstra (director), Il Giardino
Armonico, Giovanni Antonini (conductor)

05:46 AM

Francis Poulenc (1899-1963)

Sonata for Two Pianos (1953)
Roland Pontinen (piano), Love Derwinger (piano)

06:09 AM

Joseph Haydn (1732-1809)
Symphony no 6 in D major (H.1.6) "Le Matin"
Swedish Radio Symphony Orchestra, Esa-Pekka Salonen
(conductor)

SUN 06:30 Breakfast (m0029243)

Start your Sunday the Radio 3 way with Tom McKinney

Tom McKinney presents Radio 3's classical breakfast show with
music that captures the mood of Sunday morning. Email
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SUN 09:00 Sunday Morning (m0029245)

Your perfect Sunday soundtrack

Linton Stephens, sitting in for Sarah Walker, with three hours of
classical music to reflect, restore and refresh.

Today Linton's playlist includes music for a delightful range of
instruments - there's Paganini on marimba, a harmonica joining
forces with a string quartet, and Vivaldi's famous mandolin
concerto.

There are also soaring melodies from Samuel Coleridge-Taylor
and Mozart to welcome the first days of Spring, intricate and
sparkling piano music by Germaine Tailleferre, and a new
release from viola player Timothy Ridout.

Plus, two very different soprano voices soar over lush
orchestration...

A Tandem Production for BBC Radio 3

SUN 12:00 Private Passions (m002754j)

Bob Crowley

The set and costume designer Bob Crowley says he creates
'other worlds'. The stage is where his imagination runs riot, at
the National Theatre, the Royal Shakespeare Company the
Royal Opera House, the West End, Broadway and beyond.
He's won numerous Olivier and Tony awards for memorable
designs such as the brightly lit revolving horses for Carousel,
magical black and white tissue paper drawings evoking the
foggy London skyline for Mary Poppins and couture dresses and
the River Seine for An American in Paris.
He's also worked on many new plays including The History Boys
by Alan Bennett. His most recent credits include Richard the
Second at the Bridge Theatre in London, with Jonathan Bailey in
the title role.
Bob's music selection includes Tallis, Gershwin, Schubert and
Verdi.

SUN 13:30 Music Map (m0029247)

A journey to Borodin's Polovtsian Dances

Sara Mohr-Pietsch sets out on a virtual journey towards the
destination of Borodin's Polovtsian Dances, music from his
opera Prince Igor.

Stops along the way include Hector Berlioz, Nicolai Rimsky-
Korsakov, Giuseppe Verdi, Emahoy Gebrou and Edward Elgar.

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SUN 15:00 Choral Evensong (m0028sff)

Leeds Cathedral

Last Wednesday's Choral Vespers for the Solemnity of St Joseph from Leeds Cathedral.

Introit: Sanctorum meritis primo (Monteverdi)
Office Hymn: Te, Ioseph, celebrant agmina caelitem (Plainsong)
Psalms 14 vv1-5, 111 vv1-10 (Daniel Justin)
Canticle: Apocalypse 15 vv3-4 (Daniel Justin)
Reading: Colossians 3 vv12-17, 23-24
Magnificat secundi toni a8 (Anerio)
Anthem: Beatus vir (Monteverdi)
Hymn: Joseph, wise ruler of God's earthly people (Diva servatrix)
Marian Antiphon: Ave maris stella (Monteverdi)
Voluntary: Praeludium in E BWV 548 (Bach)

Thomas Leech (Conductor)
Darius Battiwalla (Organist)

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SUN 16:00 Jazz Record Requests (m0029249)

Jazz For All Seasons

Alyn Shipton presents jazz music for all seasons including recordings by Ella Fitzgerald, Sidney Bechet, Charles Lloyd, Jo Harrop, Pat Metheny and more.

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SUN 17:00 The Early Music Show (m002924c)

The Four Seasons: Spring

In the second of four programmes across 2025 marking the 300th anniversary of the publication of Vivaldi's The Four Seasons, Hannah French explores the Violin Concerto in E major, RV.269 - better known as Spring.

From the opening's chorus of birdsong to the rustic dance of the finale via the snoring goatherd of the second movement, Hannah considers the concerto's context and inspirations, and shares other early music influenced by the season of hope and new beginnings. Violinist and artistic director of La Serenissima Adrian Chandler talks to Hannah about the Op. 8 collection of concertos that Vivaldi published in Amsterdam in 1725, and what Vivaldi's Spring means to him. And Hannah sends us a sonic snapshot from a recent trip to the church where Vivaldi was baptised in 1678 in the heart of Venice.

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SUN 18:00 Words and Music (m002924f)

Hares and Rabbits

Welcome in the season of spring with music and readings from books and poems inspired by rabbits, hares, kits and cottontails.

Our readers Charlotte Ritchie and James Quinn go on the hunt for literary lagomorphs, starting with an Olde English poem

about brainless marsh hares, followed by Lewis Carroll's Mad Hatters Tea-Party and Joby Talbot's Ballet Suite from Alice's Adventures in Wonderland. We'll hear how Peter Rabbit escapes Mr McGregor with John Lanchbery's music for The Tales of Beatrix Potter, an orchestral version of Sufjan Stevens' Run Rabbit Run, and Samuel Barber's Souvenirs accompanies Aesop's fable The Hare and The Tortoise.

Mozart's String Quartet No. 17, also known as Hunt, hops alongside a translation by Seamus Heaney of a Middle English poem which lists the 77 names you should say to a hare to avoid bad luck if you come across one, from the skidaddler, the nibbler, hedge squatter and dew hopper, to some which are more earthy.

We'll hear music from infamous film rabbits such as Donnie Darko's mysterious friend in a terrifying rabbit costume and Jimmy Stewart's invisible white puca called Harvey. Leos Janacek's bittersweet tale of birth and death, The Cunning Little Vixen, is paired with The Death of the Hare from WB Yeats's long-form poem A Man Young and Old. And there'll also be a passage from Chloe Dalton's recent memoir, Raising Hare, about leaving the rat-race, retreating to the countryside and rescuing an injured hare, interwoven with Amy Beach's tender Berceuse arranged for clarinet and orchestra.

We finish with cues from Angela's Morley score from the 1978 film Watership Down, as Richard Adams's book reaches its powerful conclusion where Hazel dies peacefully when the everlasting safety of his group of rabbits is secured.

Producer in Salford: Nancy Bennie

Readings:

Colyn Blowbol's Testament - Anonymous
Rabbit in Morning - Polly Atkin
Alice's Adventures in Wonderland - Lewis Carroll
Sexing the Rabbits - Angela Readman
The Tale of Peter Rabbit - Beatrix Potter
The Hare and the Tortoise - from The Fables of Aesop by Joseph Jacobs
The Names of the Hare - Anonymous, translated by Seamus Heaney
Women in Love - D.H. Lawrence
Primitive Beliefs in the North-East of Scotland - J.M. McPherson
When Hitler Stole Pink Rabbit - Judith Kerr
The Constant Rabbit - Jasper Fforde
Abracadabra - Kara Van De Graaf
A Man Young And Old: IV. The Death Of The Hare - W.B. Yeats
Raising Hare - Chloe Dalton
Watership Down - Richard Adams

SUN 19:15 Sunday Feature (m002924h)

Afterwords: Anthony Burgess

In later life, the novelist Anthony Burgess said he wished people would think of him as "a musician who writes novels, instead of a novelist who writes music on the side".

As well as writing about music - most famously in A Clockwork Orange and his non-fiction book This Man and Music - there are over 300 works composed over a 50-year span, from preludes and fugues for keyboard via a 'flatulent fanfare' for four tubas (dedicated to an eminent - and scornful - music critic) to orchestral works.

This episode of Afterwords explores Burgess's musical ambitions and abilities and reveals new insight into his antagonistic relationship with the musical establishment. With Belgian pianist Stephane Ginsburgh, American musicologist Christine Lee Gengaro, the British academic Christopher Wintle and Professor Andrew Biswell of the International Anthony Burgess Foundation in Manchester.

The premiere of Burgess's sketch 'Homage to Hans Keller' has been specially recorded by Crystal Palace Band tuba section.

Other music includes extracts from:

Blooms of Dublin (first broadcast in February 1982), the musical version of A Clockwork Orange and Burgess' setting of The Brides of Enderby,
Symphony in C (BBC Philharmonic conducted by Michael Francis, first broadcast in October 2017),
Manchester Overture (BBC Philharmonic conducted by Juanjo Mena, first broadcast September 2013),
Wendy Carlos: Ninth Symphony (Scherzo), from the soundtrack for A Clockwork Orange,
The Bad-Tempered Electronic Keyboard - Prelude no. 22, Fugue no. 17, Prelude no. 23 (performed by Stephane Ginsburgh) and private recordings of Burgess at the piano.

Produced by Alan Hall with Phoebe McIndoe.
A Falling Tree production for BBC Radio 3

SUN 20:00 Drama on 3 (m002924k)

Duino Elegies

Rilke's complex, haunting, religious, mystical poems the Duino Elegies are an enchanting exploration of love, death and solitude. Rilke's landmark poetry cycle was written in a period of spiritual crisis between 1912 and 1922. Rilke began writing it while at castle Duino near Trieste. On the rocks looking out to sea and contemplating his existence, from out of the wind Rilke heard a voice: 'who would give ear, among the angelic host, were I to cry aloud?'

