



# ACADEMY STRING ORCHESTRA

WEDNESDAY 14 MAY, 6.30PM DUKE'S HALL









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# Béla Bartók (1881-1945) arr Arthur Willner

Romanian Folk Dances Jocul cu bâtă (Stick Dance)

Brâul (Sash Dance)
Pe loc (In One Spot)

Buciumeana (Dance from Bucsum)
Poarga Românească (Romanian Polka)
Mărunțel (Fast Dance from Belényes)
Măruntel (Fast Dance from Nyágra)

# Gordon Jacob (1895-1984)

Viola Concerto No 2 in G

Lento

Allegro molto

Adagio

Allegro – Quasi cadenza

Xin He solo viola

# Ludwig van Beethoven (1770-1827)

Symphony No 1 in C, Op 21
Adagio molto – Allegro con brio
Andante cantabile con moto
Menuetto: Allegro molto e vivace
Adagio – Allegro molto e vivace

#### Conductor

Simon Crawford-Phillips

#### Flute

Joseph Geary Jacob Caporiccio

#### Oboe

Ho Long Lee Daniel Fergie

#### Clarinet

Gemma Winfield Taran McNeil

## Bassoon

Felix Hesse Alexander Hillary

#### Horn

Chloe Harrison Robert Johnston

#### Trumpet

Jesse Musson Luella Shaw

#### Timpani

Ethan Windle

#### First Violin

Bjørg Pas Rose Gosney Andreas Martinsen Chloe Ching Lui Ruize Ma

#### Second Violin

Adriana Bec
Anna Zilberbord
Mark Leung
Georgina Hindle
Rodrigo Garaicoa Marty

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Haotian Wang

#### Viola

Jaren Ziegler Mina Hobson-Mazur Tifany Rodas Max Altimira Saura

#### Cello

Megan Clarke Ivanna Oliinyk Frida Rogn

#### **Double Bass**

Felix Linden Brooke Simpson

# Simon Crawford-Phillips

Conductor

Simon Crawford-Phillips is a festival director, renowned pianist and creative programmer. With a passion for championing contemporary repertoire, he regularly collaborates with artists such as Daniel Hope, Lawrence Power, Roderick Williams and Anne Sofie von Otter in repertoire from Haydn and Schumann to Adès, Byström, Dean and Reich. His own ensembles include the Kungsbacka Piano Trio and Stockholm Syndrome Ensemble. This season's conducting debuts include the Helsinki Philharmonic Orchestra in a programme with music by Tower, Copland and Sandström; two visits to the Scottish Chamber Orchestra; and two Menotti operas at the Gothenburg Academy of Music and Drama.

Simon has recently launched a concert series in Stockholm, Musikaliska möten ('Musical Encounters'), which features unexpected pairings of music with readings, films and other art forms, set in the unique Musikaliska Kvarteret – Stockholm's oldest concert hall. In 2017 he was appointed Artistic Adviser and Chief Conductor of Västerås Sinfonietta. He has broadened the Sinfonietta's reach and repertoire as well as recording Mendelssohn symphonic cycle due for completion in 2026.

As a pianist, Simon performs in premiere festivals and concert halls across Europe including Verbier, Schleswig-Holstein, Edinburgh and at Wigmore Hall, where he appears regularly with the acclaimed Nash Ensemble. He has recorded for BIS, Channel Classics, DG, Deux-Elles, Harmonia Mundi, Hyperion and LSO Live, among others. His most recent release with Josephine Knight, *Schubert Reimagined*, received multiple 5-star reviews.

Simon was elected a Fellow of the Royal Academy of Music in 2010 and is a Steinway Artist.

### Xin He

Solo Viola

Xin He is currently pursuing an Advanced Diploma studying with Martin Outram at the Academy. From 2022 to 2023 she was the recipient of a Royal Academy Chamber Music Fellowship and from 2023 to 2024 she was an Open Academy/Wigmore fellow. Her first album of Stravinsky's chamber music with Barbara Hannigan was released by Linn Records in 2024, which also saw the release of 'Landscape and Memory' by Stephen Goss by Deux-Elles. She has performed chamber music with Steven Isserlis at the Apsley House and with Anthony Marwood at Wigmore Hall. Recently, she has recorded Piazzolla's *Four Seasons of Buenos Aires* with Soyoung Yoon and the LGT Young Soloists.

Xin holds a Master's degree from the Academy and BA from the Royal Northern College of Music. She is currently using an instrument on loan from the Cavella Collection and receives generous support from the Cavella Foundation.