

Havering
Concert
Orchestra

Programme

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SATURDAY 7TH NOVEMBER 1981 - 7.45 p.m.

Marshalls Park School, Romford

PROGRAMME

SIEGFRIED IDYLL

WAGNER

PIANO CONCERTO IN E MAJOR OP.59

MOSZKOWSKI

- Interval -

SYMPHONY NO.4 IN D MINOR OP.120

SCHUMANN

Programme £1 (75p OAPs and Students)

SIEGFRIED IDYLL

WAGNER
(1813-1883)

This lovely symphonic poem was a birthday gift for Wagner's wife Cosima and a thanksgiving for the birth of their son Siegfried. Its first performance was on Christmas Day 1870, Cosima's thirty-third birthday, and it was only owing to Wagner's financial problems that this personal and private piece saw its way to the concert hall. It is scored for a small orchestra, especially so, considering Wagner's usual standards.

PIANO CONCERTO IN E MAJOR OP. 59

MOSZKOWSKI
(1854-1925)

I. Moderato II. Andante III. Vivace
IV. Allegro Deciso

If the music of the Polish composer Moritz Moszkowski is known at all today, it is through a few short piano pieces rather than by his opera 'Boabdil', his 'Joan of Arc' symphony, or, indeed, the Piano Concerto which was once a popular item of the virtuoso repertoire.

Internationally acclaimed in his hey-day as composer, pianist and teacher, he amassed a considerable fortune which he invested unwisely in German war bonds. This led to bankruptcy and the break-up of his health, both physical and mental.

The piano concerto was written in 1898 at the peak of his success, and throughout its glittering, ebullient pages are reflected cheerful optimism and sheer 'joie de vivre'.

Once again, we welcome Jeffrey Lague, our enterprising virtuoso pianist.

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SCHUMANN
(1810-1856)

Like Moszkowski, Schumann's life was sadly marred by a gradual lapse into insanity, but this fine symphony was written at the height of his powers.

It was the second of his symphonies to be written, finished in 1841 but revised two years later, and published as number four.

There are four movements played with hardly any break between them. The second, slow, movement is headed 'Romanze'. It starts with a plaintive oboe tune and has an extended violin solo. Then follows the third movement, Scherzo and Trio, which is joined to the vigorous last movement by a magical transition section of slow brass fanfares usually described by that ugly and overworked word 'Beethovenian'. The symphony works up to a fast and furious conclusion.

Robert Ferguson

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ROBERT FERGUSON : Conductor

Robert Ferguson is the resident conductor of the Havering Concert Orchestra, and lives in Emerson Park, Hornchurch.

He studied at the Royal College of Music with Cyril Smith and as a pianist has appeared in the Purcell Room, the Wigmore Hall and the Royal Festival Hall.

His piano duo with Christopher Kite performs throughout the British Isles, including live performances for BBC Radio Three.

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The HCO was formed in 1954 and is therefore the Borough's longest established Orchestra. An enthusiastic and friendly group of local players of all ages make up its membership.

Now enjoying its third year under the direction of Robert Ferguson, the Orchestra continues to expand its membership and repertoire.

If you are aged over 16 and play an orchestral instrument, we would be delighted to hear from you. Our rehearsals are held every Wednesday evening at 7.30 pm during school term-time, at Upminster Infants School in St. Marys Lane, Upminster.

Further details may be obtained from the Hon. Secretary Richard Ellis, 9 Stewart Avenue, Upminster, Essex. Tel Upminster 27006.

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