

Fun for all the family at Edinburgh's Usher Hall this Autumn and Winter

- The Royal Scottish National Orchestra will engage a new generation of classical music lovers in their Children's Classic Concerts
- Midlothian's young musical talent will be in full display in the Midlothian School's Festival of Music
- Carol concerts bring young and old together in the festive spirit!
- Tickets on sale now at www.usherhall.co.uk



(From top right going clockwise: Children's Classic Concerts and the RSNO present Broomstick Ride, RSNO Christmas Concert (featuring The Snowman), Midlothian Schools' Festival of Music, Children's Classic Concerts and the RSNO present A Christmas Carol)

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Edinburgh's premier concert venue, the stunning Usher Hall, hosts an eclectic mix of shows that both children and adults will adore this Autumn.

No strangers to the Usher Hall, the **Royal Scottish National Orchestra (RSNO)** will bring the joy of classical music to a new and young audience in its **Children's Classic Concert** series. On 28 October the orchestra will take audiences on a hair-raising flying adventure in **Broomstick Ride**. Featuring a very special performance of 'We Can Fly' written by Oliver Cox, performed by young pupils with additional support needs from Glasgow and Edinburgh.

The Second of the Children's Classics is a magical retelling of **A Christmas Carol on 9 December**. 'Tis the season to be jolly, so on that note we need your help in saving Scrooge from his surly ways - can we convince him of the joy and wonder of the festive period? Find out as the RSNO perform plenty of beloved Christmas classics! Featuring some sweet singalongs (no bah humbugs allowed!) and actors from the Royal Conservatoire of Scotland, this will be a celebration of Christmas past, present and future.

We're walking in the air...It isn't Christmas until **The Snowman** has taken you on his magical journey through the winter sky. Enjoy this special showing of the festive classic on the large screen on 21 December, accompanied live by the **RSNO and narrated by our guest presenter Jamie MacDougall**. Perfect for the whole family, join us for our Christmas party filled with seasonal favourites, carols old and new – and, of course, a chance for everyone to sing along!

On 7 November the Hall welcomes **Midlothian Schools' Festival of Music**. It's set to be an evening of wonderful music ranging from classical to traditional to contemporary and featuring 10 ensembles including string and symphony orchestras, wind bands, rock band, Big Band, clarsach, percussion and guitar ensembles and choir, plus a breath-taking finale! Over 400 of Midlothian's most talented music pupils, with the support of a dedicated group of music instructors and teachers, offer you a fantastic evening of entertainment – you will not be disappointed!

A pair of special carol concerts are set to get families in to the festive spirit. Join the choirs of the Lothian Hospitals and their friends in the 43rd year of their supporting children with cancer in and around the Lothians at **CLIC Sargent Lothian Hospitals Choir Carol Concert**. Hear some new carols, new arrangements of older carols and of course join in singing some well-known classics too. The choir will be joined by Wardie Primary School and conducted by Libby Crabtree, with accompanists Thistle Brass, John Kitchen at the organ, and Jamie Lang at the piano.

The second, **Carols By Candlelight** on 19 December, will be a sublime concert of carols and seasonal classics, staged in **full 18th Century costume in an evocative candle-lit style** setting. There's no better way to get the Christmas season into full swing.

Listings Information:

Children's Classic Concerts and the RSNO present Broomstick Ride

3:00pm, Sunday 28 October 2018

Tickets: 3 price bands Children £7.50 - £10.50, Adult £11.50 - £16.50, Family £35 - £49

Midlothian Schools' Festival of Music

7:00pm, Wednesday 07 November 2018

Tickets: £6, £12

Children's Classic Concerts and the RSNO present A Christmas Carol

3:00pm, Sunday 09 December 2018

Tickets: 3 price bands Children £7.50 - £10.50, Adult £11.50 - £16.50, Family £35 - £49

CLIC Sargent Lothian Hospitals Choir Carol Concert

7:30pm, Wednesday 12 December 2018

Tickets: £20, £18 and £12

Carols by Candlelight

7:30pm, Wednesday 19 December 2018

Tickets: £37.50, £29.50, £26.50, £23.50 and £19.50

Cullen - Joy to the World

Pearsall - In dulci jubilo

Handel - Zadok the Priest

Willcocks - I saw three ships

Handel - Let the Bright Seraphim

Handel - Christmas Sequence from Messiah

And Carol singing for all including:

Good King Wenceslas

Once in Royal David's City

While Shepherd's Watched their flocks by night

O come, all ye faithful

Hark! The herald angels sing

Rowan Pierce soprano

Michael Bawtree conductor

Consort of Voices choir

Mozart Festival Orchestra in full period costume

RSNO Christmas Concert (featuring The Snowman)

7:30pm, Friday 21 December

Tickets: £49.00, £38.50, £29.50, £19.00

Matthew Hamilton - Conductor

Jamie MacDougall - Presenter

RSNO Junior Chorus

RSNO Chorus

Royal Scottish National Orchestra

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Tickets available at:

www.usherhall.co.uk

0131 228 1155

Please note a £1.50 transaction fee applies on the overall booking when purchasing online or over the phone (non-refundable)

Concessions and offers may vary between concerts. For more information please contact the box office or check the Usher Hall website.

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USHER HALL

The Usher Hall is Scotland's only five-star concert hall hosting a range of concerts from rock, pop, classical, jazz, world and folk music. The venue has hosted concerts and events since it opened way back in 1914! A beautiful Edwardian building with a modern twist, which is well loved by performers and audiences all over the world due to its magnificent acoustics.

It is said that Andrew Usher sparked the idea of a 'concert hall for Edinburgh' whilst chatting away over the counter of his jewellers in Rose Street. His 'desire and intention' was that this Hall 'should become and remain a centre and attraction to musical artistes and performers and to the citizens of Edinburgh and others who may desire to hear good music...'

On 23 June 1896 it was formally announced that Andrew Usher had gifted £100,000 to The City of Edinburgh. The purpose of the money was to provide a City Hall, to be used for concerts, recitals, or other entertainments or performances of a musical nature, and for civic functions, or such other performances as the Lord Provost, Magistrates, and Council saw fit. Above all it was to be about the music. Edinburgh was very much lacking a hall for such musical and civic purposes, as stated in the Scotsman the following day; 'The necessity for a great hall in Edinburgh under city management has been pressed upon the attention of the public for many years.' Sadly Andrew Usher died before his dream was realised.

Today

Today, **the much-praised acoustics make it one of the best concert halls in Europe with many of the world's finest musicians performing here.** The Usher Hall is the city's key venue for visiting national and international orchestras and has been the main venue for the Edinburgh International Festival since 1947, hosting legendary artists such as composers Benjamin Britten and Dmitri Shostakovich, contralto singer Kathleen Ferrier and cellist Jacqueline Du Pre to name but a few.

The venue is a centre of excellence embracing the widest range of music and events, including rock, pop, jazz, world and blues. It is Edinburgh's go-to venue for today's mid-large scale rock and pop acts, with the likes of Queens of the Stone Age, The National, Radiohead's Thom Yorke, George Ezra and Echo & the Bunnymen having performed on its stage. Usher Hall also hosts a broad spectrum of comedy, talks, school concerts, conferences, sponsorship events, ceremonies, lectures and recording sessions.