

# ST ALBANS SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

The Orchestra was founded in 1932 and comprises high-standard musicians of all ages from Hertfordshire and beyond. Its members include leading amateurs, professionally-trained musicians, teachers and music college students. The Orchestra is developing into one of the UK's leading non-professional ensembles.

For news and up-to-date information, visit us on the web at [www.saso.org.uk](http://www.saso.org.uk)

## TOM HAMMOND

Conductor

This is Tom Hammond's fourth season as Principal Conductor of the Orchestra, during which time he has led performances of core repertoire such as Tchaikovsky's Symphony No.6 and Schubert's Great C Major Symphony, contemporary music such as James Francis Brown's *Lost Lanes*, *Shadow Groves* (with Emma Johnson) and Matthew Taylor's *Storr*, and adventures with 20th century figures including Stravinsky, Prokofiev, Malcolm Arnold and Carl Nielsen.

In the 2018-19 season, Tom made his debut with the acclaimed Orchestra of the Swan and was immediately re-invited for the following season, with major concerts in Birmingham and Stratford-upon-Avon in 2020.

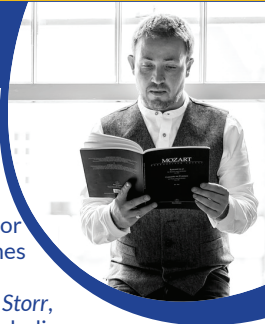
Tom is one of the Artistic Directors of the Hertfordshire Festival of Music, which he co-founded in 2016, and also conducts the Hertford Symphony Orchestra and the youth orchestras at the Watford School of Music and Hatfield's Mid Herts Music Centre. Tom combines his conducting career with producing classical recordings for Chiaro Audio, which means working with a wide range of leading soloists, ensembles and choirs.

Soloists with whom Tom has performed include pianist Stephen Hough, violinists Ray Chen, David Le Page and Tamsin Waley-Cohen, clarinettist Emma Johnson, flautist Daniel Pailthorpe and cellist Matthew Sharp. He has given numerous U.K. and world premières, and conducted in Germany, Denmark and across the Middle East, most recently at the Dubai Opera House.

Conducting a broad range of works, Tom's passions include the music of Sibelius, Janáček and Dvorák, and an interest in the 'historically informed' performance practices that were inspired by his previous career as a trombonist, when he played sackbut with a range of leading early music ensembles.

"... a serious contender for most promising maestro of his generation" – Musical Opinion, 2017

[www.tom-hammond.org.uk](http://www.tom-hammond.org.uk)



## TICKETS

For ticket enquiries please call:  
**01525 862097** or **07976 800445**  
visit: [www.saso.org.uk](http://www.saso.org.uk) or email: [tickets@saso.org.uk](mailto:tickets@saso.org.uk)

Tickets for 17th November, 7th March and 4th July can be bought online from: [www.ticketsource.co.uk](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk) (booking fee applies)

Tickets for 12th October, 1st January and 9th May are available from: Cathedral Box Office: **01727 890290** or online: [www.stalbanscathedral.org](http://www.stalbanscathedral.org)

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- Listed by name in the concert programmes

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**Philippa MacKenzie: 01727 760661**  
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## JOIN THE ORCHESTRA

The Orchestra has occasional vacancies for high-standard musicians, especially strings, and opportunities to deputise or play as an extra.  
Information from **Jenny Lines: [secretary@saso.org.uk](mailto:secretary@saso.org.uk)**

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# CONCERT SEASON 2019-20



PRINCIPAL CONDUCTOR  
Tom Hammond

PRESIDENT  
Anthony Harris

7.30PM, SATURDAY 12TH OCTOBER 2019

St Albans Cathedral

**St Albans St Cecilia Festival Society Concert**

With the Hardyng Choir, Radlett Choral Society, St Albans Chamber Choir, Vivamus and children's choir

**Britten** *Fanfare for St Edmundsbury*  
**Britten** *Dawn and Sunday Morning from Peter Grimes*  
**Dove** *Three Seaside Postcards*  
**Vaughan Williams** *A Sea Symphony*

**Charlotte-Anne Shipley (soprano), Morgan Pearse (baritone), Rufus Frowde (conductor)**

Benjamin Britten was haunted throughout his life by the formidable beauty of the British coast along his native Suffolk, which is the setting for his opera *Peter Grimes*. *Three Seaside Postcards* weaves together sea shanties to make sea-pictures; perhaps the kind of postcards you might send back from a holiday. *A Sea Symphony*, a four-movement choral fantasy, is a monumental work based on Walt Whitman's poems. It was Vaughan Williams' first symphony and has remained popular with audiences and choirs since its premiere in 1910.

