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Southbank Centre's Royal Festival Hall Saturday 6 April 2024 | 7.30pm

Järvi conducts Bruckner

Stravinsky

Violin Concerto in D (22')

Interval (20')

Bruckner

Symphony No. 7 in E major (Nowak edition) (64')

Paavo Järvi conductor

Leila Josefowicz violin

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Welcome

LPO news

Welcome to the Southbank Centre

We're the largest arts centre in the UK and one of the nation's top visitor attractions, showcasing the world's most exciting artists at our venues in the heart of London. We're here to present great cultural experiences that bring people together, and open up the arts to everyone.

The Southbank Centre is made up of the Royal Festival Hall, Queen Elizabeth Hall, Purcell Room, Hayward Gallery, National Poetry Library and Arts Council Collection. We're one of London's favourite meeting spots, with lots of free events and places to relax, eat and shop next to the Thames.

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Subscribers to our email updates are the first to hear about new events, offers and competitions. Just head to our website to sign up.

Drinks

You are welcome to bring drinks from the venue's bars and cafés into the Royal Festival Hall to enjoy during tonight's concert. Please be considerate to fellow audience members by keeping noise during the concert to a minimum, and please take your glasses with you for recycling afterwards. Thank you.

Enjoyed tonight's concert?

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Coming soon on the LPO Label: Jurowski conducts Stravinsky Vol. 3

Friday 26 April will see the release of the eagerly-anticipated third volume in our 'Vladimir Jurowski conducts Stravinsky' series. Recorded live in concert between 2018 and 2020, during Jurowski's tenure as Principal Conductor, it includes *Pulcinella*, *Requiem*



Canticles and Symphony in C, as well as the lesserknown Threni, Ode and Variations (Aldous Huxley in Memoriam). Alongside the London Philharmonic Orchestra and Choir, it features soloists including Angharad Lyddon, Sam Furness and Matthew Rose.

The release will be available to download or stream via all major streaming services from 26 April, and to buy on CD from all good retailers (LPO-0127).

Vladimir Jurowski returns to the LPO on 27 April to close our season with Wagner's *Götterdämmerung*: the long-awaited conclusion of his LPO *Ring* Cycle. Book now at **lpo.org.uk**



FUNharmonics Family Concert: Appalachian Spring – Sunday 5 May

Our FUNharmonics family concerts at the Royal Festival Hall are the perfect way to introduce the joy of classical music to the whole family! As well as the concert itself, there are lots of free musical activities in the foyer spaces all morning, so you can make a day of your visit.

Our next FUNharmonics concert, 'Appalachian Spring', is on **Sunday 5 May** at 12 noon. Join the London Philharmonic Orchestra for a lively concert of celebration, optimism and fabulous American music. Presenter Rachel Leach will tell the story from the stage, breaking down the music and keeping the young audience engaged and joining in.

This concert and activities are suitable for children aged 6+. Book now at **lpo.org.uk/funharmonics**

On stage tonight

First Violins

Pieter Schoeman* Leader Chair supported by Neil Westreich Alice Ivy-Pemberton Co-Leader Vesselin Gelley Sub-Leader Kate Oswin Chair supported by Eric Tomsett Lasma Taimina Chair supported by Irina Gofman & Mr Rodrik V. G. Cave Thomas Eisner Chair supported by Ryze Power Martin Höhmann Katalin Varnagy Chair supported by Sonja Drexler Yang Zhang Cassandra Hamilton Elizaveta Tvun **Eleanor Bartlett** Alice Hall Sylvain Vasseur Nilufar Alimaksumova Ronald Long

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Tania Mazzetti Principal Emma Oldfield Co-Principal Marie-Anne Mairesse Nynke Hijlkema Ashley Stevens Joseph Maher Claudia Tarrant-Matthews Chair supported by Friends of the Orchestra Nancy Elan Fiona Higham Chair supported by David & Yi Sarah Thornett Kate Birchall Kate Cole Harry Kerr Caroline Heard

Violas

Richard Waters
Guest Principal
Laura Vallejo
Benedetto Pollani
Lucia Ortiz Sauco
James Heron
Shiry Rashkovsky
Toby Warr
Pamela Ferriman
Mark Gibbs
Rachel Robson
Julia Doukakis
Delyth John

Cellos

Kristina Blaumane Principal
Chair supported by Bianca & Stuart
Roden
Henry Shapard
David Lale
Hee Yeon Cho
Francis Bucknall
Tom Roff
Sibylle Hentschel
lain Ward
Jane Lindsay
Leo Melvin