The ten elegies are about the human condition. The first and second evoke an ethereal life and concern the nature of human transience. The third and fourth are like fragments of an intimate autobiography, sensual and tormented. Rilke asks if love can bring comfort and whether humans are controlled by a higher force. The fifth inspired by Picasso's Les Saltimbanques, merges the image of the resting acrobats with the memory of a troupe of street performers Rilke observed in Paris. Rilke contemplates the human existence suspended between life and death. The sixth the is a meditation on dying young; the seventh and eight contrast man and nature; the ninth an affirmation of living in the present moment and the magnificence of earthly life; the tenth a haunting visit to the 'Land of the Plaints' where people have loved and lost.

In 1931, Virginia and Leonard Woolf's Hogarth Press published a small run of the first complete English translation by the writers Vita Sackville-West and Edward Sackville-West. This marked the English debut of Rilke's masterpiece. Published again after 90 years by Pushkin Press in 2021 it is both a fascinating historical document and a magnificent blank verse rendering of Rilke's poetry cycle.

Written by Rainer Maria Rilke

Translated by Vita Sackville-West and Edward Sackville-West

Reader.....Alfred Enoch
German reader.....Nenda Neururer

With original music composed by Erland Cooper
Woodwind.....Guy Passey
Violin.....Freya Goldmark
Cello.....Klara Schumann

Producer and director - Nadia Molinari
Technical Producer and Sound Designer - Sharon Hughes
Introduction and German language poetry consultant - Lesley Chamberlain
Production Co-ordinator - Vicky Moseley
Additional Technical Production - Ali Craig

A BBC STUDIOS AUDIO PRODUCTION FOR RADIO 3

SUN 21:30 Compline (m002924m)

Lent 3

A reflective service of night prayer for the third Sunday in Lent, from the Church of St Anne and St Agnes, Gresham Street, London. With words and music for the end of the day, including works by Byrd, Palestrina and Tye, sung by the Renaissance Singers.

Introit: Miserere mihi, Domine (Byrd)
Preces (Plainsong)
Hymn: Before the ending of the day (Plainsong)
Psalm: 31 vv1-6 (Plainsong)
Reading: Ephesians 5 vv11-14
Responsory: Into thy hands, O Lord (Plainsong)
Canticle: Salva nos/Nunc dimittis (Palestrina)
Anthem: Ad te clamamus (Tye)

David Allinson (Conductor)

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SUN 22:00 Night Tracks (m0020px7)

Dissolve into sound

Sara Mohr-Pietsch presents an adventurous, immersive soundtrack for late-night listening, from classical to contemporary and everything in between.

SUN 23:30 Unclassified (m002924p)

Soundwave Reveries

Elizabeth Alker presents fresh music from genre-defying artists. This week's selection includes a tribute to the late great David Lynch composed by Michael A Muller and featuring brilliant brass player CJ Camerieri; music from Dana Gavanski that has a suitably noirish twist, speaking to her beginnings in the film industry; and the deeply enigmatic new single from Thom Yorke and Mark Pritchard, This Conversation Is Missing Your Voice.

Produced by Geoff Bird
A Reduced Listening production for BBC Radio 3

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MONDAY 24 MARCH 2025

MON 00:30 Through the Night (m002924r)

Debussy and Beethoven from The Hagen Quartet

The Hagen string quartet performs Debussy's only string quartet followed by Beethoven's late quartet in C sharp minor, Op 131 which is widely considered a masterpiece of the genre although puzzling in its construction. Jonathan Swain presents.

12:31 AM
Claude Debussy (1862-1918)
String Quartet in G minor, Op 10
Hagen String Quartet

12:59 AM
Ludwig van Beethoven (1770-1827)
String Quartet no 14 in C sharp minor, Op 131
Hagen String Quartet

01:40 AM

Franz Schubert (1797-1828)
Overture in D major 'in the Italian style', D.590
Stavanger Symphony Orchestra, Paul McCreesh (conductor)

01:48 AM

Clara Schumann (1819-1896)
Prelude and Fugue in B flat major, Op 16 no 2
Angela Cheng (piano)

01:53 AM

Claude Debussy (1862-1918)
Images for orchestra
Norwegian Radio Orchestra, Ion Marin (conductor)

02:31 AM

Ludwig van Beethoven (1770-1827) arr. Alexei Ogrintchouk
Trio for oboe, cello and piano in B flat major, Op 11
Alexei Ogrintchouk (oboe), Boris Andrianov (cello), Ekaterina Apekisheva (piano)

02:52 AM

Hector Berlioz (1803-1869)
La Mort de Cleopatre (The Death of Cleopatra)
Annett Andriessen (alto), Netherlands Radio Symphony Orchestra, David Robertson (conductor)

03:14 AM

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart (1756-1791)
Partita in E flat, K.Anh.C 17`1
Festival Winds

03:35 AM

Barbara Strozzi (1619-1677)
Hor che Apollo - Serenade for soprano, 2 violins & continuo
Susanne Ryden (soprano), Musica Fiorita, Daniela Dolci (director)

03:48 AM

Jazeps Vitols (1863-1948)
Romance for violin and piano
Valdis Zarins (violin), Ieva Zarina (piano)

03:55 AM

Frank Martin (1890-1974), orch. Ernest Ansermet
Ballade for Flute and Piano (arr for flute and orchestra)
Emmanuel Pahud (flute), Swiss Romande Orchestra, Enrique Garcia-Asensio (conductor)

04:03 AM

Heitor Villa-Lobos (1887-1959)
Prelude for guitar no 3 in A minor
Norbert Kraft (guitar)

04:10 AM

Antoine Brumel (c.1460-1515)
Agnus Dei - Et ecce terrae motus (for 12 voices)
Huelgas Ensemble, Paul van Nevel (conductor)

04:16 AM

Gwilym Simcock (1981-)
I love you (improvisation)
Gwilym Simcock (piano)

04:22 AM

Elisabeth Jacquet de La Guerre (1665-1729)
Suite from 'Céphale et Procris'
Concerto Copenhagen, Lars Ulrik Mortensen (conductor)

04:31 AM

Traditional, Anonymous
Traditional: El noi de la Mare (instr) & Anon: Ons is gheboren een uutvercoren
Zefiro Torna

04:36 AM

Rebecca Clarke (1886-1979)
4 Songs (1. A Dream; 2. Eight O'clock; 3. Down by the Salley Gardens; 4. Greeting)
Elizabeth Watts (soprano), Paul Turner (piano)

04:45 AM

Thomas Baltzar (1630-1663)
Prelude and divisions on 'John come kiss me now'
Elizabeth Wallfisch (baroque violin), Rosanne Hunt (violoncello), Linda Kent (harpsichord)

04:50 AM

Leif Strand (1942-2021), arr. Oivind Westby
Men går jag över engarna (But I Walk Across the Meadows)
Ole Edvard Antonsen (trumpet), Argovia Philharmonic, Rune Bergmann (conductor)

04:56 AM

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750), arr. Ferruccio Busoni
Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland, BWV 659
Igor Levit (piano)

05:01 AM

Antonio Vivaldi (1678-1741)
Concerto da Camera in D major, RV.95
Camerata Koln

05:10 AM

Carlo Gesualdo (1566-1613), arr. Peter Maxwell Davies
2 Motets arr. for brass quintet
Graham Ashton Brass Ensemble

05:19 AM

Sarah Lianne Lewis (b.1988)
The sky didn't fall
BBC National Orchestra of Wales, Emilie Godden (conductor)

05:28 AM

Johannes Brahms (1833-1897)
Sonata for clarinet and piano in E flat major, Op 120 no 2
Hans Christian Braein (clarinet), Havard Gimse (piano)

05:49 AM

Grace Williams (1906-1977)
Symphony no 2
BBC National Orchestra of Wales, Martyn Brabbins (conductor)

MON 06:30 Breakfast (m00291f8)

Your classical alarm call

Hannah French presents Radio 3's award-winning classical breakfast show with music that captures the mood of the morning.

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MON 09:30 Essential Classics (m00291fb)

Celebrating classical greats

Georgia Mann plays the best in classical music, with discoveries and surprises rubbing shoulders with familiar favourites.

1000 Playlist starter - listen and send us your ideas for the next step in our musical journey today.

1030 Song of the Day - harnessing the magic of words, music and the human voice.

1115 Playlist reveal - a sequence of music suggested by you in response to our starter today.

1145 Slow Moment - time to take a break for a moment's musical reflection.

1230 Album of the Week

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MON 13:00 Classical Live (m00291fd)

Giorgi Gigashvili live at Wigmore Hall in London and Bach from Leipzig

Elizabeth Alker showcases the best performances by BBC orchestras, choirs, ensembles and other great performing groups from Europe and around the globe.

The week begins with a live concert from London's Wigmore Hall given by current BBC New Generation Artist, pianist Giorgi Gigashvili. He pairs Beethoven's late Piano Sonata No. 30 with the first of Prokofiev's so-called 'War' sonatas - the Sixth.

There's more from current members of the BBC's prestigious talent development scheme throughout the week in a series of concerts recorded in the beautiful setting of St George's, Bristol. Today, the Kleio Quartet performs Haydn's 'Bird' Quartet.

