



City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra Thu 5 Mar 7.30pm

Tchaikovsky I. Allegro non troppo e molto maestoso
II. Andantino semplice
III. Allegro con fuoco

Mussorgsky I. Gnomus
II. The Old Castle
III. Tuileries
IV. Bydło
V. Ballet of the Chicks in Their Shells
VI. Samuel Goldenberg and Schmuÿle
VII. Limoges
VIII. Catacombs
IX. The Hut on Fowl's Legs
X. The Great Gate of Kiev

Tchaikovsky's Piano Concerto No. 1 had a rocky start. Initially dismissed by one of the composer's friends, it was nonetheless a huge success and has since become one of the most famous pieces ever written for piano and orchestra. From the first movement's pounding piano chords, it's brimming with exuberance, contrasts and lyrical melodies.

Pictures At an Exhibition is fellow Russian Mussorgsky's musical tribute to artist Viktor Hartmann, featuring a recurring promenade theme and a series of vivid, textured and imaginative musical depictions of 10 paintings as seen in a posthumous retrospective.

City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra

We are Birmingham's orchestra - loud and proud. A symphony orchestra and charity that makes music that matters to the people of Birmingham, the West Midlands and beyond. With a family of incredible musicians, alongside choirs, youth ensembles, conductors and staff, we create exciting musical experiences for all.

Kazuki Yamada - Conductor

Kazuki Yamada is Music Director of the City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra and also Artistic and Music Director of Orchestre Philharmonique de Monte-Carlo and from 2026/2027, Chief Conductor and Artistic Director of Deutsches Symphonie-Orchester Berlin. Following his debut with the Berlin Philharmoniker he makes debuts with the Bamberger Symphoniker, NDR Elbphilharmonie Orchester, Rotterdam Philharmonic and Wiener Symphoniker. Yamada studied music at the Tokyo University of the Arts and first achieved international attention upon receiving first prize in the 51st Besançon International Competition for young conductors in 2009.

Bruce Liu - Piano

Liu has emerged as one of the most compelling pianists of his generation. As well as performing with many of the world's finest ensembles including the London Symphony Orchestra, Boston Symphony Orchestra and Wiener Symphoniker. In summer 2025, Liu made his anticipated BBC Proms debut with the Philharmonia Orchestra and highlights of Liu's 2025/2026 season include several major international tours. An exclusive recording artist with Deutsche Grammophon, Liu was awarded Opus Klassik's 'Young Talent of the Year' prize 2024 for his debut studio album 'Waves'.

Orchestra*

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FIRST VIOLINS

Nathaniel Anderson-Frank

Jonathan Martindale
Imogen East
Jane Wright
Nathan Bomans
Richard Thomas
Victoria Farrell-Reed
Bethan Allmand
Mark Robinson
Vera Beumer
Kath Gittings
Wendy Quirk
Anais Boyadjieva
Jo Watts
Will Hillman
Gaia Ramsdell

SECOND VIOLINS

Lowri Porter

Sascha Raikhlina
Amy Jones
Maarya Oserov
Bryony Morrison
Gabriel Dyker
Tim Birchall
Tam Mott
Yuriko Matsuda
Henry Salmon
Georgia Hannant
Beatriz Carbonell
Adam Hill

VIOLAS

Chris Yates

Adam Romer
David BaMaung
Catherine Bower
Michael Jenkinson
Sarah Malcolm
Jessica Tickle
Amy Thomas
Isobel Doncaster
Hannah Roberts
Matt Johnstone
Cheryl Law

CELLOS

Marco Pereira

Arthur Boutillier
Miguel Fernandes
Helen Edgar
Catherine Ardagh-Walter
Sarah Berger
Philippa Schofield
Katy Whittle
Alessandro Sanguinetti
Lavinnia Rae

DOUBLE BASSES

Anthony Alcock

Julian Atkinson
Jeremy Watt
Daniel Vassallo
Julian Walters
Aisling Reilly
Richard English
Nigel Smith

FLUTES

Marie-Christine Zupancic

Robert Manasse

PICCOLO

Elizabeth May

OBOES

Hyun Jung Song

Emmet Byrne

COR ANGLAIS

Rachael Pankhurst

CLARINETS

Oliver Janes

Joanna Patton

BASS CLARINET

Mark O'Brien

SAXOPHONE

Carl Raven

BASSOONS

Nikolaj Henriques

Tony Liu

CONTRA BASSOON

Margaret Cookhorn

HORNS

Asbjørn Bruun

Neil Shewan
Mark Phillips
Jeremy Bushell
Alex Harris

TRUMPETS

Holly Clark

Jon Holland
Gideon Brooks
Jonathan Quirk

TROMBONES

Richard Watkin

Richard Ward
Gemma Riley

BASS TROMBONE

David Vines

TUBA

Daniel Trodden

TIMPANI

Matthew Hardy

PERCUSSION

Adrian Spillett

Andrew Herbert
Toby Kearney
Sophie Hastings
John Melbourne

HARP

Jean Kelly

Mary Reid

CELESTE

James Keefe