



LONDON MOZART PLAYERS

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LMP'S POPULAR LUNCHTIME CONCERT SERIES 2019/20

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HOWARD SHELLEY
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'Howard Shelley plays and conducts with such serene control that piano and orchestra seem to become one single instrument' **BBC Music Magazine**



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The 2019/20 London Mozart Players' Piano Explored lunchtime series celebrates the 70th birthday of its Conductor Laureate, Howard Shelley OBE, with an eclectic selection of piano concertos that demonstrate his flair and breadth of virtuosity. Our season encompasses much-loved concertos from Mozart, Mendelssohn and Chopin, as well as a couple of lesser-known treasures from Cramer and Franz Xaver Mozart. Join us to mark Howard's milestone year in music and take the opportunity to revel in the classics or discover something new, all in a whistle-stop lunch hour!

These popular lunchtime concerts, now in their sixth season, include an illuminating introduction of the piece by Howard Shelley, followed by a full performance of the work where he directs the London Mozart Players from the piano.

Whether you are working in London or just visiting, an LMP Piano Explored concert is truly the best way to spend your lunch hour!

'He is an artist of electric vitality and cultural exuberance'

Fanfare USA

WEDNESDAY 2 OCTOBER 1:05-2:00PM

Mozart Piano Concerto No.25 in C, K.503

Mozart's penultimate and magnificent C major piano concerto has something of a Beethovenian air about it and there's lots to love in this, the longest and perhaps the most magisterial of Mozart's piano concertos.

WEDNESDAY 6 NOVEMBER 1:05-2:00PM

Mendelssohn Piano Concerto No.2 in D minor

Written in the year of his marriage, this concerto – packed with Mendelssohn's trademark breathless energy and heart-melting moments of calm, is a tour de force that showcases the virtuosic possibilities of the piano to its fullest.

WEDNESDAY 4 DECEMBER 1:05-2:00PM

Cramer Piano Concerto No.4 in C, Op.38

Howard Shelley, a leading exponent of the underrated Cramer who was known to his adoring London audiences as 'Glorious John', will bring all his dazzling brilliance to this technically challenging yet beautifully lyrical concerto. Howard's recent recording of this work with LMP has received 5 reviews.*

WEDNESDAY 5 FEBRUARY 1:05-2:00PM

Chopin Piano Concerto No.1 in E minor Op.11

Full of exquisite virtuosic writing, vivacious and contemplative by turns, this piece has an intimate quality that allows the soloist the freedom to explore the full expressive range of the piano.

WEDNESDAY 1 APRIL 1:05-2:00PM

Franz Xaver Mozart Piano Concerto No. 2 in E flat Op.25

This exciting but also expressive piano concerto by Wolfgang's son Franz Xaver, with its rich and intricate piano figuration, combines echoes of his father's works with the more romantic leanings of Hummel.





Founded in 1949 by Harry Blech, the London Mozart Players is known for its unmistakable British roots. Over its seventy years at the forefront of London's music scene, the LMP has developed a reputation for adventurous programming, from Baroque to genre-crossing contemporary music. The orchestra performs in some of London's most prestigious concert halls including St John's Smith Square, Queen Elizabeth Hall and Cadogan Hall, and has recently returned to the newly re-opened Fairfield Halls as resident orchestra.

In 2020, acclaimed pianist, Conductor Laureate and recording artist Howard Shelley OBE celebrates his 70th birthday and 45 years of association with the London Mozart Players. He has performed worldwide at major venues and with top-flight orchestras, particularly in the combined role of conductor and soloist. His long career is reflected in an acclaimed discography that exceeds 160 recordings of more than seventy composers.

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