And we start a week focused on the German city of Leipzig, whose musical pedigree rivals any in Europe. Every day we'll hear music by its most famous musical inhabitant, Johann Sebastian Bach, starting in the building for which he composed so much of his music: the Thomaskirche. The St Thomas Choir is joined by the Leipzig Gewandhaus Orchestra for the cantata O Ewigkeit, du Donnerwort in a performance from the 2024 Leipzig Bach Festival. And the centrepiece of today's program sees that venerable orchestra joined by cellist Alisa Weilerstein for Samuel Barber's Cello Concerto.

Live from Wigmore Hall, London, introduced by Fiona Talkington

Ludwig van Beethoven
Piano Sonata No. 30 in E major, Op. 109

Sergey Prokofiev
Piano Sonata No. 6 in A major, Op. 82

Giorgi Gigashvili (piano)

Giuseppe Verdi
Overture to La Forza del Destino
BBC National Orchestra of Wales
Xian Zhang (conductor)

Johann Sebastian Bach
O Ewigkeit, du Donnerwort, BWV 60
Alexander Chance (alto)
Jakob Pilgram (tenor)
Matthias Helm (bass)
St Thomas's Choir, Leipzig
Leipzig Gewandhaus Orchestra
Andreas Reize (conductor)

Joseph Haydn
String Quartet in C major, Op. 33 No. 3, 'The Bird'
Kleio Quartet

3pm
Samuel Barber
Cello Concerto in A minor, Op. 22
Alisa Weilerstein (cello)
Leipzig Gewandhaus Orchestra
Franz Welser-Möst (conductor)

Johann Christoph Bach
Mein Freund ist Mein (Ciaccona from cantata 'Meine Freundin, du bist schön')
Julia Doyle (soprano)
Vilde Frang (violin)
Radio France Philharmonic Orchestra
Jonathan Cohen (director)

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MON 16:00 Composer of the Week (m00291fg)

Gustav Mahler (1860-1911)

Among Lakes and Mountains

Gustav Mahler: brilliant, fiery and tyrannical - leader of some of the most prestigious musical institutions of his era - fought battles his whole life. He clashed with his colleagues, scrapped with critics and wrestled endlessly with his own desires and ambitions. This week, Kate Molleson navigates us through his many personal and professional struggles, and follows Mahler to the countryside hideaways where he sought (not always successfully) to escape the drama of his everyday life. Here, among the lakes and mountains, Mahler also found space to compose and he poured the whole world into his music in all its ugliness, mundanity and transcendent beauty.

Today, Kate brings us to Steinbach in Upper Austria where Mahler's musings on the nature of existence found expression in his second and third symphonies

Symphony No. 3, III. Comodo (Scherzando) (extract)
Berlin Philharmonic, conducted by Gustavo Dudamel

Symphony No. 1 'Titan': II. Kräftig bewegt, doch nicht zu schnell
City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra, conducted by Sir Simon Rattle

Symphony No. 2 'Resurrection': II. Andante moderato
Vienna Philharmonic, conducted by Claudio Abbado

Symphony No. 2 'Resurrection': III. In ruhig fließender Bewegung
London Philharmonic Orchestra, conducted by Vladimir Jurowski

Symphony No. 2 'Resurrection', V. Im Tempo des Scherzos (extract)

Arleen Auger, soprano
Dame Janet Baker, mezzo-soprano
City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra and Chorus,
conducted by Sir Simon Rattle

MON 17:00 In Tune (m00291fk)

Live classical performance and interviews

Katie Derham introduces live music from pianist Margaret Fingerhut, who has a new album out. Plus, mezzo-soprano Jennifer Johnston talks to Katie about her upcoming concert with the Royal Liverpool Philharmonic Orchestra.

MON 19:00 Classical Mixtape (m00291fm)

Take time out with a 30-minute soundscape of classical favourites, including melancholic solo piano music by Ernesto Lecuona, a brass arrangement of Evelyn Glennie's A Little Player, a quintet for winds by Mozart, Samuel Coleridge-Taylor's choral Song for Proserpine, Steve Reich's Duet for 2 violins and strings, and Sibelius's Karelia Suite - amongst others.

Producer: Eleonora Claps

MON 19:30 Radio 3 in Concert (m00291fp)

The Royal Northern College of Music International Brass Band Festival 2025

Tom Redmond presents a concert of Brass music recorded in January at this year's Royal Northern College of Music Brass Band Festival, featuring Foden's Band, the current 'Number 1 ranked brass band in the world'.

Paul Mealor Fantasia on a Theme of Purcell
Edward Gregson Tenor Horn Concerto: Three Gods (world première broadcast)*
Elgar Howarth Fireworks
David Stanhope A Leadsman, a Lady and a Lord
Elisabeth Vannebo Elektrodesign
John McCabe Cloudcatcher Fells

Michael Fowles conductor
Tim de Maeseneer tenor horn *
Foden's Band

MON 21:45 The Essay (m00291fr)

New Generation Thinkers 2024

Technicolor Wars

From The Wizard of Oz to Madame Mao, Kirsty Sinclair Dootson's essay explores the politics of making films in colour - specifically Technicolor - a process synonymous with American cinema that was the envy of political powers across Russia, Germany and China. The story takes us from Hollywood to Auschwitz to Instagram.

Dr Kirsty Sinclair Dootson is a New Generation Thinker on the scheme run by the Arts and Humanities Research Council and the BBC to put academic research on radio. She is a lecturer in Film and Media at University College London, and author of a book *The Rainbow's Gravity*.

Producer: Rabeka Nurmahomed

MON 22:00 Night Tracks (m00291fv)

Eclectic music for after dark

Sara Mohr-Pietsch presents an adventurous, immersive soundtrack for late-night listening, from classical to contemporary and everything in between.

MON 23:30 'Round Midnight (m0020prv)

Joe Armon-Jones's 4/4

'Round Midnight is presented by award-winning saxophonist Soweto Kinch. This weekday late-night show celebrates the thriving UK jazz scene and spotlights the best new music alongside incredible acts from past decades.

This week Soweto's guest is leading keyboardist, producer and member of multi award-winning UK band Ezra Collective, Joe Armon-Jones. Bringing lyricism and virtuosity in equal measure, Joe's sound traverses jazz tradition, hip hop, dub, funk and beyond.

His latest solo album "All the Quiet (Part I)" is out on Friday March 28th.

From Monday to Thursday, Joe will be selecting some of the albums that have informed his musical language, for 4/4. Kicking off the week, Joe chooses a record by piano maestro Ahmad Jamal.

Plus, music from 44th Move, Azamiah and the late, great, Roy

Ayers.

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TUESDAY 25 MARCH 2025**TUE 00:30 Through the Night (m00291fx)**

Traces of Magic at the Zermatt Festival in Switzerland

An Evening with Hefti: works by Schubert, Bach, Berg and the world premiere of an octet by David Philip Hefti. Jonathan Swain presents.

12:31 AM

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)
Concerto for Oboe, Violin, Strings and Continuo in C minor, BWV.1060
Jonathan Kelly (oboe), Wolfram Brandl (violin), Zermatt Festival Orchestra, Christophe Horák (conductor)

12:44 AM

David Philip Hefti (b.1975)
Traces of Magic (Octet for clarinet, bassoon, horn, string quartet & double bass)
Scharoun Ensemble Berlin

01:02 AM

Alban Berg (1885-1935), arr. Reinbert de Leeuw
Sieben frühe Lieder
Christiane Karg (soprano), Zermatt Festival Orchestra, David Philip Hefti (conductor)

01:17 AM

Franz Schubert (1797-1828)
Symphony no 4 in C minor, D.417 'Tragic'
Zermatt Festival Orchestra, Wolfram Brandl (conductor)

01:47 AM

Hans Huber (1852-1921)
Cello Sonata no 4 in B flat major, Op 130
Esther Nyffenegger (cello), Desmond Wright (piano)

02:13 AM

Rudolf Kelterborn (1931-2021)
Piano Work no 7 ('Quinternio')
Soos-Haag Piano Duo

02:24 AM

Heinz Holliger (b.1939)
5 Little pieces for solo oboe - excerpts
Vera Flurina Gassmann (oboe)

02:31 AM

Ludwig van Beethoven (1770-1827)
Symphony no 7 in A major, Op 92
Swedish Radio Symphony Orchestra, Manfred Honeck (conductor)

03:11 AM

Francois Couperin (1668-1733)
Messe pour les couvents (1690)
Marcel Verheggen (organ)

03:29 AM

Johann Stadlmayr (c.1580-1648)
Ave Maris Stella
Capella Nova Graz, Otto Kargl (director)

03:35 AM

Oskar Merikanto (1868-1924)
Improvisation, Op 76 no 3

Eero Heinonen (piano)

03:42 AM

Nicolaos Mantzaros (1795-1872)
Sinfonia di genere Orientale in A minor
National Symphony Orchestra of Greek Radio, Andreas Pylarinos (conductor)

03:51 AM

Isabella Leonarda (1620-1704)
Sonata Prima a 4 (Opera Decima Sesta)
Maniera

04:01 AM

Giuseppe Verdi (1813-1901)
Aria 'Eri tu' - from Un Ballo in Maschera
Gaetan Laperriere (baritone), Orchestre Symphonique de Trois Rivieres, Gilles Bellemare (conductor)

04:08 AM

Franz Schubert (1797-1828)
Eight Landler (German dances) (from D.790)
Leif Ove Andsnes (piano)

