

Welcome



I'm delighted you could join us at Symphony Hall for this afternoon's concert by the Dresden Philharmonic in the Birmingham International Concert Season. Michael Sanderling will lead the orchestra through an evening of masterworks and it's a pleasure also to welcome Arabella Steinbacher as soloist in Mendelssohn's evergreen Violin Concerto.

Still to come this Season is Opera North's concert staging of Wagner's *The Flying Dutchman* (Symphony Hall, 5 July) - the perfect introduction if you're new to Wagner and the perfect encore if you followed Opera North's *Ring Cycle*. On 4 July at Town Hall, we have the chance to hear the cream of a new generation of young musicians as they compete in the final of the Brant International Piano Competition. And finally, expect the incredible as the National Youth Orchestra and Mark Elder perform Mahler's Ninth Symphony on 7 August at Symphony Hall.

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