

Press Release October 2021



Autumn Chamber Concert

de Havilland Philharmonic Orchestra

17 October 2021, 4pm

Weston Auditorium, University of Hertfordshire

We are delighted to welcome back the de Havilland Philharmonic Orchestra for their first concert in over 18 months. This much awaited afternoon concert brings a stunning programme of chamber music, showcasing the Woodwind and String sections of the Orchestra.

Audiences will be treated to a repertoire of four works, composed over a fifty-year period from the 1890s – 1940s:

Serenade for String Orchestra in E Minor, Op.20 by Edward Elgar (1892) is an early piece in three short movements and has become one of Elgar's most popular compositions.

Peter Warlock's *Capriol Suite* (1926) is a set of dances and is one of the composer's most well-loved works. Originally written for piano duet, he later scored the piece for string and full orchestras.

Simple Symphony, Op. 4 (1933-4) by Benjamin Britten uses elements he scored as a teenager and is dedicated to his childhood viola teacher.

Richard Strauss' *Sonatina No.1* for 16 wind instruments in F major (1943) is a late work and bears the subtitle "From an Invalid's Workshop", reflecting his convalescence from an illness at the time of its composition.

"We have really missed our resident orchestra over the past 18 months and are thrilled to have them back on stage this October. Our creative response to Covid restrictions, brings audiences a special chamber concert, with small ensemble groups sharing a popular repertoire." *Annabel Lucas, head of UH Arts + Culture*

Tickets are on sale now at www.uharts.co.uk or via the Box Office on 01707 281127

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Tickets + Venue

£8 Child; £18 Adults; £15 Concessions; £12.75 Friend and UH Staff; FREE UH Students and Carers

The Weston Auditorium

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NOTES TO EDITORS

About the de Havilland Philharmonic Orchestra

Formed in 1969, the de Havilland Philharmonic Orchestra has enjoyed many years of success, giving acclaimed performances of a wide musical repertoire and engaging renowned soloists.

The conductor, [Robin Browning](#), brings together over 80 classical musicians in the Orchestra. Robin enjoys a busy conducting career both in the UK and abroad. He made his debut with the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra and has since conducted the Hallé, English Northern Philharmonia, Northern Sinfonia, and St Petersburg Festival Orchestra.

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