04:16 AM

Maurice Ravel (1875-1937)
Boléro for orchestra
BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra, Donald Runnicles (conductor)

04:31 AM

Heitor Villa-Lobos (1887-1959)
Prelude for guitar no 1 in E minor
Norbert Kraft (guitar)

04:35 AM

Giovanni Antonio Pandolfi Mealli (1630-1670)
Violin Sonata in A minor, Op 3 no 2, 'La Cesta'
Daniel Sepec (violin), Hille Perl (viola da gamba), Lee Santana (theorbo), Michael Behringer (harpsichord)

04:43 AM

Johannes Brahms (1833-1897)
Academic Festival Overture, Op 80
Hungarian Radio Symphony Orchestra, Tamas Vasary (conductor)

04:53 AM

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750), arr. Johannes Brahms
Chaconne in D minor, from 'Partita no 2, BWV.1004'
Linda Nicholson (fortepiano)

05:07 AM

Rudolf Escher (1912-1980)
Le vrai visage de la paix (1953 revised 1957)
Netherlands Chamber Choir, Ed Spanjaard (conductor)

05:19 AM

Ludomir Rozycki (1883-1953)
Cello Sonata in A minor, Op 10
Tomasz Strahl (cello), Edward Wolanin (piano)

05:38 AM

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart (1756-1791)
'Misera, dove son!' (scena) and 'Ah! non son'io che parlo' (aria), K.369
Rosemary Joshua (soprano), Freiburg Baroque Orchestra, Rene Jacobs (conductor)

05:45 AM

Claude Debussy (1862-1918)
Preludes (excerpts books 1 & 2)
Francesco Piemontesi (piano)

06:06 AM

Leos Janacek (1854-1928)
Taras Bulba - rhapsody for orchestra
Ukrainian Radio Symphony Orchestra, Volodymyr Sirenko (conductor)

TUE 06:30 Breakfast (m00291hw)

Classical music to start the day

Hannah French presents Radio 3's award-winning classical breakfast show with music that captures the mood of the morning. Email your requests to 3breakfast@bbc.co.uk. To listen on most smart speakers just say "Ask BBC Sounds to play Breakfast."

TUE 09:30 Essential Classics (m00291hy)

Your perfect classical playlist

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1145 Slow Moment - time to take a break for a moment's musical reflection.

1230 Album of the Week

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TUE 13:00 Classical Live (m00291j0)

Schubert's Great Symphony from Leipzig and Carl Nielsen in Bristol

Elizabeth Alker showcases the best performances by BBC orchestras, choirs, ensembles and other great performing groups from Europe and around the globe.

Throughout this week we join several of our current BBC Radio 3 New Generation Artists in concert at St George's, Bristol. Today, the Kleio Quartet perform Nielsen's first String Quartet and pianist Alim Beisembayev plays Ravel's tender homage to Schubert, the Noble and Sentimental Waltzes.

Schubert himself provides the centrepiece to today's programme with Franz Welser-Möst conducting the Leipzig Gewandhaus Orchestra in the 'Great' Symphony, No. 9. And our celebration of the city of Leipzig continues with another cantata written there by Johann Sebastian Bach, Non sa che sia dolore, one of only two cantatas he wrote in Italian.

George Frideric Handel
Concerto grosso in A minor, Op. 6 No. 4
Radio France Philharmonic Orchestra
Jonathan Cohen (director)

Maurice Ravel
Oiseaux tristes and Une barque sur l'océan (Miroirs)
Alim Beisembayev (piano)

Carl Nielsen
String Quartet No. 1 in G minor, Op. 13

Kleio Quartet

Johann Sebastian Bach
Non sa che sia dolore, BWV 209
Julia Doyle (soprano)
Radio France Philharmonic Orchestra
Jonathan Cohen (director)

Erich Wolfgang Korngold
Fairytale Pictures
Ulster Orchestra
Tom Featherstonehaugh (conductor)

3pm

Franz Schubert
Symphony No. 9 in C, D. 944 'Great'
Leipzig Gewandhaus Orchestra
Franz Welser-Möst (conductor)

To listen to this programme (using most smart speakers) just say "Ask BBC Sounds to play Classical Live".

TUE 16:00 Composer of the Week (m00291j2)

Gustav Mahler (1860-1911)

Goodbye to Hamburg

Mahler retreats to his composing hut, on the shores of Lake Attersee, following some devastating family news, and makes an important decision about his future.

Gustav Mahler: brilliant, fiery and tyrannical – leader of some of the most prestigious musical institutions of his era – fought battles his whole life. He clashed with his colleagues, scrapped with critics and wrestled endlessly with his own desires and ambitions. This week, Kate Molleson navigates us through his many personal and professional struggles, and follows Mahler to the countryside hideaways where he sought (not always successfully) to escape the drama of his everyday life. Here, among the lakes and mountains, Mahler also found space to compose and he poured the whole world into his music in all its ugliness, mundanity and transcendent beauty.

Symphony No. 3: V. Lustig im Tempo und keck im Ausdruck
Gerhild Romberger, mezzo-soprano,
Augsburg Cathedral Choir
Bavarian Radio Orchestra and Choir, conducted by Bernard Haitink

Symphony No. 3: II. Tempo di menuetto. Sehr mäßig
Gerhild Romberger, mezzo-soprano
Bavarian Radio Orchestra and Choir, conducted by Bernard Haitink

Des Knaben Wunderhorn: Lob des hohen Verstandes
Thomas Quasthoff, baritone
Berlin Philharmonic, conducted by Claudio Abbado

Lieder eines fahrenden Gesellen: No. 3, Ich hab' ein glühend
Messer & No. 4, Die zwei blauen Augen von meinem Schatz
Alice Coote, mezzo-soprano
Netherlands Philharmonic Orchestra, conducted by Marc Albrecht

Symphony No. 3: VI. Langsam. Ruhevoll. Empfundener
City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra, conducted by Sir Simon Rattle

TUE 17:00 In Tune (m00291j4)

Discover classical music and artists

Katie Derham presents In Tune with live music from violinist

Njioma Chinyere Grevious, who performs at the Wigmore Hall with pianist Joseph Havlat. Plus organist Jonathan Scott talks about his concert at the Bridgewater Hall.

TUE 19:00 Classical Mixtape (m00291j6)

Switch up your listening with classical music

Enjoy 30 minutes of classical favourites including sublime singing from Mozart's *The Marriage of Figaro*, John Williams' score to *Indiana Jones*, a serenade by Sofia Gubaidulina and some Philip Glass.

Produced by Zerlina Vulliamy.

TUE 19:30 Radio 3 in Concert (m0029313)

Homage to Pierre Boulez Concert 1

The BBC SO in Monte Carlo conducted by Pascal Rophé in works from Boulez's conducting repertoire by Stravinsky, Schoenberg and Bartok's Piano Concerto 2 with François-Frédéric Guy.

Recorded on Saturday 22nd March 2025 at the Auditorium Rainier III as part of the Festival Printemps des Arts de Monte-Carlo. Presented by Penny Gore.

Stravinsky: *Agon*
Bartok: Piano Concerto No. 2

Interval

Schoenberg: *Variations for Orchestra, Op.31*

François-Frédéric Guy (Piano)*
BBC Symphony Orchestra
Pascal Rophé (Conductor)

For over thirty years Pierre Boulez had a white-hot relationship conducting the BBC Symphony Orchestra. From the 1960s onwards together they leapt over musical boundaries, and in spectacular performances introduced the world to many of the great works of the twentieth century.

In the first of two recent concerts in Monte Carlo, celebrating Pierre Boulez's centenary, the BBC Symphony Orchestra performs some of the key music they worked on together.

TUE 21:45 The Essay (m00291j8)

New Generation Thinkers 2024

A Philosophical Forgery?

In 1852, a book of philosophical enquiry was discovered in Ethiopia. But what if the Hatata Zera Yacob is a forgery? Does it matter, if the message is inspirational? Debates over its authorship rage and Jonathan Egid's essay asks what these tell us about politics then and now.

Jonathan Egid is a New Generation Thinker on the scheme run by the Arts and Humanities Research Council and the BBC to put academic research on radio. He's been a Postgraduate Fellow at the British Society for the History of Philosophy and lectures at the School of Oriental and African Studies in London. He is writing a book about the history of the Hatata Zera Yacob debate, and runs a podcast on philosophy in less-studied languages called *Philosophising In ...*

Producer: Luke Mulhall

TUE 22:00 Night Tracks (m00291jb)

Meditative music for night owls

Sara Mohr-Pietsch presents an adventurous, immersive soundtrack for late-night listening, from classical to contemporary and everything in between.

TUE 23:30 'Round Midnight (m0020px9)

Fresh Kai Reesu

'Round Midnight is presented by award-winning saxophonist Soweto Kinch. This weekday late-night show celebrates the thriving UK jazz scene and spotlights the best new music alongside incredible acts from past decades.

Innovative UK keyboardist Joe Armon-Jones returns with his second 4/4 pick of the week. Tonight he's gone for a classic cut from Dutch-Surinamese multi-instrumentalist Ronald Snijders.

Plus, music from Sheldon Agwui, Fabienne Ambuehl and Blue Lab Beats.

