

Review

Sir Charles launches new concert season

SIR Charles Groves will conduct the Guildford Philharmonic Orchestra in a programme of works by Dvorak, Sibelius and Glinka on Sunday, to launch the orchestra's new season of concerts.

The afternoon concert in the Civic Hall, Guildford, will feature the popular young cellist, Felix Schmidt, who last visited the town in 1985 to play the Saint Saens Concerto with Vernon Handley.

The programme will include Glinka's overture, *Russlan and Ludmilla*, Dvorak's Cello Concerto in B minor and Sibelius' Symphony No. 2 in D.

One of the highlights in the pre-Christmas season

will be actress, Joanna Lumley, narrating Prokofiev's *Peter and the Wolf*, with her husband Stephen Barlow conducting.

The concert will also include works by Tchaikovsky and Dvorak and will be held at 3 p.m. in the Civic Hall, on Sunday, October 25.

The Orpheus and Bacchus concert, the second in the series, will be held on Saturday, October 10, at 7.30 p.m. in Guildford Cathedral.

Guest conductor, Volker Wangenheim will conduct Haydn's Symphony No. 104 and Bruckner's Symphony No. 4.

On Saturday, November 14, the contralto Alfreda Hodgson will sing in a performance of Elgar's *The Music Makers*, conducted by Sir Charles Groves.

On Saturday, November

29, the Polish violin virtuoso, Barbara Gorzynska plays Tchaikovsky's Violin Concerto with John Forster conducting.

The programme will also include works by Holst, Delius and Kodaly.

The Ravel/Gershwin Anniversary Concert on Saturday, December 12, is likely to prove very popular.

The evening will include Ravel's *Mother Goose* suite, *La Valse* and *Pavane Pour Une Infante Defunte* and Gershwin's Piano Concerto in F and *An American in Paris*.

The programme will be conducted by Brian Wright and the soloist will be Philip Martin, the popular Irish pianist featured in this year's BBC Proms.

For more information contact the Guildford Philharmonic Orchestra office on Guildford 573800.



Sir Charles Groves.
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