Double Basses

Kevin Rundell* Principal Sebastian Pennar Co-Principal Hugh Kluger Laura Murphy Lowri Estell Adam Wynter Elen Roberts Ben Havinden-Williams

Flutes

Juliette Bausor Principal Ian Mullin

Piccolo

Stewart McIlwham*
Principal

Oboes

lan Hardwick* Principal Alice Munday

Cor Anglais

Sue Böhling* Principal
Chair supported by Dr Barry
Grimaldi

Clarinets

Benjamin Mellefont*
Principal
Chair supported by Sir Nigel
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Thomas Watmough
Paul Richards*

E-flat Clarinet

Thomas Watmough Principal Chair supported by Roger Greenwood

Bassoons

Jonathan Davies* Principal Chair supported by Sir Simon Robey Helen Storey Simon Estell*

Contrabassoon

Simon Estell* Principal

John Rvan* Principal

Horns

Annemarie Federle Principal Chair supported by Victoria Robey CBE Martin Hobbs Mark Vines Co-Principal Gareth Mollison Duncan Fuller Elise Campbell Oliver Johnson Meilyr Hughes

Trumpets

Paul Beniston* Principal Tom Nielsen Co-Principal Anne McAneney* David Hilton

Trombones

Mark Templeton* Principal Chair supported by William & Alex de Winton David Whitehouse Jamie Tweed

Bass Trombone Lyndon Meredith Principal

Lyndon Meredith Principal

Tuba

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*Professor at a London conservatoire

The LPO also acknowledges the following chair supporters whose players are not present at this concert:

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Uniquely groundbreaking and exhilarating to watch and hear, the London Philharmonic Orchestra has been celebrated as one of the world's great orchestras since Sir Thomas Beecham founded it in 1932. With every performance we aim to bring wonder to the modern world and cement our position as a leading orchestra for the 21st century.

Our home is here at the Southbank Centre's Royal Festival Hall, where we're at the beating heart of London's cultural life. You'll also find us at our resident venues in Brighton, Eastbourne and Saffron Walden, and on tour throughout the UK and internationally, performing to sell-out audiences worldwide. Each summer we're resident at Glyndebourne Festival Opera, combining the magic of opera with Glyndebourne's glorious setting in the Sussex countryside.

Sharing the wonder

You'll find us online, on streaming platforms, on social media and through our broadcast partnership with Marquee TV. During the pandemic period we launched 'LPOnline': over 100 videos of performances, insights and introductions to playlists, which led to us being named runner-up in the Digital Classical Music Awards 2020. During 2023/24 we're once again working with Marquee TV to broadcast selected live concerts, so you can share or relive the wonder from your own living room.

Our conductors

Our Principal Conductors have included some of the greatest historic names like Sir Adrian Boult, Bernard Haitink, Sir Georg Solti, Klaus Tennstedt and Kurt Masur. In 2021 Edward Gardner became our 13th Principal Conductor, taking the Orchestra into its tenth decade. Vladimir Jurowski became Conductor Emeritus in recognition of his impact as Principal Conductor from 2007–21. Karina Canellakis is our current Principal Guest Conductor and Tania León our Composer-in-Residence.

Soundtrack to key moments

Everyone will have heard the London Philharmonic Orchestra, whether it's playing the world's National Anthems at every medal ceremony of the London 2012 Olympics and Paralympics, our iconic recording with Pavarotti that made *Nessun Dorma* a global football anthem, or closing the flotilla at The Queen's Thames Diamond Jubilee Pageant. And you'll almost certainly have heard us on the soundtracks for major films including *The Lord of the Rings*.

We also release live, studio and archive recordings on our own label, and are one of the world's moststreamed orchestras, with over 15 million plays of our content each month.

Pieter Schoeman Leader

Next generations

There's nothing we love more than seeing the joy of children and families enjoying their first musical moments, and we're passionate about equipping schools and teachers through schools' concerts, resources and training. Reflecting our values of collaboration and inclusivity, our OrchLab and Open Sound Ensemble projects offer music-making opportunities for adults and young people with special educational needs and disabilities.

Our LPO Junior Artists programme is leading the way in creating pathways into the profession for young artists from under-represented communities, and our LPO Young Composers and Foyle Future Firsts schemes support the next generation of professional musicians, bridging the transition from education to professional careers. We also recently launched the LPO Conducting Fellowship, supporting the development of outstanding early-career conductors from backgrounds currently under-represented in the profession.