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WEDNESDAY 26 MARCH 2025

WED 00:30 Through the Night (m00291jd)

Mozart, Haydn and Jannik Giger from the Basel Chamber Orchestra

Kristian Bezuidenhout conducts the orchestra at the Days of Early Music festival in Herne. Alina Ibragimova joins them for Mozart's 'Turkish' Violin Concerto and the conductor performs fortepiano for Mozart's Piano Concerto no 9 'Jeunehomme'. Plus the world premiere performance of a work by Jannik Giger and Haydn's Symphony no 52. Jonathan Swain presents.

12:31 AM

Joseph Haydn (1732-1809)
Symphony no 52 in C minor, Hob.I:52
Basel Chamber Orchestra, Kristian Bezuidenhout (conductor)

12:49 AM

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart (1756-1791)
Piano Concerto no 9 in E flat major, K.271 'Jeunehomme'
Kristian Bezuidenhout (fortepiano), Basel Chamber Orchestra

01:21 AM

Jannik Giger (b.1985)
Troisième œil for two oboes, two horns, strings and bass
Basel Chamber Orchestra, Kristian Bezuidenhout (conductor)

01:34 AM

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart (1756-1791)
Violin Concerto no 5 in A major, K.219 'Turkish'
Alina Ibragimova (violin), Basel Chamber Orchestra, Kristian Bezuidenhout (conductor)

02:00 AM

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart (1756-1791)
Allemande (C minor) from Suite in C major, K.399
Kristian Bezuidenhout (fortepiano)

02:05 AM

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)
Sonata for solo violin no 2 in A minor, BWV.1003
Alina Ibragimova (violin)

02:26 AM

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart (1756-1791)
Ave verum corpus, K.618
Coro Maghini, Claudio Chiavazza (director), Academia Montis Regalis, Alessandro de Marchi (conductor)

02:31 AM

Enrique Granados (1867-1916)
Goyescas, Book 1, nos 2-4
Enrique Granados (piano)

02:54 AM

Mieczyslaw Karłowicz (1876-1909)
10 Songs, Op 3
Jadwiga Rappe (contralto), Ewa Poblocka (piano)

03:10 AM

Franz Schreker (1878-1934)
Prelude to a Drama
BBC Philharmonic, Vassily Sinaisky (conductor)

03:30 AM

Johann Friedrich Fasch (1688-1758)
Quartet in F major for horn, oboe d'amore, violin and basso continuo, FWV N:F3
Les Ambassadeurs

03:37 AM

Nadia Boulanger (1887-1979)
Three Pieces for Cello and Piano
Samuel Niederhauser (cello), Denis Linnik (piano)

03:45 AM

Antonin Dvorak (1841-1904)
Overture Domov muj, Op 62
Slovak Radio Symphony Orchestra, Marian Vach (conductor)

03:57 AM

Edvard Grieg (1843-1907)
Wedding Day at Troldhaugen (no 6 from Lyric pieces, Op 65)
Valerie Tryon (piano)

04:04 AM

Giovanni Valentini (1582/3-1649)
Fra bianchi giglie, a 7
La Capella Ducale, Musica Fiata Koln

04:14 AM

Charles Gounod (1818-1893), Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)
Meditation sur le premier prelude de Bach (Ave Maria)
Kyung-Ok Park (cello), Myung-Ja Kwun (harp)

04:20 AM

Fanny Mendelssohn (1805-1847)
Overture in C major
Polish National Radio Symphony Orchestra, Katowice, Lionel Bringuier (conductor)

04:31 AM

Sebastian Bodinus (c.1700-1759)
Trio for oboe and 2 bassoons in G major
Hildebrand'sche Hoboisten Compagnie

04:40 AM

Sergey Rachmaninov (1873-1943)
Romance and Waltz
Dutch Pianists Quartet

04:46 AM

Emmanuel Chabrier (1841-1894)
España
Sydney Symphony Orchestra, Stuart Challender (conductor)

04:53 AM

Jan Zach (1967-)
...Lie Back (in an Arm-Chair) for quartet
Moyzes Quartet

05:09 AM

Alexander Moyzes (1906-1984)
Concerto for piano and Orchestra
Ida Cernecka (piano), Slovak Radio Symphony Orchestra,
Marian Vach (conductor)

05:24 AM

Andre Campra (1660-1744)
Quis ego Domine (Who am I, Lord?)
Anders J. Dahlin (tenor), Les Ambassadeurs, Alexis Kossenko
(director)

05:37 AM

Ludwig van Beethoven (1770-1827)
Leonore Overture no 1, Op 138
Sinfonia Iuventus, Rafael Payare (conductor)

05:46 AM

Carl Nielsen (1865-1931)
String Quartet no 1 in G minor, Op 13
Vertavo Quartet

06:12 AM

Johannes Brahms (1833-1897)
4 Klavierstücke, Op 119
Robert Silverman (piano)

WED 06:30 Breakfast (m00291fz)

Classical sunrise

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WED 09:30 Essential Classics (m00291g1)

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WED 13:00 Classical Live (m00291g3)

BBC New Generation Artists in Bristol and Ruth Reinhardt conducts Reinecke in Leipzig

Elizabeth Alker showcases the best performances by BBC orchestras, choirs, ensembles and other great performing groups from Europe and around the globe.

We return to the peerless acoustics of St George's, Bristol for more from the series of recitals recorded there especially for Classical Live and featuring current members of the BBC New Generation Artists Scheme. Today we hear a trio of songs by Hamilton Harty from mezzo-soprano Niamh O'Sullivan and

pianist Alim Beisembayev performing Scarlatti sonatas.

There's more music by Johann Sebastian Bach as we continue our celebration of the musical city of Leipzig, and at **2pm** the Leipzig Gewandhaus Orchestra perform the Symphony No. 2 by another, lesser-known German composer: Carl Reinecke.

Edvard Grieg

Peer Gynt Suite No. 1, Op. 46
Leipzig Gewandhaus Orchestra
Ruth Reinhardt (conductor)

Hamilton Harty

3 songs: Come, O Come My Life's Delight; Lane o'the Thrushes; Sea Wrack
Niamh O'Sullivan (mezzo soprano)
Gary Beecher (piano)

Domenico Scarlatti

Keyboard Sonatas K213, K455 and K77
Alim Beisembayev (piano)

Johann Sebastian Bach

Jesus schläft, was soll ich hoffen?, BWV 81
David Erler (alto)
Georg Populz (tenor)
Matthias Vieweg (bass)
Rheinische Kantorei
Das Kleine Konzert
Hermann Max (conductor)

Carl Reinecke

Symphony No. 2, Op. 134, 'Håkon Jarl'
Leipzig Gewandhaus Orchestra
Ruth Reinhardt (conductor)

William Grant Still

Mother and Child (Suite for violin and piano, No. 2) arr. cello and piano
Sterling Elliott (cello)
Gabriele Strata (piano)

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WED 15:00 Choral Evensong (m00291g5)

St Michael's Church, Barnes, London

From the Church of St Michael and All Angels, Barnes, London, London, with the choir of Tiffin School.

Introit: God be in my head (Walford Davies)

Responses: Leighton

Office hymn: O Christ, who art the light and day (Plainsong)

Psalm 119 vv147-176 (Elvey, Barnby, Turle)

First Lesson: Genesis 9 vv8-17

Canticles: Second Service (Leighton)

Second Lesson: 1 Peter 3 vv18-22

Anthem: O pray for the peace of Jerusalem (Howells)

Hymn: All my hope on God is founded (Michael)

Voluntary: Elegy (Thalben-Ball)

James Day (Director of Music)

Richard Gowers (Organist)

Recorded 20 March.

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WED 16:00 Composer of the Week (m00291g7)

Gustav Mahler (1860-1911)

An Unequal Partnership

Mahler finds his one true love but, for Alma Mahler, marriage also brings sacrifice. On their first proper holiday together, Alma is left to keep house while Gustav retreats to his composing hut for one.

Gustav Mahler: brilliant, fiery and tyrannical – leader of some of the most prestigious musical institutions of his era – fought battles his whole life. He clashed with his colleagues, scrapped with critics and wrestled endlessly with his own desires and ambitions. This week, Kate Molleson navigates us through his many personal and professional struggles, and follows Mahler to the countryside hideaways where he sought (not always successfully) to escape the drama of his everyday life. Here, among the lakes and mountains, Mahler also found space to compose and he poured the whole world into his music in all its ugliness, mundanity and transcendent beauty.

Symphony No. 4: I. Bedächtigt. Nicht eilen - Recht gemächlich (extract)

Cleveland Orchestra, conducted by Pierre Boulez

Symphony No. 4: IV. Sehr behaglich

Juliane Banse, soprano

Cleveland Orchestra, conducted by Pierre Boulez

Symphony No. 5: II. Sturmisch bewegt, mit grosster Vehemenz
German Youth Philharmonic Orchestra, conducted by Rudolf Barshai

Symphony No. 5: IV. Adagietto

German Youth Philharmonic Orchestra, conducted by Rudolf Barshai

Symphony No. 6 in A minor 'Tragic': II. Scherzo (Wuchtig)

Vienna Philharmonic, conducted by Leonard Bernstein

WED 17:00 In Tune (m00291g9)

Wind down from work with classical music

Katie Derham meets the curator of a new exhibition at the Royal Academy of Arts featuring drawings by Victor Hugo. Plus, live music from players of the Chromatica Orchestra.

WED 19:00 Classical Mixtape (m00291gc)

The eclectic classical mix

Take time out with a 30-minute soundscape of classical favourites.

