



Press Release

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Imogen Cooper and Britten Sinfonia Final concerts in three-year Beethoven Piano Concerto Cycle Hereford, Cambridge, London and Bregenz, 13-20 May 2010

Imogen Cooper and Britten Sinfonia's highly acclaimed three year Beethoven Piano Concerto cycle draws to a close in May, with Cooper performing and directing the orchestra in the majestic 'Emperor' *Piano Concerto no.5*.

The first half of the programme provides an eloquent contrast with Mozart's spirited 'Haffner' *Symphony (No.35 in D major)*, and an arrangement of Janáček's *Quartet No.1 for strings*, both directed by Britten Sinfonia leader **Jacqueline Shave**.

The concert tours in the UK to The Courtyard, Hereford (13 May), West Road Concert Hall, Cambridge (17 May), London's Queen Elizabeth Hall (Tuesday 18 May), before heading to the Bregenze Festspielhaus in Austria (20 May). Beethoven scholar, **Dr Nicholas Marston** of King's College, Cambridge, discusses Beethoven Piano Concerti in pre-concert events in Cambridge (7pm) and London (6.15pm).

In the 2009/10 season **Imogen Cooper's** performances include the Toronto and Cincinnati Symphony Orchestras and solo and chamber recitals in the USA, UK and Belgium. During 2008 and 2009 Imogen Cooper performed the last six years of Schubert's solo works as part of the International Piano Series in London. These concerts were recorded live for release on Avie. Imogen Cooper works regularly as a Lieder recitalist with Mark Padmore and Wolfgang Holzmair and also in duo with the cellist Sonia Wieder-Atherton.

Britten Sinfonia chooses not to be led by a music director or principal conductor in the traditional sense, but rather focuses on extending the skills of its acclaimed musicians by working with guest artists who specialise in different musical genres. Guest artists/directors this season have included **Mark Padmore, Pekka Kuusisto, Nico Muhly** and **Christopher Hogwood**.

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Concert and Booking Details

Imogen Cooper piano/director*
Jacqueline Shave violin/director

Mozart Symphony No. 35 in D major, K.385 (Haffner)
Janáček arr. Richard Tognetti Quartet No. 1 for strings (Kreutzer)
Beethoven Piano Concerto No. 5 (Emperor)*

Thursday 13 May at 7.30pm

Hereford, The Courtyard

Box Office: 01432 340 555

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Monday 17 May at 8.00pm

West Road Concert Hall, Cambridge

Box Office: 01223 357 851

£15-£29 (concessions £5)

Tuesday 18 May at 7.30pm

London Southbank Centre- Queen Elizabeth Hall

Box Office: 0871 663 2500 www.southbankcentre.co.uk

£10-£30 (concessions 50% off)

Thursday 20 May at 7.30pm

Festspielhaus Bregenz