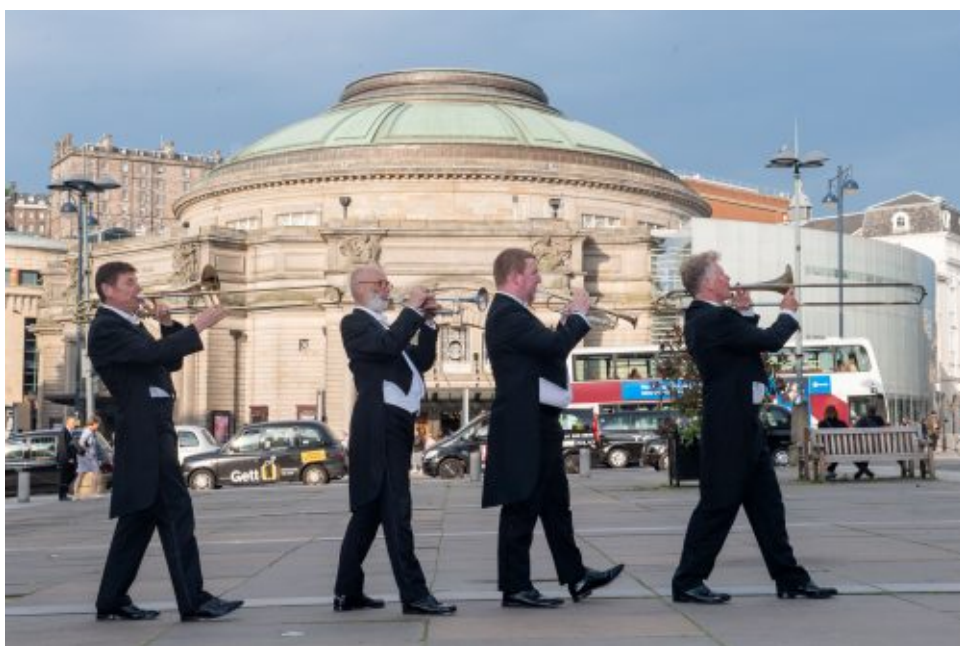


# New Sunday Classics programme billed for the Usher Hall

A new Sunday Classics programme has just been unveiled for the Usher Hall beginning on 14 October 2018. Tickets are on sale from today.

If we start at the end then you will perhaps understand that this is going to be something special to entertain you over the winter. Next June the RSNO will play *The Planets* – An HD Odyssey at the final concert while a film created by award winning producer director Duncan Copp and NASA is shown on the big screen.



Musicians from the Royal Scottish National Orchestra, who are taking part in the season, read the new Sunday Classics programme. Photo credit: Ian Georgeson

The images from NASA's space exploration will be shown along with other iconic space classics such as Strauss's *Blue Danube Waltz* from *2001: A Space Odyssey* and John Williams' *Star Wars* theme.

At the end of 2018 there is a special concert with War Horse : The Story in Concert – Centenary Concert with music by the RSN0 and narration by War Horse author Michael Morpurgo.

[tweet\_box design="default"]The music is wide and varied and the soloists and orchestras come from far and wide in the Usher Hall Sunday Classics Programme[/tweet\_box]



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Councillor Donald Wilson, Culture and Communities Convener, said: “Where better to enjoy a live symphony than a relaxing Sunday afternoon at the Usher Hall? Designed and built with classical music in mind over 100 years ago, the tradition of concert-going at Edinburgh’s most stunning indoor venue continues as strongly as ever.

“It’s a genuine pleasure to sit back in the impressive auditorium and lose yourself in the music, and this new programme of Sunday Classics will feature first-class orchestras from around the world outside the usual Festival period. Plus, with special rates for students and those out of work, and free tickets for under 16s, the Usher Hall is

helping to make classical music accessible to all.”

2018/19 SUNDAY CLASSICS SEASON – FULL LISTINGS:

**Date: Sunday 14 October 2018, 3pm**

Orchestra: Russian State Symphony Orchestra

Conductor: Valentin Uryupin

Soloist: Barry Douglas (piano)

Programme: Tchaikovsky – Swan Lake Suite

Shostakovich – Piano Concerto No. 2

Rachmaninov – Symphony No. 2

**Date: Sunday 28 October 2018, 7.30pm**

Orchestra: Vienna Tonkünstler Orchestra

Conductor: Yutaka Sado

Soloist: Angela Hewitt (piano)

Programme: Bernstein – On the Town: Three Dance Episodes  
from On the Town

Beethoven – Piano Concerto No. 5

Sibelius – Symphony No. 5

**Date: Sunday 18 November 2018, 3pm**

Orchestra: Royal Scottish National Orchestra

Conductor: David Charles Abell

Narrator: Michael Morpurgo

Programme: War Horse: The Story in Concert – Centenary Concert

**Date: Sunday 27 January 2019, 3pm**

Orchestra: St Petersburg Philharmonic

Conductor: Yuri Temirkanov

Soloist: Freddy Kempf (piano)

Programme: Rachmaninov – Piano Concerto No. 2

Mahler – Symphony No. 4

**Date: Sunday 24 February 2019, 3pm**

Orchestra: Symphony Orchestra of India

Conductor: Martyn Brabbins

Soloist: Marat Bisengaliev (violin)

Programme: Weber – Oberon Overture

Bruch – Violin Concerto No. 1 in G

Rimsky-Korsakov – Scheherazade

**Date: Sunday 7 April 2019, 3pm**

Orchestra: Royal Philharmonic Orchestra

Director & Soloist: Pinchas Zukerman (conductor and violin)

Programme: Vaughan Williams Fantasia on a Theme by Thomas Tallis

Elgar Enigma Variations

Beethoven Violin Concerto

**Date:** Sunday 14 April 2019, 3pm

Orchestra: Japan Philharmonic Orchestra

Conductor: Pietari Inkinen

Soloist: John Lill (piano)

Programme: Rautavaara – Opener

Beethoven – Piano Concerto No. 3

Takemitsu – Requiem for Strings

Sibelius – Symphony No. 2

**Date:** Sunday 12 May 2019, 3pm

Orchestra: Russian Philharmonic of Novosibirsk

Conductor: Thomas Sanderling

Soloist: Valentina Lisitsa (piano)

Programme: Rimsky Korsakov – Capriccio Espagnol

Rachmaninov – Rhapsody on a Theme of Paganini  
Variations

Mussorgsky – Pictures at an Exhibition

**Date:** Sunday 16 June 2019, 3pm

Orchestra: Royal Scottish National Orchestra

Conductor: Ben Palmer

Programme: The Planets – An HD Odyssey:

Richard Strauss Also Sprach Zarathustra (opening)

Johann Strauss II Blue Danube Waltz

J S Bach (orch. Stokowski) Toccata and Fugue in D minor

Beethoven Symphony No. 7 (2nd movement)

Williams Main Theme from Star Wars

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