WED 19:30 Radio 3 in Concert (m00291gf)

Homage to Pierre Boulez Concert 2

The BBC SO in Monte Carlo conducted by Pascal Rophé in works from Boulez's conducting repertoire by Debussy, Stravinsky, and Schoenberg's Piano Concerto with François-Frédéric Guy.

Recorded on Sunday 23rd March 2025 at the Auditorium Rainier III as part of the Festival Printemps des Arts de Monte-Carlo. Presented by Penny Gore.

Debussy: Jeux

Schoenberg: Piano Concerto

Interval

Stravinsky: Symphony in Three Movements

François-Frédéric Guy (Piano)*

BBC Symphony Orchestra

Pascal Rophé (Conductor)

For over thirty years Pierre Boulez had a white-hot relationship conducting the BBC Symphony Orchestra. From the 1960s onwards together they leapt over musical boundaries, and in spectacular performances introduced the world to many of the great works of the twentieth century.

In the second of two recent concerts in Monte Carlo, celebrating Pierre Boulez's centenary, the BBC Symphony Orchestra performs some of the key music they worked on together.

WED 21:45 The Essay (m00291gh)

New Generation Thinkers 2024

Losing Yourself in Books

What do we get from a good book? With a greater diversity of stories on offer from publishers and as exam set texts, Janine Bradbury looks at the arguments which are made in favour of reading as a way of encouraging empathy and understanding or as a place to find ourselves. She asks whether this is the right way to think about the value of reading and her essay considers examples including Toni Morrison's story Recitatif, Percival Everett's novel Erasure (which became the film American Fiction) and Nella Larsen's 1929 novel Passing, which Rebecca Hall has directed as a film.

Janine Bradbury is a New Generation Thinker on the scheme run by the Arts and Humanities Research Council and the BBC to put academic research on radio.

She is a senior lecturer in Contemporary Writing and Culture at the University of York, and her first poetry pamphlet Sometimes Real Love Comes Quick & Easy (Ignition Press) was a Poetry Book Society Pamphlet Choice.

Producer in Salford: Ekene Akalawu

WED 22:00 Night Tracks (m00291gk)

Blissful sounds for after-hours

Sara Mohr-Pietsch presents an adventurous, immersive soundtrack for late-night listening, from classical to contemporary and everything in between.

WED 23:30 'Round Midnight (m0020pny)

New music from Takuya Kuroda

'Round Midnight is presented by award-winning saxophonist Soweto Kinch. This weekday late-night show celebrates the thriving UK jazz scene and spotlights the best new music alongside incredible acts from past decades.

Joe Armon-Jones selects another record from his collection that has influenced him, and this time he chooses the sole release from a seminal dub and post-punk duo.

Also in the show, music from Laura Misch, Yama Warashi and Mike Gibbs.

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THURSDAY 27 MARCH 2025**THU 00:30 Through the Night (m00291gm)**

Verdi's Requiem from Cologne

Performed by the WDR Radio Choir, reinforced by the Cologne Opera Choir, with the Gürzenich Orchestra Cologne and

internationally renowned soloists. The conductor Michele Mariotti leads the musicians and the audience together through the drama, beauty, terror and redemption of Verdi's Requiem. Jonathan Swain presents.

12:31 AM

Giuseppe Verdi (1813-1901)

Requiem

Eleonora Buratto (soprano), Marie-Nicole Lemieux (contralto), Liparit Avetisyan (tenor), Giorgi Manoshvili (bass), WDR Chorus, Michael Alber (choirmaster), Cologne Opera Choir, Rustam Samedov (choirmaster), Gurzenich Orchestra, Cologne, Michele Mariotti (conductor)

01:59 AM

Girolamo Frescobaldi (1583-1643)

La Romanesca

Maria Cleary (harp)

02:05 AM

Giuseppe Verdi (1813-1901)

String Quartet in E minor

Vertavo Quartet

02:31 AM

Ludwig van Beethoven (1770-1827)

Piano Sonata no 31 in A flat major, Op 110

Sergei Terentjev (piano)

02:53 AM

Iris Szeghy (b.1956)

Cello Concerto

Andrej Gal (cello), Slovak Radio Symphony Orchestra, Marian Lejava (conductor)

03:20 AM

Nikolai Rimsky-Korsakov (1844-1908)

Concerto for trombone and military band in B flat major

Tibor Winkler (trombone), Chamber Wind Orchestra, Zdenek Machacek (conductor)

03:32 AM

Elisabeth Kuyper (1877-1953)

Der Pfeil und das Lied; Marien Lied; Ich komme Heim (Op 17 nos 1, 2 & 3)

Irene Maessen (soprano), Frans van Ruth (piano)

03:39 AM

Dietrich Buxtehude (1637-1707)

Chorales: 'Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland', BuxWV.211

Bernard Lagace (organ)

03:49 AM

Uuno Klami (1900-1961)

Serenades joyeuses

Finnish Radio Symphony Orchestra, Jussi Jalas (conductor)

03:56 AM

Francis Poulenc (1899-1963)

Sonata for oboe and piano

Roger Cole (oboe), Linda Lee Thomas (piano)

04:10 AM

Orlande de Lassus (1532-1594)

Omnes de Saba venient - motet for 8 voices

Montreal Early Music Studio, Christopher Jackson (director)

04:12 AM

Johann Heinrich Schmelzer (c.1620-1680)

Sonata in D major for 3 violins and continuo

Il Giardino Armonico

04:19 AM

Claude Debussy (1862-1918)

Prelude à l'après-midi d'un faune

BBC Philharmonic, Yan Pascal Tortelier (conductor)

04:31 AM

Hildegard of Bingen (1098-1179)

Ave Generosa

Orpheus Women's Choir, Albert Wissink (director)

04:37 AM

Jean-Baptiste Arban (1825-1889)

Variations on "Casta diva - Ah! Bello" from Bellini's 'Norma'

Alison Balsom (trumpet), John Reid (piano)

04:43 AM

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart (1756-1791)

Symphony no 4 in D major, K.19

BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra, Osmo Vanska (conductor)

04:57 AM

John B. Escosa (1928-1991)

Three Dances for 2 harps

Julia Shaw (harp), Nora Bumanis (harp)

05:03 AM

Leos Janacek (1854-1928)

The fiddler's child (Sumarovo dite) - ballad for orchestra

BBC Symphony Orchestra, Jiri Belohlavek (conductor)

05:16 AM

Ludwig van Beethoven (1770-1827)

Allegro, ma non tanto from String Quartet no 4 in C minor, Op 8 no 4

Quartett Inferno

05:23 AM

Ruth Watson Henderson (1932-)

Magnificat

Kimberley Briggs (soprano), Elmer Iseler Singers, Matthew

Larkin (organ), Lydia Adams (conductor)

05:30 AM

Fanny Mendelssohn (1805-1847)

Piano Sonata in C minor

Sylviane Deferne (piano)

05:44 AM

Darius Milhaud (1892-1974)

La Creation du monde, ballet (Op.81a) (overture & 5 scenes)

Netherlands Radio Symphony Orchestra, Bernhard Klee (conductor)

06:04 AM

William Brade (1560-1630)

Newe ausserlesne Paduanen und Galliarden

Hesperion XX, Jordi Savall (conductor)

THU 06:30 Breakfast (m00291kl)

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1200 "25 for 25: Sounds of the Century" – a series of brand new commissions celebrating and commemorating some of the biggest events of the 21st century so far.

1230 Album of the Week

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THU 13:00 Classical Live (m00291kq)

Liszt in Bristol and Bruckner in Leipzig

Linton Stephens showcases the best performances by BBC orchestras, choirs, ensembles and other great performing groups from Europe and around the globe.

Our current BBC New Generation Artists take centre stage this week with a series of specially recorded concerts in the renowned acoustics of St George's, Bristol. Today we hear traditional Irish songs performed by mezzo-soprano Niamh O'Sullivan, and pianist Alim Beisembayev plays Liszt's musical response to Dante.

We return to the city of Leipzig for more music composed by its most famous musical inhabitant, Johann Sebastian Bach: his sacred motet Jesu, meine Freude. And at **3pm** we're back in the famous Gewandhaus for Bruckner's Symphony in D minor, somewhat bizarrely known as his Symphony No. 0, performed by the MDR Radio Symphony Orchestra, Leipzig with Dennis Russell Davies conducting.

Joseph Haydn

Symphony No. 101 in D major, 'Clock'

MDR Radio Symphony Orchestra

Dennis Russell Davies (conductor)

Trad. Irish/Herbert Huges

6 songs: The Last Rose of Summer; The Lark in the Clear Air; She Moved Through the Fair; The Leprechaun; The Gartan Mother's Lullaby; The Stuttering Lovers

Niamh O'Sullivan (mezzo soprano)

Gary Beecher (piano)

Franz Liszt

Après une Lecture de Dante – fantasia quasi sonata (Years of Pilgrimage, Part 2: Italy, No. 7)

Alim Beisembayev (piano)

Johann Sebastian Bach

Jesu, meine Freude, BWV 227

Czech Ensemble Baroque Quintet

Marek Čermák (organ)

György Ligeti

Romanian Concerto for orchestra

MDR Radio Symphony Orchestra, Leipzig

Dennis Russell Davies (conductor)

Anton Bruckner

Symphony No. 0 in D minor, WAB 100 ('Nullte')

MDR Radio Symphony Orchestra, Leipzig

Dennis Russell Davies (conductor)

György Ligeti

The Devil's Staircase (Studies, Book 2, No. 13)

Alim Beisembayev (piano)

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THU 16:00 Composer of the Week (m00291ks)

Gustav Mahler (1860-1911)

Extinguished Joyful Light

Alma Mahler worries that her husband's morbid fascination with death and grief may be tempting fate.

