



BBC Radio International The BBC Proms Dubai at Dubai Opera March 2017

The world's largest classical musical festival BBC Proms has hosted concerts over four days at Dubai Opera in March 2017.

Based primarily at London's Royal Albert Hall, BBC Proms Dubai marked just the second time the United Kingdom's premier classical event has hosted events abroad in its 112-year history, following last year's BBC Proms Australia.

BBC Proms Dubai took place from March 21-24, 2017 in Dubai Opera. The BBC Proms brought the magic of the BBC Proms to Dubai audiences, providing a taster of this iconic festival.

Established as a national landmark, every year the BBC Proms reaches an audience of more than 300,000 people through eight weeks of concerts, held across London and beyond.

The four-day project in Dubai has mixed the core classical repertoire with new music, showcasing works by Emirati-American composer Mohammed Fairouz, Dubai-based British composer Joanna Marsh and Australian-Egyptian composer Joseph Tawadros.

The performance of Fairouz's tone-poem *Pax Universalis* has marked the first time a major orchestral work has been presented in the composer's hometown.

Proms favourite conductor Edward Gardner and pianist Benjamin Grosvenor have taken the spotlight, while James Burton led the BBC Singers in two a cappella programmes.

The run was closed with the traditional Last Night of the Proms spectacle, featuring crowd-pleasing favourites such as Henry Wood's *Fantasia on British Sea-Songs*, Thomas Arne's *Rule, Britannia!* and Edward Elgar's *Pomp and Circumstance March No. 1*.

BBC Proms director David Pickard added: "*Through this series of concerts and learning events we hope to give the audience an idea of what the Proms are all about, making classical music accessible through quality music-making, outreach work, affordable ticket prices and broadcasts*".

The total duration of the BBC Proms Dubai 2017 package is 9 hours of great music from one of the best-known and best-loved premier classical events.

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BBC Proms Dubai concerts

Day 1 - BBC Symphony Orchestra at the BBC Proms Dubai – 2 hours 30 minutes

Katie Derham presents a week of performances from the BBC Symphony Orchestra and the BBC Singers at the BBC Proms Dubai.

The BBC Proms Dubai: Petroc Trelawny joins the BBC Symphony Orchestra in the Dubai Opera House for a concert of music by Carpenter, Fairouz, Britten and Walton recorded last week during the orchestra's visit to Dubai.

Gary Carpenter: Dadaville
BBC Symphony Orchestra
Edward Gardner (conductor)

Mohammed Fairouz: Pax universalis
BBC Symphony Orchestra
Edward Gardner (conductor)

Britten: Piano Concerto
BBC Symphony Orchestra
Benjamin Grosvenor (piano)
Edward Gardner (conductor)

Walton: Symphony No. 1 in B flat minor
BBC Symphony Orchestra
Edward Gardner (conductor)

Judith Weir's Forest and Cooke's 1st Clarinet Concerto with the BBC Symphony Orchestra
Judith Weir: Forest
BBC Symphony Orchestra
Martyn Brabbins (conductor)

Arnold Cooke Clarinet Concerto No. 1
Michael Collins (clarinet and conductor)
BBC Symphony Orchestra

Day 2 - BBC Singers at the BBC Proms Dubai – 2 hours 30 minutes

Katie Derham continues a week presenting performances from the BBC Symphony Orchestra and the BBC Singers.

Inspiration in Song

Petroc Trelawny joins the BBC Singers in the Dubai Opera House at the BBC Proms Dubai for a concert recorded last week. The BBC Singers' programme explores settings of texts dealing with the end of life, the tragedy of war, the imminence of death and the encounter of new love.

Finzi: My spirit sang all day
Judith Bingham: Distant Thunder
Parry: My soul, there is a country; Never weather-beaten sail; There is an old belief (Songs of Farewell)

Mohammed Fairouz: Different Ways to Pray
Judith Bingham: The Drowned Lovers
Stanford: The Blue bird
Delius: To Be Sung of a Summer Night on the Water
BBC Singers
James Burton (conductor)

Tippett: Dance, Clarion Air
Joanna Marsh: Arabesques
Tippett: Five Spirituals from A Child of Our Time
Gershwin (arranged by Richard Rodney Bennett): By Strauss
Cole Porter (arranged by Richard Rodney Bennett): Every time we say goodbye
BBC Singers
James Burton (conductor)

Britten (completed by Colin Matthews): Concerto movement for clarinet and orchestra
Michael Collins (clarinet and conductor)
BBC Symphony Orchestra

Judith Weir: Moon and Star
BBC Singers
BBC Symphony Orchestra
Martyn Brabbins (conductor).

Day 3 - BBC Singers at the BBC Proms Dubai – 1 hour 30 minutes

Voices from the Isles
Petroc Trelawny joins the BBC Singers in the Dubai Opera House for a concert recorded last week during the BBC Singers' visit to Dubai. The programme is a geographical choral exploration of the diverse sounds and influences of music in The British Isles. The music celebrates the inspiration of traditional folk songs and musical settings of the great poets.

Stanford: Three Motets
Tippett: Four Songs from the British Isles
Jonathan Dove: It sounded as if the Streets were running
Warlock: 3 Belloc Songs
BBC Singers
James Burton (conductor)

Cowie: Lyre Bird Motet
Grainger: Brigg Fair; Irish Tune from County Derry
Jonathan Wikeley: Everything Stops for Tea
BBC Singers
James Burton (conductor).

Day 4 - BBC Singers and Symphony Orchestra at the BBC Proms Dubai - 2 hours 30 minutes

Katie Derham ends a week of performances from the BBC Symphony Orchestra and the BBC Singers at the BBC Proms Dubai

Petroc Trelawny joins the BBC Symphony Orchestra and BBC Singers in the Dubai Opera House for a concert of music by Shostakovich, Debussy and Saint-Saëns recorded last week during the orchestra's visit to Dubai.

Shostakovich: Festive Overture, Op.96
BBC Symphony Orchestra
Edward Gardner (conductor)

Saint-Saëns: Piano Concerto No. 2 in G minor, Op.22
Benjamin Grosvenor (piano)
BBC Symphony Orchestra
Edward Gardner (conductor)

Debussy: La Mer
BBC Symphony Orchestra
Edward Gardner (conductor)

Handel: Zadok the Priest
BBC Singers
BBC Symphony Orchestra
Edward Gardner (conductor)

Joseph Tawadros (arranged by Jules Buckley): Eye of the Beholder; Permission to Evaporate;
Constantinople
Joseph Tawadros (ud and percussion)
BBC Symphony Orchestra
Edward Gardner (conductor)

Wood: Fantasia on British Sea Songs
BBC Symphony Orchestra
Edward Gardner (conductor)

Arne (arr. Sargent): Rule, Britannia
BBC Singers
BBC Symphony Orchestra
Edward Gardner (conductor)

Elgar: Pomp and Circumstance March No.1 in D major;
BBC Symphony Orchestra
Edward Gardner (conductor)

Judith Weir: The Welcome Arrival of Rain
BBC Symphony Orchestra
Martyn Brabbins (conductor).

End.

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