

DUBAI WELCOMES WORLD'S LEADING CLASSICAL MUSIC ARTISTS FOR FIVE UNMISSABLE PERFORMANCES

BBC Proms returns to the emirate from 19 – 22 March for an exhilarating concert series featuring a traditional classical repertoire, British music and new commissions

Dubai, UAE; 18 March 2019: The BBC Proms will return to the city with a triumphant celebration of classical music straight from London's Albert Hall. Now in its 124th season, the concert series is a much-loved British tradition, set to be packed full of exciting performances showcasing a classical repertoire, traditional British music and a variety of new commissions. The four-day event will take to the stage of Dubai Opera from 19 to 22 March 2019, with tickets now available for purchase through the Dubai Calendar website and application.



The spectacular opening concert will feature the world premiere of *Tmesis*, a symphony orchestra composition by British-Lebanese composer, Bushra El-Turk. This thrilling performance will be followed by world-renowned violinist, Karen Gomyo, as she marks her debut with the BBC Symphony Orchestra playing Tchaikovsky's romantic violin concerto, and conducted by rising British conductor Ben Gernon.

The second half will feature music from one of the 20th century's best-loved ballets, *Romeo and Juliet* by Sergei Prokofiev.

Other performances include a concert of choral music spanning the last century, several *Late Night Proms* and the legendary *Last Night of the Proms*, with the BBC Singers performing alongside the Dubai Opera Festival Chorus. They will be joined by baritone Roderick Williams to sing the Last Night classics, including *Rule, Britannia!* and Elgar's *Pomp and Circumstance March No. 1*.

Accompanying the concert series, a wide-ranging programme of community engagement and educational activities will feature pre-concert talks, open rehearsals, chamber music coaching and a foyer performance featuring young musicians. Guests can also participate in a series of masterclasses, a choral workshop with local Arabic school choirs and witness the creation of a new ensemble: the Dubai Opera Festival Chorus.

Dubai Calendar, the free-to-download app and dedicated website, invites residents and tourists to discover live events taking place in the heart of the city. With an average of 150 events listed at any one time, and 35 new listings added every week, tickets can be bought quickly and securely through the app's purchasing platform.

Full details of each event can be found on Dubai Calendar's [website and app](#).

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