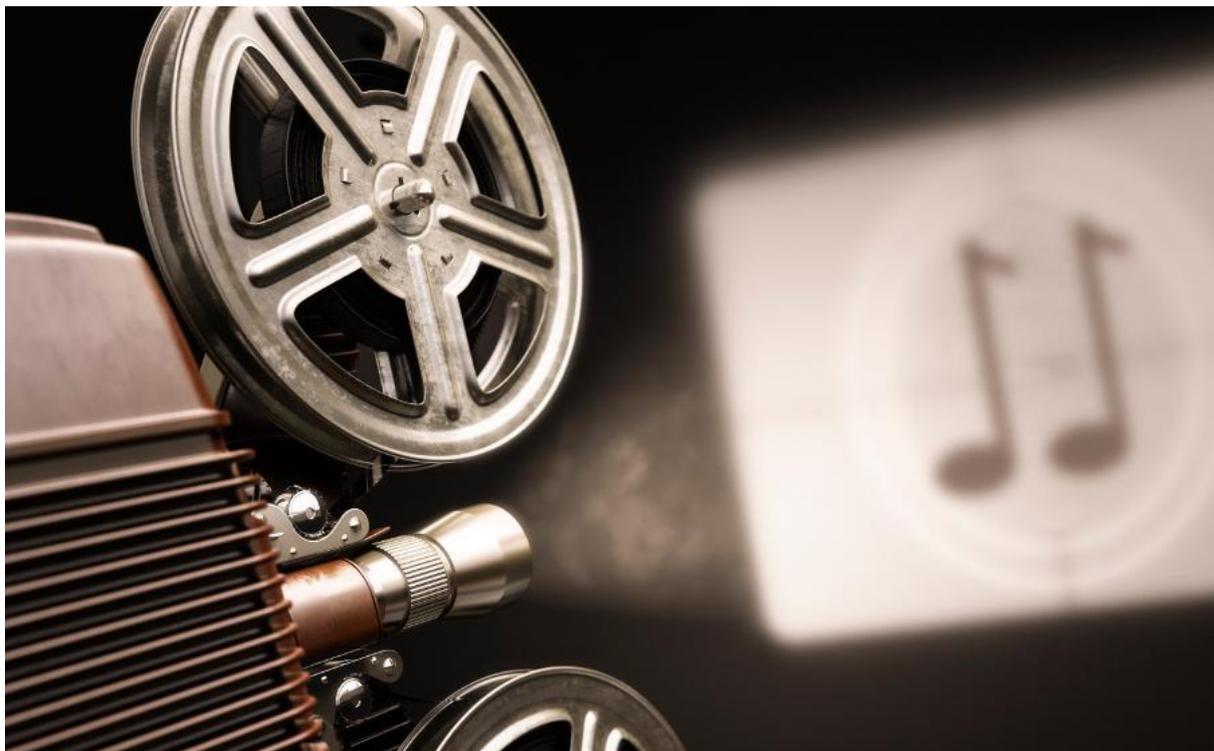


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# Spectacular cinema meets spellbinding live orchestra at Edinburgh's Usher Hall

- Screening of much-loved British Cinema classic *Love Actually* to be set to live orchestral score
- The RSNNO to perform music from some of the biggest TV and Film hits, including *Game of Thrones*, *The Goonies*, *Back to the Future* and *The Matrix*.
- Get the festive season started with an orchestral screening of Christmas classic – *The Snowman*
- Tickets available now at [www.usherhall.co.uk](http://www.usherhall.co.uk)



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**Edinburgh audiences will have the rare opportunity to experience film favourites as never before – with the magic of a live orchestra.**

The fabulous **Senbla Concert Orchestra** will provide the orchestral backdrop to British Christmas cinematic classic, **Love Actually**. Directed by Richard Curtis and originally released in cinemas in 2003, Love Actually tells ten separate yet interweaving stories of love around Christmas time. The full, live orchestra will perform Craig Armstrong's evocative score, with the film being projected onto the Usher Hall's huge screen. Make sure you kick off the holiday season and get into the Christmas spirit by experiencing Love Actually like you never have before!

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 **Royal Scottish National Orchestra 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!

The RSNO will also reunite with the legendary film label Varèse Sarabande to celebrate its 40th anniversary in style in November, with live renditions of music from some of the greatest TV shows and films ever made. Varèse producer Robert Townson is joined by conductor Diego Navarro and an exciting group of superstar composers – including the legendary Patrick Doyle and Rachel Portman – as we look back on some of the label's greatest highlights. With tributes to Jerry Goldsmith (Alien), Elmer Bernstein (To Kill a Mockingbird) and Alex North (Spartacus), plus blockbuster television themes (Game of Thrones) and movies (The Goonies, Back to the Future, The Matrix, The Abyss, The Iron Giant, Terminator 2, The Last of The Mohicans and Stargate), make sure you don't miss this red carpet gala celebration!

### **Listings information**

#### **RSNO at the Movies Varèse Sarabande 40th Anniversary Concert**

7:30pm, Friday 16 November

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

Diego Navarro - Conductor

Sara Andon - Flute

Robert Townson - Presenter

RSNO Chorus

Royal Scottish National Orchestra

#### **Love Actually Live on Screen**

7:30pm, Saturday 8 December

Tickets: £43.45 - £71.50

Senbla Concert Orchestra

**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:

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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.