

CLASSIC *f*M

Programme highlights

Saturday 8th October to Friday 14th October 2022

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CLASSIC FM LIVE with ZEB SOANES

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SATURDAY 8TH OCTOBER

4pm to 7pm: MOIRA STUART'S HALL OF FAME CONCERT

With the days getting colder and the nights getting longer, Moira selects the perfect mix of music for the change in seasons. Adrian Chandler leads La Serenissima in 'Autumn' from Vivaldi's *Four Seasons*, for which the composer wrote accompanying sonnets – which features the words, "Everyone is made to forget their cares and to sing and dance, by the air which is tempered with pleasure and by the season that invites so many."

There's a recent recording by the British pianist Margaret Fingerhut of Finzi's *Eclogue* and the brilliant Chineke! Orchestra plays Dvořák's Symphony 'From the New World' in full.

Ralph Vaughan Williams
Fantasia on a Theme by Thomas Tallis
Orpheus Chamber Orchestra

Antonio Vivaldi
Four Seasons Opus 8 – Autumn
Adrian Chandler directs La Serenissima from the violin

Antonin Dvořák
Symphony No.9 in E minor Opus 95
(‘From the New World’)
Kevin John Edusei conducts Chineke! Orchestra

Gerald Finzi
Eclogue
Piano: Margaret Fingerhut
Peter Fisher conducts the Chamber Ensemble of London

Jean Sibelius
Karelia Suite Opus 11
Andrew Davis conducts the Bergen Philharmonic Orchestra

John Barry
Dances with Wolves – John Dunbar Theme
Paul Bateman conducts the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra

Ludwig van Beethoven
Piano Concerto No.4 in G major Opus 58
Piano: Maurizio Pollini
Claudio Abbado conducts the Berlin Philharmonic Orchestra

Frederic Delius
Florida Suite
Vernon Handley

SATURDAY 8TH OCTOBER

7pm to 9pm: SATURDAY NIGHT AT THE MOVIES with ANDREW COLLINS

Andrew marks 60 years of James Bond. The British icon was first introduced to us on screen in 1962, with Sean Connery adopting the role of Bond for *Dr. No* – and the world heard Monty Norman's unforgettable theme for the very first time. Since then, across 25 films and seven actors portraying the 007 spy, it has become a global franchise. Composers who have since put their own spin on the music include John Barry, Hans Zimmer, Thomas Newman, Adele, Michael Kamen, and Billie Eilish. Andrew takes you on a musical journey, exploring how the suave Bond has evolved from Connery to Craig.

SUNDAY 9TH OCTOBER

4pm to 7pm: JOHN HUMPHRYS

John marks the birthday of the French composer Camille Saint-Saëns, who was born on this day in 1835. He was a musical prodigy, making his concert debut at the age of 10, but he began his career as a more conventional church organist, so John chooses Saint-Saens' famous 'Organ' Symphony, performed by Oliver Latry.

October 9th is also an important day for London's West End, as it's the date that Andrew Lloyd-Webber's *The Phantom of the Opera* opened to great acclaim in 1986. John features a performance of *Music of the Night* by 2Cellos.

7pm to 9pm: SMOOTH CLASSICS AT SEVEN with CHARLOTTE HAWKINS

Charlotte features the violinist Charlie Siem as her Young Classical Star. When he was just three years old, Charlie heard something that would change his life – a concerto by Beethoven, which inspired him to pursue a career in music. Now one of classical music's biggest stars, he has returned to that inspiration for his new album, making his debut recording of the Beethoven Violin Concerto and *Romances*.

9pm to 10pm: MOIRA STUART MEETS... JULIA DONALDSON (4 / 14)

Moira continues the third season of her acclaimed interview series, speaking with some of the most well-known names from the worlds of sport, arts, entertainment, and politics. She discusses their career defining moments and memories, as they choose the classical music that is important to them.

Julia Donaldson has written some of the world's best loved children's books, including *Room on the Broom*, *Stick Man*, *The Snail and the Whale* and, perhaps most famously of all, *The Gruffalo*. She speaks to Moira about where her love of literature comes from, the inspiration for her greatest characters, and why music is so important when it comes to story-telling. She chooses a Mozart quartet that her dad used to play on the cello; a Schubert keyboard work that Julia learned when she took up the piano as an adult, and Mendelssohn's 'Italian' symphony, which brings back memories of childhood holidays.

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Several star soloists also feature – the cellist Hauser, pianist Alexandre Tharaud, organist Anna Lapwood, and violinist Braimah Kanneh-Mason – in a concert that is brought to a close in dramatic fashion with a spectacular lights and fireworks finale to the music of John Williams.

Notes for editors: A full running order is available on request.

WEDNESDAY 12TH OCTOBER

On the 150th anniversary of the birth of Ralph Vaughan Williams, Classic FM celebrates the great English composer throughout the day. All programmes will feature music by him and help tell the story behind his enduring popularity. A different piece of music, composed by Vaughan Williams, will be played every hour across the next 24 hours.

Programmes include:

9am to 12pm: ALEXANDER ARMSTRONG

Alexander begins with **The Classic FM Hall of Fame Hour** – music taken from the top 300 chart that listeners choose every year, which features the current number one, *The Lark Ascending*, by the composer whose 150th anniversary is being celebrated today – Ralph Vaughan Williams. The **Classic FM Album of the Week** follows at **10:15am** with more Vaughan Williams throughout the programme to celebrate the rich and varied output of the man from Down Ampney, Gloucestershire. From choral works, to operas, to film scores – Alexander will include an array of his most celebrated music.

4pm to 7pm: CLASSIC FM'S MORE MUSIC DRIVE with JOHN BRUNNING

John takes you into the evening with three hours of old favourites and new discoveries. Includes his **Discovery of the Week** at 6:20pm. Classic FM's celebration of Vaughan Williams continues with a recording of the Serenade to Music, as Vernon Handley conducts the London Philharmonic Orchestra.

7pm to 10pm: SMOOTH CLASSICS AT SEVEN with ZEB SOANES

Join Zeb for Smooth Classics at Seven, switch-on to 'switch-off' and enjoy the very best calming classical music to help you relax and recharge, including the **Great Escape** at 9pm which is the Norfolk Rhapsody No.2 by Ralph Vaughan Williams.