

Enchanted Land

HENLEY SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

Shiplake College, near Henley-on-Thames RG9 4BW

Sunday 25th June 2017 at 7pm

Picnics in the grounds with bar from 5.30pm

Ian Brown Conductor

Richard Hosford Clarinet

Finzi

Clarinet Concerto

Dvořák

Symphonic Variations

Rimsky-Korsakov

Capriccio Espagnol

Arnold

Tam o'Shanter Overture

Dukas

Sorcerer's Apprentice

Tickets £15 reserved, £10 unreserved; U16s/students half price
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Enchantment comes to Shiplake for our popular 'Picnic' Summer Concert held in a large marquee in the grounds of Shiplake College, only three miles from Henley. The beauty of the Oxfordshire countryside provides a fitting setting for the best-remembered work of Gerald **Finzi**, a thoroughly English composer who wrote his *Clarinet Concerto* in rural Herefordshire in 1949. **Dvořák's** *Symphonic Variations* are one of his most imaginative works, based on a simple Czech folk song. Imagination runs riot in **Arnold's** *Tam o'Shanter Overture* which tells the story of Robert Burns's poem. The ghoulish drunken comedy includes the orchestra becoming a massive 'choir' of raucous bagpipes. In equal fantastical vein, the *Sorcerer's Apprentice*, written by **Dukas** after a ballad by Goethe, is now forever associated with images of Mickey Mouse as the apprentice, attempting to chop up an army of possessed mops in Walt Disney's animated film *Fantasia*. The evening comes to an intoxicating conclusion with **Rimsky-Korsakov's** passionate Spanish-flavoured masterpiece, *Capriccio Espagnol*, requiring virtuosic performances from all sections of HSO. Bring a picnic to eat beforehand, buy a drink at the bar, and sit back and enjoy the concert.

We welcome back one of Britain's outstanding clarinetists, **Richard Hosford**. In addition to his work as soloist and chamber musician, Richard is Principal Clarinet of the BBC Symphony Orchestra. As a member of the Chamber Orchestra of Europe for more than 20 years, Richard toured the world appearing as soloist with conductors including Claudio Abbado, Sir Colin Davis, Michael Tilson Thomas and Sir Roger Norrington. He recently gave performances and broadcasts of Finzi's *Clarinet Concerto* with the BBC Symphony Orchestra and the Manchester Camerata. Richard is a Professor at the Royal College of Music.



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, providing high-quality classical music for the enjoyment of local concert-goers. Since its formation in 1970, HSO has become one of the country's leading amateur orchestras. In July, HSO travels to Henley's twin town of Bled, Slovenia, where it will give a concert as part of the Bled International Music Festival.

Shiplake College RG9 4BW is on the A4155 between Reading and Henley-on-Thames. Patrons may picnic in the marquee if the weather is inclement. Ample parking is available.

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