

ANNIVERSARIES AT THE PROMS

- The bicentenary of the birth of Hector Berlioz (1803–69)
The Trojans, Benvenuto Cellini
- The 50th anniversary of the death of Sergey Prokofiev (1891–1953)
War and Peace, Ivan the Terrible
- The 80th birthday year of György Ligeti (b. 1923)
Violin Concerto, Lux aeterna

The international bicentenary celebrations of the music of **Hector Berlioz** reaches an unmissable

Other full-scale vocal works by Berlioz include Sir John Eliot Gardiner conducting the Orchestre Révolutionnaire et Romantique and Monteverdi Choir in a period-instrument performance of *The Childhood of Christ* (Prom 14, Monday 28 July) and Sir Roger Norrington and the Stuttgart Radio Symphony Orchestra (SWR) in a rare performance of *Benvenuto Cellini*. Berlioz's early opera on the life and loves of the Renaissance artist has Bruce Ford, Laura Claycomb, Monica Groop

HECTOR BERLIOZ (1803–69)

Berlioz at the Proms

Prom 2, Saturday 19 July, 7.00pm

The Nation's Favourite Prom

The Damnation of Faust – Hungarian March

BBC Concert Orchestra, Barry Wordsworth conductor

Prom 12, Saturday 26 July, 7.30pm

Les nuits d'été

Alice Coote mezzo-soprano, Hallé Orchestra, Mark Elder conductor

Prom 14, Monday 28 July, 7.30pm

The Childhood of Christ

Bernarda Fink Mary, James Gilchrist Narrator, Gilles Cachemaille Joseph, Jeremy White Herod/Father of the Family, Monteverdi Choir, Choir of Clare College, Cambridge, Orchestre Révolutionnaire et Romantique, Sir John Eliot Gardiner conductor

Prom 29, Saturday 9 August, 7.00pm

Harold in Italy

Lawrence Power viola, National Youth Orchestra of Great Britain, Yan Pascal Tortelier conductor

Prom 39, Sunday 17 August, 7.00pm

Benvenuto Cellini

Bruce Ford Benvenuto Cellini, Laura Claycomb Teresa, Monica Groop Ascanio, Christopher Maltman Fieramosca, Franz Hawlata Giacomo Balducci, Ralf Lukas Pope Clement VII, Johannes Chum Francesco, Reinhard Mayr Bernardino, Choir of MDR Leipzig, Stuttgart Radio Symphony Orchestra (SWR), Sir Roger Norrington conductor

Prom 42, Wednesday 20 August, 7.30pm

La mort de Cléopâtre

Olga Borodina mezzo-soprano, Rotterdam Philharmonic Orchestra, Valery Gergiev conductor

Prom 43, Thursday 21 August, 7.30pm

Symphonie fantastique

Rotterdam Philharmonic Orchestra, Valery Gergiev conductor

Prom 47, Monday 25 August, 3.00pm

The Trojans – Part 1 'The Capture of Troy'

Petra Lang Cassandra, Ben Heppner Aeneas, Tigran Martirosian Panthus, Clive Bayley Priam, Pamela Helen Stephen Ascanius, Jonathan Lemalu Ghost of Hector, Anna Burford Hecuba, Mark Stone A Greek Captain, Leigh Melrose A Trojan Soldier, Bülent Bezdüz Helenus, London Symphony Chorus, London Symphony Orchestra, Sir Colin Davis conductor

Prom 48, Monday 25 August, 7.00pm

The Trojans – Part 2 'The Trojans at Carthage'

Michelle DeYoung Dido, Ben Heppner Aeneas, Sara Mingardo Anna, Robert Lloyd Narbal, Kenneth Tarver Iopas, Toby Spence Hylas, Tigran Martirosian Panthus, Pamela Helen Stephen Ascanius, Darren Jeffery Trojan Sentry 1, Roderick Earle Trojan Sentry 2, Petra Lang Ghost of Cassandra, Jonathan Lemalu Ghost of Hector, Clive Bayley Ghost of Priam, Leigh Melrose Mercury, London Symphony Chorus, London Symphony Orchestra, Sir Colin Davis conductor

Prom 73, Saturday 13 September, 7.45pm

Overture 'Roman Carnival'

Prom 63, Saturday 6 September, 6.30pm

War and Peace

Cast includes: Simon Keenlyside Andrey, Catrin Wyn-Davies Natasha, John Daszak Pierre, Willard W. White Kutuzov, Peter Sidhom Napoleon, Catherine Wyn-Rogers Akhrosimova, Andrew Shore Denisov, Gwynne Howell Bolkonsky, John Graham-Hall Anatole, Clive Bayley Dolokhov, Chorus and Orchestra of English National Opera, Paul Daniel conductor

Prom 64, Sunday 7 September, 4.30pm

Symphony No. 1 in D major, 'Classical'

Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra, Bobby McFerrin conductor

Prom 66, Monday 8 September, 7.00pm

Piano Concerto No. 1 in D flat major

Nikolai Lugansky piano, Royal Scottish National Orchestra, Alexander Lazarev conductor

Prom 69, Wednesday 10 September, 7.00pm

The Stone Flower – excerpts

BBC Philharmonic, Gianandrea Noseda conductor

PCM 7, Monday 1 September, 1.00pm, Victoria & Albert Museum

Cello Sonata, Op. 119

Steven Isserles cello, BBC Philharmonic, Bobby McFerrin conductor

OTHER COMPOSER ANNIVERSARIES AT THE PROMS

We also mark the anniversaries of nine other composers who were born or died between 50 and

Thea Musgrave (born 1928)

Prom 51, Wednesday 27 August, 10.00pm

Helios – Concerto for oboe and orchestra

Nicholas Daniel oboe, Britten Sinfonia, Nicholas Cleobury conductor

Krzysztof Penderecki (born 1933)

Prom 32, Monday 11 August, 10.00pm

Sinfonietta for strings

Academy of St Martin in the Fields, Kenneth Sillito director

Arnold Bax (1883–1953)

Prom 17, Wednesday 30 July, 7.30pm

November Woods

BBC Symphony Orchestra, Sir Andrew Davis conductor

Prom 38, Saturday 16 August, 7.00pm

Great British Film Music

Oliver Twist – selections

BBC Concert Orchestra, Rumon Gamba conductor

Robert Saxton (born 1953)

Prom 62, Friday 5 September, 10.00pm

Five Motets BBC commission: world premiere

The Clerks' Group, Edward Wickham director

PCM 7, Monday 1 September, 1.00pm, Victoria & Albert Museum

Sonata for Solo Cello on a Theme of Sir William Walton London premiere

Steven Isserlis cello, Kirill Gerstein piano