

# HENLEY SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

## 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala Concert



**Eric Lu** Piano

**Ian Brown** Conductor

**Brahms**

*Academic Festival Overture*

**Mozart**

*Piano Concerto No 20 K466*

**Dvořák**

*Symphony No 9 'From the New World'*

**THE HEXAGON**

**Sunday 15 March 2020, 7.30pm**

Tickets: 01235 859210 or [www.henleysymphonyorchestra.co.uk/contact](http://www.henleysymphonyorchestra.co.uk/contact)

£20, £17, £12; U16s/students half price; groups: 1 in 8 free; 1 child free with paying adult (£17 and £12 tickets)  
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This season Henley Symphony Orchestra is celebrating its 50th anniversary. From the first concert held in a borrowed marquee in Shiplake, HSO has gone from strength to strength, attracting some 60 players from across the Thames Valley and promoting an annual series of four concerts. Under the guidance of Ian Brown, celebrating 25 years as Music Director, HSO is now one of the country's leading amateur orchestras.

HSO continues its proud record of engaging internationally acclaimed soloists by welcoming Eric Lu to play Mozart's dark and dramatic *Piano Concerto No 20 in D minor*. The second movement is a tender Romance, used to striking effect in the soundtrack of the film *Amadeus*. Since Eric's unprecedented success as winner of the 2018 Leeds International Piano Competition at the age of 20, he has built an extraordinary world-wide career and is currently a member of the BBC New Generation Artist scheme. He made his BBC Proms debut with the Shanghai Symphony Orchestra and Long Yu in summer 2019.



Dvořák's most famous *Symphony No 9 'From the New World'*, influenced by indigenous American folk tunes, has an apparently inexhaustible flow of melodies with a justly celebrated slow movement at its heart. HSO last played this symphony at its first Hexagon concert in 1999, so it makes a fitting conclusion to this very special anniversary concert. You are most warmly invited to join us.

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, 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.