

SATURDAY 2ND MAY

7.45PM

MENDELSSOHN

Overture The Hebrides

BRAHMS

Double Concerto in A Minor opus 102

SAINT SAËNS

Symphony No 3 in C Minor 'Organ' Symphony

Daniel Bell *Violin*
Garry Walker *Cello*

NeilMantle *conductor*

Greyfriar's Church

TICKET INFORMATION

*September, November, February
and May Concerts:*

£7.00

£6.00 concessions

£4.00 schoolchildren

Edinburgh Bach Choir Concert

£10.00

£8.00 concessions

Available from:

The Queen's Hall 0131-668 2019

The Usher Hall 0131-228 1155

The King's Theatre 0131-220 4349

Assembly Rooms 0131-220 4349

and Members of the Orchestra

*Tickets for the August Performances are also
available from:*

The Festival Fringe Office 0131-226 5138

(Until 31st August only)

SINFONIA
CONCERTS 1998 - 99

GREYFRIARS CHURCH

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Welcome to our 1998 -99 season of concerts!

As has been the custom for several years now, we open the season with our highly successful MAHLER performances. Sinfonia has built up an enviable reputation with his works as exciting and passionate events. MAHLER'S music benefits enormously from the unique physical sensation of live performance and we promise you an exciting experience with his mighty Fifth Symphony - one of the most popular of the cycle. This is the work that was used by Visconti in his film 'Death in Venice'.

Another composer with whose music Sinfonia is particularly associated is ELGAR and in November we offer you the opportunity to hear, for the first time in Edinburgh, his Third Symphony. Although it was unfinished at the time of Elgar's death in 1934, he left extensive sketches and these have been completed by Anthony Payne into a full length symphony. A close friend who heard Elgar himself playing large sections of it on the piano claimed it to be "100% Elgar without a trace of decay". Do not miss this unique experience!

In the same concert we are delighted to welcome back JAMES CLARK who is to perform ELGAR'S Violin Concerto. Many of our patrons will recall his stunning reading of the Berg Concerto a few seasons ago. All in all, this promises to be yet another Sinfonia evening to remember.

Russian Music is the feature of our February concert. Three popular Masterpieces - including one of the best loved of all piano Concertos, RACHMANINOV'S second. Our soloist is GILLIAN GRAY, who gave such a sympathetic performance of the Schumann Concerto in our 25th Anniversary Concert in 1995. Two very different 20th century ballet scores complete this exciting occasion. PROKOFIEV'S dramatic music for Romeo and Juliet and STRAVINSKY'S superb suite from the 'Firebird'.

As our many regular patrons know, we join forces with the Edinburgh Bach Choir each season. This time the collaboration is an especially ambitious one: BEETHOVEN'S powerful 'Choral' Symphony. We also offer you the opportunity of hearing the work of a present day Scottish composer JOHN ROSE. His Psalm XL11 is a most approachable work, heard for the first time at this concert.

For our closing concert we feature two outstanding young string players in BRAHM'S Double Concerto. Both DANIEL BELL and GARRY WALKER have appeared with us before and such was the reception accorded to them (Daniel in Bruch and Garry, Shostakovitch) that a return visit was a must.

Our 1998-99 season ends characteristically in a splash of colour with SAINT SAËNS ever popular 'Organ' Symphony.

Truly a varied and exciting season - do join us and experience it LIVE!

EDINBURGH FESTIVAL CONCERTS

SATURDAY 5TH SEPTEMBER 5.00PM

SUNDAY 6TH SEPTEMBER 5.00PM

MAHLER

Symphony No 5 in C# Minor

Neil Mantle *conductor*

Greyfriars' Church

SUNDAY 22ND NOVEMBER 7.45PM

ELGAR

Symphony No 3 in C Minor opus 88
(first performance in Edinburgh)

Violin Concerto in B Minor opus 61

James Clark *Violin*

Neil Mantle *Conductor*

Greyfriars' Church

SUNDAY 7TH FEBRUARY

7.45PM

PROKOFIEV

Romeo and Juliet Suite opus 64

RACHMANINOV

Piano Concerto No 2 in C Minor opus 18

STRAVINSKY

The Firebird Suite (1919 version)

Gillian Gray *Piano*

Neil Mantle *conductor*

Greyfriars' Church

SATURDAY 20TH MARCH 7.45PM

Joint Concert with Edinburgh Bach Choir

JOHN ROSE

Psalm XL11 (First Performance)

BRUCKNER

Four Motets

BEETHOVEN

Symphony No 9 in D Minor opus 125 "Choral"

Jane McDouall *Soprano* Dennis Haggerty *Tenor*

Dorcas Owen *Alto* Nathaniel Webster *Bass*

Neil Mantle *Conductor*

St. Cuthbert's Church