



## London Symphony Orchestra

The London Symphony Orchestra is widely regarded to be one of the world's leading orchestras, on the strength of its performances alone, but there is much more to its work than concerts in concert halls: its many activities include an energetic and ground-breaking education and community programme, a record company, a music education centre and exciting work in the field of information technology, and much more.

At its Barbican home in the City, the LSO promotes more concerts than any other classical music organisation in London, and its LSO Live recordings made there take the Orchestra to a global audience of millions. In movies – such as all six *Star Wars* films – on radio, TV, on computer games, on planes and online, you can hear the LSO just about anywhere where music is enjoyed. LSO Live is the best-selling orchestral own-label in the world, and is regularly No 1 in the classical downloads charts on iTunes.

Five minutes from the Barbican, at LSO St Luke's, the UBS and LSO music education centre, the LSO is expanding its artistic programme to include BBC TV Sessions, BBC Radio 3 lunchtime chamber concerts and UBS Soundscapes: Eclectica concerts with world-class artists from diverse musical backgrounds. LSO Discovery is facilitating music education and community music-making, using LSO musicians and amateurs, and new technology to build ever-stronger links with local people and in East London schools.

More than 100 years after it was formed, the LSO still attracts excellent players, many of whom have flourishing solo, chamber music and teaching careers alongside their orchestral work. The LSO's roster of soloists and conductors is second to none, starting with Principal Conductor Valery Gergiev, LSO President Sir Colin Davis, and Daniel Harding and Michael Tilson Thomas as Principal Guest Conductors.

The link from international to local is complete.

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