This season

The centrepiece of our 2023/24 season is our spring 2024 festival The Music in You. Reflecting our adventurous spirit, the festival embraces all kinds of expression - dance, music theatre, and audience participation. We'll collaborate with artists from across the creative spectrum, and give premieres by composers including Tania León, Julian Joseph, Daniel Kidane, Victoria Vita Polevá, Luís Tinoco and John Williams.

Rising stars making their debuts with us in 2023/24 include conductors Tianyi Lu, Oksana Lyniv, Jonathon Heyward and Natalia Ponomarchuk, accordionist João Barradas and organist Anna Lapwood. We also present the long-awaited conclusion of Conductor Emeritus Vladimir Jurowski's Wagner Ring Cycle, Götterdämmerung, and, as well as our titled conductors Edward Gardner and Karina Canellakis, we welcome back classical stars including Anne-Sophie Mutter, Robin Ticciati, Christian Tetzlaff and Danielle de Niese.













Pieter Schoeman was appointed Leader of the London Philharmonic Orchestra in 2008, having previously been Co-Leader since 2002. He is also a Professor of Violin at Trinity Laban Conservatoire of Music & Dance.

Pieter has performed worldwide as a soloist and recitalist in such famous halls as the Concertgebouw in Amsterdam, Moscow's Rachmaninov Hall, Capella Hall in St Petersburg, Staatsbibliothek in Berlin, Hollywood Bowl in Los Angeles and the Southbank Centre's Royal Festival Hall. As a chamber musician he regularly appears at London's prestigious Wigmore Hall. His chamber music partners have included Anne-Sophie Mutter, Veronika Eberle, Patricia Kopatchinskaja, Boris Garlitsky, Jean-Guihen Queyras, Yannick Nézet-Séguin, Martin Helmchen and Julia Fischer.

Pieter has performed numerous times as a soloist with the London Philharmonic Orchestra. Highlights have included an appearance as both conductor and soloist in Vivaldi's Four Seasons at the Royal Festival Hall, the Brahms Double Concerto with Kristina Blaumane, Florence Price's Violin Concerto No. 2, and the Britten Double Concerto with Alexander Zemtsov, which was recorded and released on the LPO Label to great critical acclaim.

Pieter has appeared as Guest Leader with the BBC, Barcelona, Bordeaux, Lyon and Baltimore symphony orchestras; the Rotterdam and BBC Philharmonic orchestras; and the Leipzig Gewandhaus Orchestra.

Pieter's chair in the LPO is generously supported by Neil Westreich.

Paavo Järvi

conductor



Estonian Grammy Award-winning conductor Paavo Järvi is widely recognised as one of today's most eminent conductors, enjoying close partnerships with the finest orchestras around the world. He serves as Chief Conductor of the Tonhalle Orchester-Zürich, as the long-standing Artistic Director of the Deutsche Kammerphilharmonie Bremen since 2004, and as both the founder and Artistic Director of the Estonian Festival Orchestra.

Following a tour to the BBC Proms, Beethovenfest Bonn, and the Enescu and Prague Dvořák festivals, Paavo Järvi opened his fifth season with the Tonhalle-Orchester Zürich and a continuation of his Bruckner cycle, including three performances of the composer's Symphony No. 9 at the Grosse Tonhalle, and an album release of Symphony No. 8 on Alpha Classics. Further highlights in 2023/24 include the beginning of a Mahler cycle and a major tour to South Korea and Japan.

In 2024 Paavo Järvi celebrates his 20th anniversary as Artistic Director of the Deutsche Kammerphilharmonie Bremen, with whom he has performed and recorded benchmark performances of the complete orchestral works by Beethoven, Schumann and Brahms. With their most recent project dedicated to Haydn's 'London' symphonies, they played in residency at the Wiener Konzerthaus and on tour in Cologne, Hamburg and Dublin in December, before embarking on a new in-depth focus of Schubert symphonies in 2024.

Each season concludes with a week of performances and conducting masterclasses at the Pärnu Music Festival in Estonia, which Paavo Järvi founded in 2011. The success of both the Festival and its resident ensemble – the Estonian Festival Orchestra – has led to

a string of high-profile invitations including performances at the Philharmonie Berlin, Wiener Konzerthaus, BBC Proms and Elbphilharmonie Hamburg. In January 2024, Paavo Järvi and the Estonian Festival Orchestra reunited for their third European tour, with concerts in Tallinn, Dortmund, Stuttgart, Zürich, Vienna and Munich. Alpha Classics recently released their fourth album, *KRATT*, featuring works by Eduard Tubin, Witold Lutosławski and Grażyna Bacewicz.

