

# LONDON MOZART PLAYERS

'The London Mozart Players is one of the great chamber orchestras of the world.' HOWARD SHELLEY

'For 70 years the LMP has been delivering high-class performances to audiences in the capital, across the country, and beyond.'

JANE GLOVER

### **RESIDENT ORCHESTRA OF FAIRFIELD** HALLS FOR 30 YEARS

London Mozart Players, the UK's longest established orchestra, is delighted to be back at Fairfield Halls in 2019, celebrating not only its 70th birthday but its 30th year as Croydon's resident orchestra. Building on its incredible history, the orchestra will bring to Fairfield a wide range of concerts designed to appeal to music lovers of all ages - whether its classical favourites or modern masterpieces. We look forward to welcoming you to the beautifully refurbished Phoenix Concert Hall with its exceptional acoustic - surely the best venue in London for classical music?

Founded in 1949 by Harry Blech to delight audiences with the works of Mozart and Haydn, the orchestra is known for its unmistakable British roots. Over the last seventy years, the LMP has developed an outstanding reputation for adventurous, ambitious programming from Barogue through to genre-crossing contemporary music, and continues to build on its long history of association with many of the world's finest artists including Sir James Galway, Dame Felicity Lott, Jane Glover, Howard Shelley, Nicola Benedetti, James Ehnes, John Suchet and Simon Callow. The orchestra enjoys an international reputation, touring extensively throughout Europe and the Far East, most recently Dubai and Hong Kong, and records frequently for Naxos, Chandos, CPO, Signum and Hyperion Records.

# JOIN THE MP riends

If you love classical music and would like to attend our concerts this season then why not become a member of the LMP Friends, and enjoy the benefits that this patronage can bring? You'll get a 20% discount on ticket prices for our own-promotion events at Fairfield and at other venues such as London's St John Smith Square and the Queen Elizabeth Hall, and many other benefits. Plus, you'll be a member of a sociable network of music lovers who enjoy meeting before concerts and at external events such as monthly coffee meetings at Fairfield (from 2020) and an annual lunch.

By joining as a Friend, your membership helps the orchestra to achieve the highest level of artistic excellence, inspires young people to become the classical music audiences of tomorrow and allows us to maintain our position as one of the premier chamber orchestras in the UK.

Annual membership starts at just £50. Further information can be found on our website: www.londonmozartplayers.com/Imp-friends/ or contact Christine Robson at christine@Imp.org

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'LMP rank with the best in the world. They possess an unfailing professionalism, artistry, and commitment to music'

# JOHN SUCHET

# **LONDON MOZART PLAYERS** 2019/20 SEASON

After three years' absence, classical music is back in the heart of Croydon. The LMP's 2019/20 season at Fairfield Halls launches with a magnificent gala concert to mark the Halls' reopening on Wednesday 18th September. The Phoenix Concert Hall welcomes the LMP and not one, but four, guest conductors, performing some of the best loved masterpieces of the classical repertoire – including Mozart of course!

Croydon will play host to some of the best names in classical music this season, when some very special guests join LMP on the concert platform. Our Christmas programme includes a brand new adaptation of Dickens' A Christmas Carol (with carols!) with actor Tama Matheson, and a live-to-picture performance of the score to seasonal animated classic The Snowman. Spring 2020 sees a line-up of young superstars joining the LMP at Fairfield: Sheku Kanneh-Mason, Craig Ogden and Jess Gillam will all make their debuts in this superb venue. It's an exciting time for this culturally diverse borough and LMP is right at the heart of it. If you'd like to enjoy discounts to these concerts then why not join the LMP Friends? See p6 of this brochure for details.

# **TICKETS from £15**

Book online: fairfield.co.uk Book by phone: 0203 292 0002 Groups (10+): 0203 292 0003

Transaction fee applies to online and telephone bookings.

# FAIRFIELD HALLS



## Wed 18 Sept 2019 7.30pm GALA OPENING CONCERT

Favourite LMP conductors lead Fairfield's resident orchestra in a celebratory programme of Mozart, Beethoven & Prokofiev.

Guest conductors JANE GLOVER GERARD KORSTEN HOWARD SHELLEY HILARY DAVAN WETTON

LOUISE ALDER soprano

Sat 14 Dec 2019 4pm & 8pm A CHRISTMAS CAROL

Blending Christmas carols with drama, this brandnew adaptation of Dickens' seasonal morality tale by actor Tama Matheson features music from LMP and Trinity Chamber Choir.

TAMA MATHESON *actor* TRINITY CHAMBER CHOIR LMP STRING TRIO Mon 23 Dec 2019 2.30pm THE SNOWMAN & NUTCRACKER

The full orchestral score of Raymond Briggs' iconic animated film live-topicture, along with a narrated re-telling of The Nutcracker, perfect for Christmas!

TIM HENTY conductor SIMON BLENDIS leader In 'A Concert Extraordinaire', LMP brings Gallic charm to Croydon in a concert of French classics, including Saint-Saëns' Cello Concerto No.1 performed by 2016 BBC Young Musician Sheku Kanneh-Mason.

SHEKU KANNEH-MASON *cello* JAIME MARTIN *conductor* RUTH ROGERS *leader* 

### Sun 12 Jan 2020

7.30pm

# LMP & SHEKU KANNEH-MASON

**Thurs 30 April 2020** 7.30pm

# LMP & CRAIG ODGEN

The international Classical guitarist joins LMP to perform Rodrigo's adored Concerto de Aranjuez, while LMP continue the continental theme with Mozart's 'Linz' Symphony (No.36) & Mendelssohn's Italian Symphony (No.4).

CRAIG OGDEN guitar SIMON BLENDIS leader Wed 1 July 2020 7.30pm LMP & JESS GILLAM

Young British star and saxophone sensation Jess Gillam brings all her virtuosity and vitality to Fairfield, performing Glazunov and Nyman alongside LMP favourites Mozart and Haydn.

JESS GILLAM saxophone GERARD KORSTEN conductor