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Symphony No. 7: II. Nachtmusik. Allegro moderato (extract)
Bavarian State Orchestra, conducted by Kirill Petrenko

Kindertotenlieder: 3. Wenn dein Mütterlein

Brigitte Fassbaender, mezzo-soprano

German Symphony Orchestra of Berlin, Riccardo Chailly

Symphony No. 8 "Symphony of a Thousand", Part I

Judith Howarth, soprano

Anne Schwanewilms, soprano

Sofia Fomina, soprano

Michaela Selinger, mezzo-soprano

Patricia Bardon, mezzo-soprano

Barry Banks, tenor

Matthew Rose, bass

London Symphony Chorus

London Philharmonic Orchestra and Choir, conducted by

Vladimir Jurowski

Das Lied von der Erde: II. Der Einsame in Herbst

Sarah Connolly, mezzo-soprano

London Philharmonic Orchestra, conducted by Yannick Nézet-Séguin

Symphony No. 7: IV. Nachtmusik. Andante amoroso

Bavarian State Orchestra, conducted by Kirill Petrenko

THU 17:00 In Tune (m00291kv)

Classical artists live in session

Katie Derham has live music from English folk music group, The Longest Johns, who perform sea shanties.

THU 19:00 Classical Mixtape (m00291kx)

Your daily classical soundtrack

An engaging mix of classical music for half an hour, featuring choral music by Rachmaninov and Hildegard von Bingen, as well as a tribute by Verdi to the fallen woman of Alexandre Dumas' play 'fils', plus the sublime sound of clarinettist Martin.

THU 19:30 Radio 3 in Concert (m00291kz)

Stravinsky's The Rite of Spring from Manchester

The Hallé's Artist-in-Residence, Thomas Adès conducts this cosmic programme spanning time and space.

Two pieces this evening were commissioned at the turn of the millennium. The first is Adès's *America: A Prophecy* – an apocalyptic piece incorporating Mayan verse and Spanish flamboyance. Tonight we hear the UK premiere of the expansion of this powerful work which features celebrated soprano Anna Dennis and the Hallé Choir. The second is the late Saariaho's *Oltra Mar* – a work in seven movements, exploring themes of love, death and time.

These are bookended by Adès's luminous, daringly hopeful *Dawn: a chacony for orchestra at any distance* and Stravinsky's *The Rite of Spring*. Though riotous at its 1913 premiere, *The Rite of Spring* is now cemented as one of the most influential pieces of the 20th century – a surging, thunderous tribute to renewal.

Presented live from Bridgewater Hall in Manchester by Elizabeth Alker.

Thomas Adès: *Dawn: a chacony for orchestra at any distance*
Saariaho: *Oltra Mar*
Thomas Adès: *America: A Prophecy* (UK Premiere of revised version - Hallé Commission)
Stravinsky: *The Rite of Spring*

Anna Dennis, soprano
Hallé Choir
Matthew Hamilton, choral director
The Hallé
Thomas Adès, conductor

THU 21:45 The Essay (m0029111)

New Generation Thinkers 2024

Birth Stories

How have the first hours and days after childbirth changed in the NHS?
Before the NHS, a 1932 publication describing mothers resting after labour, referred to lying-in as ranging from two weeks to two months, but attitudes have altered. In 1950 the book *National Baby* was published by Sarah Champion. Emily Baughan has been reading it and looks at the differences between childbirth then, memories of her mother and her own experiences.

Dr Emily Baughan is a New Generation Thinker on the scheme run by the Arts and Humanities Research Council and the BBC to put academic research on radio. She is a senior lecturer in 19th and 20th century British History at the University of Sheffield, a Fellow of the Royal Historical Society and is working on a book, *Love's Labour*, which is a history of childcare.

Producer in Salford: Ekene Akalawu

THU 22:00 Night Tracks (m0029113)

Immersive music for moonlight

Sara Mohr-Pietsch presents an adventurous, immersive soundtrack for late-night listening, from classical to contemporary and everything in between.

THU 23:30 'Round Midnight (m0020r6m)

One from Ellen Beth Abdi

'Round Midnight is presented by award-winning saxophonist Soweto Kinch. This weekday late-night show celebrates the thriving UK jazz scene and spotlights the best new music

alongside incredible acts from past decades.

Joe Armon-Jones rounds off his 4/4 week with an homage to the legendary trumpeter and bandleader Dizzy Gillespie.

Plus, music from Maeve Gilchrist and Viktor Krauss, Oscar Jerome, and Gerald Clayton.

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FRIDAY 28 MARCH 2025

FRI 00:30 Through the Night (m0029115)

Haydn and Beethoven from the Appenzeller Bachtage Festival

'Light and Dark' - Haydn's *Missa in tempore belli* and Beethoven's *Eroica* Symphony. Jonathan Swain presents.

12:31 AM

Joseph Haydn (1732-1809)
Mass No. 9 in C, Hob. XXII:9 'Missa in tempore belli'
Julia Doyle (soprano), Margot Oitzinger (alto), Georg Poplutz (tenor), Peter Harvey (bass), Chorus of the J.S. Bach Foundation, St Gallen, Orchestra of J.S. Bach Foundation, St Gallen, Rudolf Lutz (conductor)

01:10 AM

Ludwig van Beethoven (1770-1827)
Symphony no 3 in E flat, Op 55 'Eroica'
Orchestra of J.S. Bach Foundation, St Gallen, Rudolf Lutz (conductor)

01:58 AM

Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)
Piano Trio No 1 in D minor, Op 49
Tori Trio: Jin-kyong Jee (cello), Kyon-min Kim (violin), Sook-hyon Cho (piano)

02:31 AM

Fryderyk Chopin (1810-1849)
24 Preludes, Op 28
Aimi Kobayashi (piano)

03:15 AM

Benjamin Britten (1913-1976)
Variations on a theme by Frank Bridge, Op 10
Royal Academy Soloists, Clio Gould (director)

03:41 AM

Franz Doppler (1821-1883)
L'oiseau des bois (Bird in the woods) - idyll for flute and 4 horns, Op 21
Janos Balint (flute), Jeno Kevehazi (horn), Peter Fuzes (horn), Sandor Endrodi (horn), Tibor Maruzsa (horn)

03:47 AM

Johan Halvorsen (1864-1935), George Frideric Handel (1685-1759)
Passacaglia after Handel
Byungchan Lee (violin), Cameron Crozman (cello)

03:54 AM

George Frideric Handel (1685-1759)
Aria: Mi lusinga il dolce affetto (Act 2 Sc 3 Alcina)
Graham Pushee (counter tenor), Australian Brandenburg Orchestra, Paul Dyer (artistic director)

04:01 AM

Carl Nielsen (1865-1931)
Serenata in vano, FS.68
Kari Kriikku (clarinet), Jonathan Williams (horn), Per Hannisdahl

(bassoon), Oystein Sonstad (cello), Katrine Oigaard (double bass)

04:08 AM

John Foulds (1880-1939)

Sicilian Aubade

Cynthia Fleming (violin), BBC Concert Orchestra, Ronald Corp (conductor)

04:14 AM

Hubert Parry (1848-1918), orch. Gordon Jacob

I was glad (Psalm 122)

Vancouver Bach Choir, Vancouver Symphony Orchestra, Bruce Pullan (conductor)

04:20 AM

Stanislaw Moniuszko (1819-1872)

Ballet Music for the Merry Wives of Windsor by Otto Nicolai

Polish Radio Symphony Orchestra, Lukasz Borowicz (conductor)

04:31 AM

Nicolas Chedeville (1705-1782)

Les Saisons Amusantes Part II (Les Plaisirs de l'ete)

Ensemble 1700, Dorothee Oberlinger (director)

04:40 AM

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750), arr. Ferruccio Busoni

Toccatina and Fugue in D minor, BWV.565

Valerie Tryon (piano)

04:49 AM

Wilhelm Stenhammar (1871-1927)

Varnatt (Spring Night)

Swedish Radio Choir, Swedish Radio Symphony Orchestra, Stefan Skold (conductor)

04:58 AM

Aram Khachaturian (1903-1978)

Adagio of Spartacus and Phrygia from the ballet 'Spartacus' (Act 3)

NRCU Symphony Orchestra, Vyacheslav Blinov (conductor)

05:07 AM

Carl Ludwig Lithander (1773-1843)

Divertimento no 1 for flute and fortepiano

Mikael Helasvuo (flute), Tuija Hakkila (pianoforte)

05:16 AM

Petar Petrov (b.1961)

Canto triste

Rossen Idealov (clarinet), Georgita Boyadiieva (cello), Musica Nova Sofia, Dragomir Yossifov (conductor)

05:26 AM

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart (1756-1791)

Symphony no 40 in G minor, K.550

Danish Radio Chamber Orchestra, Adam Fischer (conductor)

05:55 AM

Sergey Rachmaninov (1873-1943)

Suite no 2 for 2 pianos, Op 17

Ouellet-Murray Duo (piano duo)

06:19 AM

Franz Schubert (1797-1828)

String Quartet in C minor, D.703 'Quartettsatz'

Tilev String Quartet

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FRI 13:00 Classical Live (m00291k6)

Irish Song in Bristol and Mozart from Leipzig

Linton Stephens showcases the best performances by BBC orchestras, choirs, ensembles and other great performing groups from Europe and around the globe.