In addition to his permanent positions, Paavo Järvi is much in demand as a quest conductor, regularly appearing with the Berlin Philharmonic, Royal Concertgebouw, Philharmonia and New York Philharmonic orchestras. His most recent appearance with the London Philharmonic Orchestra was in May 2023, when he conducted the Orchestra at the Katowice Festival in Poland. This season he conducts the Chicago Symphony Orchestra, Philadelphia Orchestra, Orchestra dell'Accademia Nazionale di Santa Cecilia, Budapest Festival Orchestra, Munich Philharmonic and Hong Kong Philharmonic. He also continues to enjoy close relationships with many of the orchestras of which he was previously Music Director, including the Orchestre de Paris, Frankfurt Radio Symphony, and NHK Symphony Orchestra Tokyo.

Paavo Järvi was named Conductor of the Year at the Opus Klassik Awards in 2019 and, in the same year, received the Rheingau Music Prize for his artistic achievements in the German orchestral and cultural landscape with the Deutsche Kammerphilharmonie Bremen. Other prizes and honours include a Grammy Award for his recording of Sibelius's Cantatas with the Estonian National Symphony Orchestra; Artist of the Year by both *Gramophone* (UK) and *Diapason* (France) in 2015: and Commandeur de L'Ordre des Arts et des Lettres by the French Ministry of Culture for his contribution to music in France. In 2015 he was presented with the Sibelius Medal in recognition of his work in bringing the Finnish composer's music to a wider public, and in 2012 was awarded the Hindemith Prize for Art and Humanity. As a dedicated supporter of Estonian culture, Paavo Järvi was awarded the Order of the White Star by the President of Estonia in 2013.

Leila Josefowicz

violin



Leila Josefowicz's passionate advocacy of contemporary music for the violin is reflected in her diverse programmes and enthusiasm for performing new works. A favourite of living composers, Leila has premiered many concertos, including those by Colin Matthews, Luca Francesconi, John Adams and Esa-Pekka Salonen, all written specially for her.

Artist-in-Residence of the Iceland Symphony Orchestra for the 2023/24 season, Leila will perform Helen Grime's Violin Concerto with conductor Daníel Bjarnason, and Bartók's Violin Concerto No. 2 with Eva Ollikainen, as well as a solo recital at the Harpa Concert Hall in Reykjavík. Elsewhere, her season includes engagements with the Deutsche Kammerphilharmonie Bremen; the Musikkollegium Winterthur; and the Lahti, Milwaukee, Taipei and Antwerp symphony orchestras. Leila also presents the world premiere of Estonian composer Jüri Reinvere's Concerto for Violin and Harp alongside Trina Struble and The Cleveland Orchestra, and tours Germany and Austria with the Junge Deutsche Philharmonie, giving concerts in Berlin, Vienna and Dresden.

Highlights of Leila's recent seasons include appearances with the Berlin Philharmonic; Tonhalle-Orchester Zürich; Royal Concertgebouw Orchestra; Konzerthausorchester Berlin; Dresden, Oslo, Helsinki and Los Angeles Philharmonic orchestras; NDR Elbphilharmonie; Boston, Chicago and San Francisco symphony orchestras; and Cleveland and Philadelphia orchestras. Conductors with whom she has worked include Matthias Pintscher, John Storgårds, Esa-Pekka Salonen, Louis Langrée, Hannu Lintu and John Adams.

Leila Josefowicz enjoyed a close working relationship with the late Oliver Knussen, performing various concerti, including his own violin concerto, together over 30 times. Other premieres have included Matthias Pintscher's Assonanza with the Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra, John Adams's Scheherazade. 2 with the New York Philharmonic, Luca Francesconi's Duende – The Dark Notes with the Swedish Radio Symphony Orchestra, and Steven Mackey's Beautiful Passing with the BBC Philharmonic.

Together with pianist John Novacek, with whom she has enjoyed a close collaboration since 1985, Leila has given recitals at world-renowned venues such as London's Wigmore Hall, New York's Zankel Hall and Park Avenue Armory, and Washington DC's Kennedy Center and Library of Congress, as well as in Reykjavík, Trento, Bilbao and Chicago. This season their collaboration continues with recitals in California, appearing at Festival Mozaic, UC Santa Barbara, San Francisco Performances, and the Los Angeles Philharmonic's Colburn Celebrity Recital series.

