

STEPHEN HOUGH

with

HENLEY SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA



Ian Brown – Conductor

BEETHOVEN

Prometheus: Overture

Piano Concerto No 4

HOLST

The Planets

“the most perfect piano playing conceivable”

The Guardian

THE HEXAGON

Sunday 5 March 2017, 7.30 pm

Tickets: 01235 859210 or www.henleysymphonyorchestra.co.uk/contact

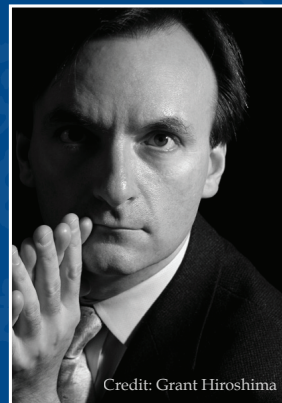
£18, £15, £12; U16s/students half price; groups: 1 in 8 free;

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HENLEY SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

Stephen Hough CBE is in the world's top 10 of great pianists, and his appearance with the HSO is a rare treat for both the orchestra and Reading. Stephen has played with most of the major European and American orchestras and plays recitals regularly in major halls and concert series around the world. This concert occurs midway between his extensive tours to Asia and the US where he is playing the complete Beethoven cycle, including return appearances with the Cleveland Orchestra, Los Angeles Philharmonic, and the San Francisco, Montreal, Houston, Vancouver and New Jersey symphonies. Stephen has appeared at the BBC Proms 25 times and was made a CBE by HM the Queen in 2014.



The programme begins with Beethoven's overture to his only ballet score, *Prometheus*, and is completed in similar mythological vein with Holst's great work, *The Planets*, which opens most famously with the shattering impact of 'Mars' and concludes in the bewitching stillness of 'Neptune'.



Henley Symphony Orchestra, under the guidance of its Music Director **Ian Brown** and led by **David Burton**, continues to go from strength to strength, attracting more than 70 players from across the Thames Valley. The orchestra promotes an annual series of four concerts, featuring internationally acclaimed artists, and so provides high-quality classical

music-making for the enjoyment of local concert-goers. Since its formation in 1970 it has become one of the country's leading amateur orchestras.

The Hexagon is in the centre of Reading, ten minutes' walk from the station or well signed if coming by car. Sat Nav postcode is RG1 7TQ. Car parking is in the Broad Street Mall, the Oracle shopping centre or Q-Park Chatham Street car parks (<http://www.readingarts.com/hexagon/your-visit/how-find-us>) There is parking for disabled patrons outside the Hexagon stage door. Wheelchair spaces are available in the stalls, but please contact the Hexagon on **0118 960 6060** to book one of these spaces.