**TICKET PRICES:**

£28, £22, £16 reserved, £10 unreserved, £1 child  
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# CONCERT SEASON 2019-20



Conductor: Tom Hammond

7PM, WEDNESDAY 1ST JANUARY 2020

St Albans Cathedral

**Berlioz** *Roman Carnival Overture*  
**Mozart** *Horn Concerto No.4*  
**Ben Goldscheider, horn**  
**R. Strauss** *Don Juan*  
**Beethoven** *Leonore Overture No.3*  
**J. Strauss Jr** *Roses from the South and Egyptian March*

Welcome the New Year with a concert of classical favourites in the glorious surroundings of St Albans Cathedral. In 2018, horn soloist Ben Goldscheider released his debut album to critical acclaim, and was selected as *BBC Music Magazine's* Rising Star and *Gramophone magazine's* 'One to Watch'.

**TICKET PRICES:**

£28, £22, £16 reserved £2 accompanied child  
£8 unreserved (restricted view) £5 students  
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7.30PM, SATURDAY 7TH MARCH 2020

St Saviour's Church, St Albans

**Elgar** *Cello Concerto*  
**Matthew Sharp, cello**  
**Walton** *Crown Imperial*  
**Walton** *Symphony No.1*

We are delighted to welcome back Matthew Sharp to play Elgar's Cello Concerto, a cornerstone of the solo cello repertoire. Walton's *Crown Imperial* was first performed at the coronation of King George VI in 1937. His *Symphony No.1* is a volcanic eruption of dark, sensual passion which speaks with unmediated power from the very first bar.

**TICKET PRICES:**

£16 (nave) £2 accompanied child  
£12 (aisle) unreserved £5 students

7.30PM, SATURDAY 9TH MAY 2020

St Albans Cathedral

In association with the Hertfordshire Festival of Music



**Debussy** *Nocturnes*  
**Canteloube** *Chants d'Auvergne*  
**Susana Gaspar, soprano**  
**Saint-Saëns** *Symphony No.3, Organ Symphony*  
**Andrew Parnell, organ**

Debussy's three *Nocturnes* were inspired by a series of impressionist paintings by James Abbott McNeill Whistler. *Chants d'Auvergne* is an enchanting collection of folk songs from France, in the local Auvergnat language. The Orchestra's Vice-President Andrew Parnell joins us on the Cathedral's organ to play Saint-Saëns's mighty *Symphony No.3*.

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7.30PM, SATURDAY 4TH JULY 2020

St Saviour's Church, St Albans

**Holst** *The Perfect Fool*  
**Barber** *Violin Concerto*  
**David Le Page, violin**  
**Dvořák** *Symphony No.9, From the New World*

*The Perfect Fool* is a one-act opera, a parody of more serious operatic works. David Le Page joins the Orchestra for a third time to perform Barber's dazzling Violin Concerto. We celebrate American Independence Day with one of classical music's best loved works by Dvořák.

**TICKET PRICES:**

£16 (nave) £2 accompanied child  
£12 (aisle) unreserved £5 students

## Children's Concerts

St Saviour's Church, St Albans

SUNDAY 17TH NOVEMBER 2019

at 2.00pm and 3.30pm

Hear a full-scale symphony orchestra close up playing an exciting selection of music! Try out the instruments!

*We're going on a bear hunt!*

A musical adventure for children featuring music by Ian Stephens



**TICKET PRICES:**  
CHILDREN only £2  
Grown ups £8  
Under 2s FREE