Leila Josefowicz has released several recordings, notably for Deutsche Grammophon, Philips/Universal and Warner Classics, and was featured on Touch Press's acclaimed iPad app, 'The Orchestra'. Her latest recording, released in 2019, features Zimmermann's Violin Concerto with the Finnish Radio Symphony Orchestra conducted by Hannu Lintu. Leila has previously received Grammy Award nominations for her recordings of John Adams's Scheherazade.2 with the St. Louis Symphony and David Robertson, and Esa-Pekka Salonen's Violin Concerto with the Finnish Radio Symphony Orchestra conducted by the composer.

In recognition of her outstanding achievement and excellence in music, Leila Josefowicz won the 2018 Avery Fisher Prize and was awarded a prestigious MacArthur Fellowship in 2008, joining prominent scientists, writers and musicians who have made unique contributions to contemporary life.

Igor Stravinsky

Violin Concerto in D

1931

Leila Josefowicz violin

1 Toccata 2 Aria I 3 Aria II 4 Capriccio



Igor Stravinsky

Stravinsky was a pianist and, unlike many composers, had no specialist knowledge of the violin. This did not prevent him writing a brilliantly effective violin part in his 1918 theatrical work *The Soldier's Tale* (indeed, the piece demanded one, since its story centres on a fiddle with magical powers). All the same, he was hesitant about the idea of writing a concerto for the instrument when it was first put to him at the beginning of 1931. But he was reassured by Paul Hindemith, who was himself a virtuoso string player (a violist) as well as a composer, that his lack of knowledge would be a positive advantage in avoiding 'a routine technique'; and he was further encouraged by the offer of assistance from the work's intended soloist, the American violinist Samuel Dushkin.

Stravinsky's collaboration with Dushkin proved a friendly one – they were later to form a recital partnership – and the Concerto was completed in a few months during the spring and summer of 1931, in Nice and Val d'Isère. Stravinsky was the conductor and Dushkin the soloist at the first performance, with the Berlin Radio Orchestra, in October the same year.

The work is scored for an unusually large orchestra, as violin concertos go, with triple woodwind and a full complement of brass; but the string sections are restricted in numbers, and all the instruments are used with great discretion – there are literally no *tutti* [full

orchestra] passages – so that the soloist always stands out in high relief. There are four movements rather than the norm for a concerto of three: a rhythmic *Toccata*, far removed from the conventional big first *Allegro*; a pair of *Arias*, the first in D minor and gliding along quite rapidly, the second a slow movement in F sharp minor; and finally a whirlwind *Capriccio*, a patchwork of episodes with at one point more than a hint of the fiddle of *The Soldier's Tale*. All four movements begin with the same wide-spread three-note chord, which is itself a good example of Stravinsky's avoidance of 'routine technique': when he first asked Dushkin about it, the violinist thought it would be impossible to play – until he tried it.

Programme note @ Anthony Burton

Interval – 20 minutes

An announcement will be made five minutes before the end of the interval.

LPO 2024/25 season

Keep an eye out for details of our 2024/25 concert season, which we'll be announcing on Tuesday 16 April.

Did you know that Friends of the LPO enjoy priority booking for all our London concerts? LPO Friends receive our new season brochure ahead of the general public, and the priority booking period for Friends will open on Wednesday 17 April.

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Anton Bruckner

1824-96

Symphony No. 7 in E major (Nowak edition)

1884

1 Allegro moderato

2 Adagio: Sehr feierlich und sehr langsam [Very solemn and slow] 3 Scherzo: Sehr schnell [Very fast] – Trio: Etwas langsamer [Somewhat slower] 4 Finale: Bewegt, doch nicht schnell [Lively, but not fast]



Bruckner at the piano, 1895

The world premiere of Bruckner's Seventh Symphony in 1884 was the big turning point in the composer's career. The previous 16 years had been a hard lesson in patience. In 1868, the 44-year-old Bruckner had left his Upper Austrian homeland for Vienna, full of hope. Instead he experienced rejection and mockery from the Viennese musical establishment. The first performance of the Third Symphony in 1877, by a visibly reluctant Vienna Philharmonic, was a catastrophe. The hall gradually emptied, and Bruckner was then subjected to a hideous mauling in the press. After that, few were disposed to take him seriously.

