



DORSET CHAMBER ORCHESTRA

CONCERT
SEASON
2025/26

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Registered Charity No 1067634

Saturday 11th October 2025 7.30pm
St Mary's Church, Dorchester

Finlandia – Sibelius
Cello Concerto – Elgar
Hugo Svedberg (cello)

Winner in major competition:
'Pole Star Prize', Sweden

Silver medallist: Eurovision Young Musicians
Semi-finalist: BBC Young Musicians 2024.

Symphony No. 8 (Unfinished) – Schubert



A dramatic and evocative programme opens our season, with the stirring patriotism of Sibelius's Finlandia, Elgar's deeply moving Cello Concerto performed by rising star Hugo Svedberg, and the haunting beauty of Schubert's much-loved Unfinished Symphony.

Saturday 22nd November 2025 7.30pm
St Mary's Church, Dorchester

Symphony No. 100 (Military) – Haydn
Serenade for Tenor, Horn and Strings –
Britten

Michael Aitkenhead (tenor) and
Fiona Brockhurst (horn)

Symphony No. 8 – Beethoven

Haydn's lively and witty Military Symphony sets the tone for this varied evening, followed by Britten's haunting Serenade for Tenor, Horn and Strings. The soloists here will be our very own principal horn, Fiona Brockhurst who will be joined by the tenor, Michael Aitkenhead. The concert concludes with Beethoven's bright and exuberant Symphony No. 8 — full of humour and energy.



Sunday 22nd February 2026 3.30pm
The Sherborne, Newland, Sherborne

Symphony No. 5 – Schubert
Serenade for Tenor, Horn and Strings –
Britten

Michael Aitkenhead (tenor) and
Fiona Brockhurst (horn)

Symphony No. 40 – Mozart



We make our first appearance at this exciting new venue with a graceful and elegant programme.

Schubert's charming Fifth Symphony and a reprise of Britten's Serenade for Tenor, Horn and Strings lead to Mozart's Symphony No. 40 — a work of restless energy, poignant beauty, and dramatic intensity - among his finest creations.

**This concert is brought to you in
collaboration with The Sherborne.**

**Tickets for this concert can only be obtained via
the venue's website - thesherborne.uk**

Saturday 14th March 2026 4.00pm
St Mary's Church, Dorchester

Concert for Youth
with Martin Clunes
featuring Mussorgsky's
'Pictures at an Exhibition'

A unique, colourful celebration of art and music. Mussorgsky's vivid Pictures at an Exhibition is brought to life with artwork and performances by local children and musicians from Wessex Schools Music — with special guest Martin Clunes narrating.



Saturday 9th May 2026 8.00pm
St Mary's Church, Dorchester

Overture – Prince Igor – Borodin
Piano Concerto No. 2 – Rachmaninov
Dominic Doutney (piano)
British pianist, winner of several major
international competitions, incl.
Washington, Seattle and Mauro Polo
Monopoli (Italy)
Symphony No. 2 – Brahms



A fittingly grand finale to the season: This joint promotion between ourselves and Dorchester Arts opens with Borodin's exotic and thrilling Prince Igor Overture. The centrepiece is Rachmaninov's romantic and powerful Second Piano Concerto with multiple award-winning pianist Dominic Doutney. The radiant lyricism of Brahms's Symphony No. 2 concludes an evening of passion and beauty.

TICKETS

INDIVIDUAL CONCERTS

October and November 2025: Adults £16, Under 19s £1 - available from dorsetchamberorchestra.org

February 2026: £18 - available from thesherborne.uk

March 2026: Adults £13, Under 19s £1 - available from dorsetchamberorchestra.org

May 2026: Adults £21, Under 19s £2 - available from dorchesterarts.org.uk

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This covers the October, November and May concerts only:
Adults £48 - available from dorsetchamberorchestra.org

If you are unable to purchase a ticket on-line, please email admin@dorsetchamberorchestra.org or call Linda Ryall on 01305 269069

ORCHESTRA FRIENDS

We greatly appreciate the much-needed support given by the Friends of DChO. In return for an annual subscription, Friends receive a free concert programme, recognition in the programme and a glass of wine or soft drink at the interval (October, November and May concerts only).

The subscription is £15 for a single membership and £27 for joint membership for two people.

Please visit the orchestra's [website](http://dorsetchamberorchestra.org) for more information on the Friends scheme and the on-line application form to become a Friend of the orchestra. Alternatively, you can send an email to admin@dorsetchamberorchestra.org