

Southwell u3a Concert Coach Scheme

The concert coach scheme works in the following way:

- 1 Below is the programme for the 2026-2027 season of Royal Concert Hall Classical Concerts; I try to run a coach for every concert.
- 2 The coach picks up outside the Nottingham Road entrance to the Minster School near the Leisure Centre and drops off in front of the Royal Concert Hall. The return is after the concert, picking up from near the Royal Centre entrance and returning to Southwell. There are additional pick up and drop off points in Thurgarton and Lowdham.
- 3 The coach scheme utilises a group discount from the Royal Centre which means effectively the coach is free and tickets in the 3 price bands are therefore equivalent to normal ticket prices. The three price bands represent "best" seats in the Circle or Tier 1 (A), seats in the middle front of the stalls and back middle of the Circle (B) and seats in the back and sides of the stalls, some at the side of the Circle and seats in the Upper Circle or Tier 2 (C). are: Band A £44, Band B £40 and Band C £36. I have pre-booked a reserved allocation of a mixture of seats in each band and allocate seats to individuals from these, returning any unused tickets to the concert hall about a week ahead of the concert for them to sell to the general public. The pre-reserved seat plan is available on our website. The concert hall also provides an allocation of free programmes for each coach, I will hand these to travellers when they arrive.
- 4 I will announce and open booking for each concert by email usually about a month ahead and ask for firm bookings along with a cheque made out to Southwell u3a for the appropriate amount. Once a firm booking is made, usually no refunds are allowed. A Booking Form is available on our website.
- 5 Prior to the day of the concert, I issue Joining Instructions by email showing who is travelling and where and when they are being picked up.
- 6 Tickets are issued to all travellers as they get on the coach.
- 7 The Special pricing for the concert on October 29 will be Band A £45, Band B £41 & Band C £37.

WEDNESDAY 23 SEPTEMBER, 7:30PM THE HALLE

Kahchun Wong	conductor
Sir Stephen Hough	piano
Liszt	Les Preludes
Beethoven	Piano Concerto No. 5
Stravinsky	Firebird Suite (1945)

WEDNESDAY 14 OCTOBER, 7:30PM NDR PHILHARMONIC HANNOVER

Stanislav Kochanovsky	conductor
Nikolai Lugansky	piano
Prokofiev	Classical Symphony
Rachmaninov	Piano Concerto No. 1
Brahms	Symphony No. 2

THURSDAY 29 OCTOBER, 7PM (Early Start) SINFONIA OF LONDON (Special Event Pricing)

John Wilson	conductor
Benjamin Grosvenor	piano
Bacewicz	Concerto for Strings
Rachmaninov	Piano Concerto No. 2
Rimsky-Korsakov	Scheherazade

TUESDAY 17 NOVEMBER, 7:30PM SINFONIA VIVA

Michael Seal	conductor
Michael Foyle	violin
Elgar	Violin Concerto
Florence Maunders	Uprising
Beethoven	Symphony No. 5

WEDNESDAY 20 JANUARY, 7:30PM THE HALLE

Elena Schwarz	conductor
Leila Josefowicz	violin
Dvořák	In Nature's Realm
Ades	Violin Concerto
	'Concentric Paths'
Sibelius	Lemminkainen Suite

FRIDAY 12 FEBRUARY, 7.30PM STRASBOURG PHILHARMONIC

Aziz Shokhakimov	conductor
Maria Ioudenitch	violin
Richard Strauss	Don Juan
Prokofiev	Violin Concerto No. 1
Saint-Saens	Danse Macabre
Tchaikovsky	Symphony No. 2

WEDNESDAY 17 FEBRUARY, 7.30PM ROYAL LIVERPOOL PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA

Andrew Manze	conductor
Braimah Kanneh-Mason	violin
Holst	A Fugal Overture
Butterworth	The Banks of Green Willow
Vaughan Williams	The Lark Ascending
Walton	Spitfire Prelude and Fugue
Elgar	Enigma Variations

THURSDAY 11 MARCH, 7PM (Early Start)
LONDON PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA

Tianyi Lu	conductor
Paul Lewis	piano
Dvořák	Slavonic Dances
	Op: 72-2 & 46-8
Beethoven	Piano Concerto No. 3
Dvořák	Symphony 9
	<i>From the New World</i>

FRIDAY 9 APRIL, 7.30PM
BBC PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA

Nil Venditti	conductor
Ben Goldscheider	horn
Ortiz	Clara
Mozart	Horn Concerto No. 4
Mendelssohn	Hebrides Overture
Mendelssohn	Symphony No. 5
	'Reformation'

THURSDAY 22 APRIL, 7.30PM
THE HALLE

Sir Mark Elder	conductor
Debussy	Nocturnes
	(Nuages and Fetes)
Wagner	Meistersinger Suite
Strauss	Ein Heldenleben

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SATURDAY 8 MAY, 7PM (Early Start)
PHILHARMONIA ORCHESTRA

Santtu-Matias Rouvali	conductor
Maria Duenas	violin
Chin	Subito con forza
Beethoven	Violin Concerto
Tchaikovsky	Symphony No. 4

SATURDAY 22 MAY, 7PM (Early Start)
ROYAL PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA

Vasily Petrenko	conductor
Isata Kanneh-Mason	piano
Tchaikovsky	Francesca da Rimini
Mozart	Piano Concerto No. 27
Ravel	Daphnis and Chloe 1 & 2

FRIDAY 4 JUNE, 7.30PM

THE HALLE

Kahchun Wong	conductor
Alena Baeva	violin
Halle Choir	
Ifukube	Dance of the Seven Veils
Sibelius	Violin Concerto
Walton	Belshazzar's Feast