



## WELCOME TO SPRING SOUNDS 2012

This season Orchestra of the Swan has been celebrating the 150th anniversary of the birth of Frederik Delius (1862-1935), and the 50th anniversary of the death of John Ireland (1879-1962). Their work has been featured in our core series concerts in Stratford, Birmingham and Cadogan Hall, London.

I have been a champion of Ireland's work since OOTS made its highly successful recording of the Piano Concerto with Mark Bebbington in 2009, and there can be no finer advocate of Delius' sonorous Cello Concerto than Julian Lloyd Webber. Julian and I have already performed the Delius concerto this season and we are both greatly looking forward to sharing this magical music with you.

Spring Sounds provides a platform for new music too. This year we feature 3 composers with a fascinating lineage; John McCabe, Robert Saxton and Deborah Pritchard. Robert is a former pupil of John and Deborah in turn studied with Robert at Oxford University. John McCabe also acknowledges Tippett's influence on his own work, so with Byrd's influence on Tippett we have a musical line running from the 16th to the 21st century. Our final concert promises to be a fascinating voyage through 500 years of music.

Spring Sounds 2012 brings you world class soloists, world premières and of course, Orchestra of the Swan.

*David Curtis*

David Curtis  
Artistic Director

*"You won't hear much better than this anywhere"*  
**Classic Fm Magazine**

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# Spring Sounds

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and Friday 15 June



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Friday 18 May 2012 (Pre-concert Talk 6.30) 7.30pm

## VAUGHAN WILLIAMS & IRELAND CELEBRATING ENGLISH GENIUS

John Ireland's lush, romantic Piano Concerto was staple repertoire in the BBC Proms for many years and OOTS' recording with Mark Bebbington under conductor David Curtis has received outstanding critical acclaim. Vaughan Williams' Wasps Overture provides a fizzing opening and his romantic and gentle Fifth Symphony concludes the evening

Vaughan Williams	The Wasps Overture
Ireland	Piano Concerto
Ireland	Legend
Vaughan Williams	Symphony no5
Mark Bebbington	piano
David Curtis	conductor

This concert is generously supported by the John Ireland Trust

"Ireland's Piano Concerto and Legend make ideal companion pieces, and it is gratifying to hear such ardent champions of music that fuse poignancy with winsome spirit."  
**Daily Telegraph**



Saturday 2 June 2012 (Pre-concert Talk 6.30) 7.30pm

## A CONCERT FOR THE DIAMOND JUBILEE

Julian Lloyd Webber joins us for a very special concert in which he performs Delius' lyrical masterpiece, the Cello Concerto on the very instrument, the Barjansky Stradivarius, this beautiful work was first performed upon. Elgar's Enigma Variations and Pomp and Circumstance March make this a concert fit for the Diamond Jubilee.

Grieg	Peer Gynt Suite no1
Delius	Cello Concerto
Elgar	Enigma Variations
Elgar	Pomp and Circumstance March no4
Julian Lloyd Webber	cello
David Curtis	conductor

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"While concert artists rarely win mass acclaim, Julian Lloyd Webber's star shines brightly among the deserving few."  
**The Washington Post**



Friday 15 June 2012 (Pre-concert Talk 6.30) 7.30pm

## THE TRUMPET SHALL SOUND MUSIC FOR THE 21ST CENTURY

Spring Sounds concludes with a glittering concert of show-pieces for trumpet featuring one of the most exciting young trumpeters in the UK, Simon Desbruslais. Our first two concerts in Spring Sounds celebrated Ireland and Delius, but our final concert of the series looks forward to a bright future for our composers, soloists and orchestras. Join us for the final concert of our season!

Tippett	Little Music for Strings
Byrd	Sellinger's Round and other madrigals
Deborah Pritchard	Skyspace*
Robert Saxton	Psalm
John McCabe	Trumpet Concerto*
Tippett	Sellinger's Round
Simon Desbruslais	trumpet
David Curtis	conductor

\*World Première

"The commissioned score by John McCabe surges turbulently with rich orchestration and rises to all the dramatic high spots"  
**The Sunday Times**

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"An excellent orchestra and conductor"  
**BBC Music Magazine**

"You won't hear much better than this anywhere"  
**Classic FM Magazine**

"Curtis's conducting, if close to Boult's, is more intimate, and slightly more perceptive"  
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