In our final trip to St George's Bristol this week, we hear current BBC New Generation Artist Niamh O'Sullivan performing songs from her native Ireland by the likes of Joan Trimble, John Larchet and Percy French.

We end our pilgrimage to the musical city of Leipzig this week with music from two of the most celebrated musicians working there. Ensemble Masques perform Johann Sebastian Bach's uncharacteristically uncouth Peasant Cantata and pianist Claire Huangci is the soloist in Clara Schumann's Piano Concerto. Plus the Leipzig Gewandhaus Orchestra performs a pair of symphonies by Mozart, including his famous final 'Jupiter' Symphony - No. 41.

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart
Symphony No. 40 in G minor, K. 550
Leipzig Gewandhaus Orchestra
Antonio Manacorda (conductor)

Joan Trimble
2 songs: Green Rain; My grief on the sea

Thomas Kelly
The Mother

Joan Trimble
Girl's Song

John Francis Larchet
3 songs: Padhraic the Fiddler; Love's Question; The Philosophy of Love
Niamh O'Sullivan (mezzo soprano)
Gary Beecher (piano)

Clara Schumann
Piano Concerto in A minor, Op. 7

Claire Huangci (piano)
ORF Radio Symphony Orchestra, Vienna
Joanna Carneiro (conductor)

Johann Sebastian Bach
Peasant cantata, BWV 212 'Mer hahn en neue Oberkeet'
Dorothee Miels (soprano)
Gabriel Jubin (counter-tenor)
Thomas Hobbs (tenor)
Romain Bockler (baritone)
Ensemble Masques
Olivier Fortin (director)

Miklos Rozsa
Toccata Capricciosa, Op. 36
Richard Harwood (cello)

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart
Symphony No. 41 in C major, 'Jupiter', K. 551
Leipzig Gewandhaus Orchestra
Antonio Manacorda (conductor)

Ernest John Moeran
2 songs: The Roving Dingle Boy; The Tinker's Daughter

Percy French
Gortnamona

Manning Sherwin
A Nightingale Sang in Berkeley Square
Niamh O'Sullivan (mezzo soprano)
Gary Beecher (piano)

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FRI 16:00 Composer of the Week (m00291k8)

Gustav Mahler (1860-1911)

To Cherish and to Hold

Mahler and his wife look to put recent tragedies behind them and find a beautiful new place to spend their Summers. But Toblach, in the Dolomite mountains, will be the scene for yet more turmoil and grief.

Gustav Mahler: brilliant, fiery and tyrannical – leader of some of the most prestigious musical institutions of his era – fought battles his whole life. He clashed with his colleagues, scrapped with critics and wrestled endlessly with his own desires and ambitions. This week, Kate Molleson navigates us through his many personal and professional struggles, and follows Mahler to the countryside hideaways where he sought (not always successfully) to escape the drama of his everyday life. Here, among the lakes and mountains, Mahler also found space to compose and he poured the whole world into his music in all its ugliness, mundanity and transcendent beauty.

Symphony No. 9: II: Im Tempo eines gemächlichen Ländlers (extract)

Budapest Festival Orchestra, conducted by Iván Fischer

Das Lied von der Erde: IV. Von der Schönheit
Alice Coote, mezzo-soprano
Netherlands Philharmonic Orchestra, conducted by Marc Albrecht

Symphony No. 10 (ed. Deryck Cooke): III. Purgatorio
Vienna Philharmonic, conducted by Daniel Harding

Symphony No. 8 'Symphony of a Thousand', Part 2 (final section)
Christine Brewer, soprano

Juliane Banse, soprano
Soile Isokoski, soprano
Birgit Remmert, mezzo-soprano
Jane Henschel, mezzo-soprano
Jon Villars (tenor)
David Wilson-Johnson, baritone
John Relyea (bass)
City of Birmingham Symphony Youth Chorus
London Symphony Chorus
Toronto Children's Choir
City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra and Chorus, conducted by Sir Simon Rattle

Symphony No. 9: IV. Adagio (22:47)
Budapest Festival Orchestra, conducted by Iván Fischer

FRI 17:00 In Tune (m00291kb)

Music news and live classical music

Katie Derham introduces live music from the Sultan Stevenson Trio, who have a new album out and an upcoming gig at the Queen Elizabeth Hall. Pianist George Xiaoyuan Fu also plays live in the studio to celebrate release day of his new album.

Including BBC Radio 3's 25 for 25: Sounds of the Century – a series of brand new commissions celebrating and commemorating some of the biggest events of the 21st century so far. This week, American composer Nkeiru Okoye marks the historic election of the first African-American US president in her piece And the People Celebrated recorded by the BBC Concert Orchestra and narrator Paterson Joseph.

FRI 19:00 Classical Mixtape (m00291kd)

Half an hour of the finest classical music

Take time out with a 30-minute soundscape of classical favourites, including music by Beethoven, Bridge and Clara Schumann.

Producer: Ella Lee

FRI 19:30 Friday Night is Music Night (m001zgl0)

Sounds of Spring

Recorded last year at the BBC Maida Vale studios, Anna-Maria Helsing conducts the BBC Concert Orchestra, soprano Ilona Domnich and glass harmonica player Alasdair Malloy in music of spring.

Presented by Katie Derham

Monckton: The Arcadians Overture
Trad: Drink to Me Only
Grieg: Våren (Spring)
Bucalossi: Grasshopper's Dance
Delius: On Hearing the First Cuckoo in Spring
Debussy: The Girl with the Flaxen Hair
Montague Phillips: A Spring Rondo

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Coates: Springtime Suite
Rachmaninov orch Mutter: Lilacs; How Fair is this Spot
Alwyn: Derby Day
Malloy: Pass the Bottle Aristotle
Alexander Alyabyev: The Nightingale
Johann Strauss (son): Voices of Spring

Ilona Domnich (soprano)
Alasdair Malloy (glass harmonica)
BBC Concert Orchestra

Conductor Anna-Maria Helsing

FRI 21:45 The Essay (m00291kg)

New Generation Thinkers 2024

The intimacy of radio

The would-be composer and philosopher Theodor Adorno played classical piano and came up with influential studies of authoritarianism, antisemitism and propaganda. He also wrote about the experience of listening to a radio voice. Jacob Downs's Essay for Radio 3 reflects on his insights and how far they remain relevant in a time of headphone listening, smart speakers and AI voices.

Dr Jacob Kingsbury Downs lectures in Music at the University of Oxford and is an honorary research fellow at the University of Sheffield. He also works as a musician and arranger working with composers including Erland Cooper and Anna Phoebe. He is a New Generation Thinker on the scheme run by the BBC and the Arts and Humanities Research Council to share academic research on radio.

Producer: Kirsty McQuire

FRI 22:00 Late Junction (m0027tjz)

Able Noise and Sandy Chamoun in session

Verity Sharp presents the fruits of our latest improvised collaboration session, in which cross-continent improv duo Able Noise meet Lebanese vocalist Sandy Chamoun.

Following their debut album release at the end of last year, Able Noise head back to their improvisational live roots for this Late Junction session. Comprised of George Knegt and Alex Andropoulos on baritone guitar and drums respectively, the duo create minimalist rolling and stuttering pieces that play with varied tempos and the distinctive timbres that each of their respective instruments make possible. Often utilising live sampling and tape recorders to layer and amplify their sounds, there is a wozy, clattering weight to their performance approach.

Able Noise are joined in session by Lebanese vocalist and multi-disciplinary artist Sandy Chamoun. Sandy explores Arabic singing traditions through the research and performance of folk song, channelling her findings into original compositions that meld the historical with political and social critique. Her most recent release is as a part of the Beirut-based group Ghadr, in which she pits her soulful vocal stylings against improvised harsh electronics and distorted guitars.

Elsewhere in the show, experimental choir NYX showcase sounds of primal energy and delicate introspection with their new self-titled release and we delve into the meditative drift and fractured rhythms of Manuel Carbone's latest offering 'IN FONDO'. Plus there's a personified street sweeper and possessed AI poetry from Tujiko Noriko.

Produced by Alex Yates

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FRI 23:30 'Round Midnight (m0020q05)

Robert Glasper in conversation

'Round Midnight is presented by award-winning saxophonist Soweto Kinch. This weekday late-night show celebrates the thriving UK jazz scene and spotlights the best new music

alongside incredible acts from past decades.

This Friday night, Soweto is joined by the ever-explorative and prolific music-maker Robert Glasper. A five-time Grammy winner, Robert is widely celebrated for his fusion of jazz and hip hop. He is a first-call musician and producer for fellow star-studded artists from across jazz, hip hop and neo-soul, working with artists including Erykah Badu, Herbie Hancock, and Terence Blanchard.

Long-time friends, Soweto and Robert sit down for a conversation full of laughs, memories and insights as they chat about Robert's career so far. They discuss everything from Robert's early musical influences, to his traditional jazz albums, his work as a composer for film, and much more.

Expect music from J Dilla, Roy Hargrove's RH Factor, and Robert Glasper's Black Radio series.

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