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WEDNESDAY 2 JUNE 2021, 7.30PM
SOUTHBANK CENTRE'S ROYAL FESTIVAL HALL

ROSSINI La scala di seta: Overture 6 mins

HAYDN Cello Concerto in C major 25 mins

I. Moderato / II. Adagio / III. Allegro molto

VAUGHAN WILLIAMS Symphony No.5 42 mins

I. Preludio: Moderato / II. Scherzo: Presto misterioso
III. Romanza: Lento / IV. Passacaglia: Moderato

Vasily Petrenko Conductor
Steven Isserlis CBE Cello
Royal Philharmonic Orchestra

Please note, there will be no interval during this performance.

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The Royal Philharmonic Orchestra and Music Director Designate Vasily Petrenko present a concert of uplifting works, reminding us of the extraordinary power of music.

Rossini's Overture from his one-act comic opera *La scala di seta* provides an assured opening, before internationally renowned cellist Steven Isserlis is warmly welcomed back to perform Haydn's Cello Concerto in C major. Vaughan Williams' Fifth Symphony rounds off this evening's concert, with its warmth, serenity and pastoral tranquillity that evokes, above all, hope.

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Music Director Designate: Vasily Petrenko

As the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra (RPO) approaches its 75th Anniversary, its mission to enrich lives through orchestral experiences that are uncompromising in their excellence and inclusive in their appeal places it at the forefront of music-making in the UK. Performing approximately 200 concerts each season and with a worldwide audience of more than half-a-million people, the Orchestra embraces a broad repertoire that enables it to reach the most diverse audience of any British symphony orchestra. Whilst artistic integrity remains paramount, the RPO is unafraid to push boundaries and is equally at home recording video game, film and television soundtracks and working with pop stars, as it is performing the great symphonic repertoire.

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VASILY PETRENKO

 Conductor

Vasily Petrenko will become Music Director of the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra (RPO) from August this year. His appointment stands as a major landmark in the Orchestra's history, signalling its determination to broaden the audience for orchestral music while enhancing its reputation as one of the world's most versatile ensembles. Vasily Petrenko made his debut with the RPO at London's Royal Albert Hall in March 2016 delivering a powerful interpretation of Mahler's Symphony No.2, 'Resurrection'. Forthcoming plans include a season-long series featuring the great choral and orchestral works of English composers at both the Southbank Centre's Royal Festival Hall and Royal Albert Hall, as well as tours to the USA and leading European festivals.

Discover more at www.vasilypetrenkomusic.com

STEVEN ISSERLIS CBE

 Cello

Acclaimed worldwide for his profound musicianship and technical mastery, British cellist Steven Isserlis enjoys a unique and distinguished career as a soloist, chamber musician, educator, author and broadcaster. He appears with the world's leading orchestras and conductors, and gives recitals in major musical centres. As a chamber musician, he has curated concert series for many prestigious venues. Unusually, he also directs chamber orchestras from the cello in classical programmes.

Discover more at www.stevenisserlis.com