Then, in 1881, the long-delayed premiere of the Fourth under Hans Richter began to turn the tide. Buoyed up by this, Bruckner began work on one of his most grandly affirmative works, the choral-orchestral Te Deum, which he dedicated proudly 'to God, for having brought me through so much anguish in Vienna'. A few months later, on 23 September, Bruckner began sketching tonight's work, the Seventh Symphony. Apparently its wonderful opening melody came to Bruckner in a dream: a friend from Bruckner's younger days played the theme on a viola, with the words 'This will bring you success.' If this is true it was prophetic: the premiere of the Seventh Symphony - significantly, not in conservative Vienna, but in the more culturally progressive German city of Leipzig - was one of the greatest successes of Bruckner's life. One critic wrote, 'How is it possible that he could remain so long unknown to us?'

It isn't hard to believe that the long, serenely arching first theme (cellos and violas, with horn at first) could have come straight from the unconscious - a gift of nature. As the theme is repeated by full orchestra the vision intensifies, then fades. A more melancholy second theme (oboe and clarinet) aspires to recover lost glory. Eventually it sounds as though it might succeed, in a long crescendo over a repeated bass note, topped with brass fanfares. But this is suddenly cut off, and a more animated third theme follows: an earthy dance tune (strings in unison, with woodwind and brass support). After this, Bruckner allows us memories of his original vision; but it is only at the end of the movement that the promise of the opening is fulfilled: the Symphony's opening motif rises steadily through the orchestra, crescendo, over a long-held major triad. Bruckner may have had the elemental onechord crescendo that opens Wagner's Das Rheingold at the back of his mind, but the effect here is guite different – after all, this is a culmination, not a beginning.

It is said that Bruckner composed the Adagio in the knowledge that his idol Wagner hadn't long to live. There is an unmistakable note of mourning in the noble first theme, in which Bruckner uses - for the first time a quartet of so-called 'Wagner tubas' (more like deep horns than tubas). Just before the lovely second theme (strings, in 3/4), hushed horn and tubas allude to Wagner's masterpiece Tristan und Isolde, but unless this is pointed out, you'd hardly notice it: the effect is pure Bruckner. In some performances the Adagio's climax is crowned by a cymbal clash, with triangle and timpani. (This wasn't Bruckner's idea, but a suggestion from two friends.) Either way, it's a thrilling moment: a revelation of pure light, after which the tubas, joined by horns, sing a magnificent elegy, then the movement concludes in peace.

Like many of Bruckner's earlier scherzos, the *Scherzo* of the Seventh Symphony reveals its rustic roots at almost every turn. (Bruckner often played in country dance-bands in his youth.) There are strong echoes of the Austrian *Ländler*, country cousin of the sophisticated Viennese waltz. But there is an obsessive, elemental drive here. The central *Trio* is much gentler, more songful, after which the *Scherzo* is repeated. Then comes the finale – unusually for Bruckner it's the lightest (and in most performances, the shortest) of the four movements. Again there are three themes: a dancing, dotted theme (violins); a solemn chorale on violins and violas above a 'walking' *pizzicato* bass; and a jagged version of the first theme for full orchestra in unison. Excitement builds towards the end, until at last

Bruckner reveals that the finale's dancing first theme is simply the Symphony's serene opening motif in disguise: we have travelled full circle.

Programme note @ Stephen Johnson

Recommended recordings of tonight's works

by Laurie Watt

Stravinsky: Violin Concerto

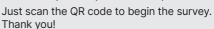
Patricia Kopatchinskaja | London Philharmonic Orchestra | Vladimir Jurowski (Naïve)

Bruckner: Symphony No. 7

Tonhalle-Orchester Zurich | Paavo Järvi (Alpha)

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We hope you enjoy tonight's concert. Could you spare a few moments afterwards to complete a short survey about your experience? Your feedback is invaluable to us and will help to shape our future plans.



Next LPO concerts at the Southbank Centre's Royal Festival Hall

SEONG-JIN CHO PLAYS BEETHOVEN

Wednesday 10 April 2024 | 7.30pm

Wagner Prelude from Parsifal **Beethoven** Piano Concerto No. 4 **Tippett** Symphony No. 2

Edward Gardner conductor **Seong-Jin Cho** piano

THE PLANETS

Friday 12 April 2024 | 7.30pm

Dvořák Cello Concerto **Holst** The Planets

Edward Gardner conductor Nicolas Altstaedt cello London Youth Choir

GÖTTERDÄMMERUNG

Saturday 27 April 2024 | 3.00pm

Wagner Götterdämmerung

Vladimir Jurowski conductor See opposite page for full details & cast



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The Financial Times, January 2019 (on Jurowski's performance of Siegfried with the LPO)

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