**ROYAL ALBERT HALL
July 2015 Listings**

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 **Online booking is available for most events.  Please visit the website:**[**www.royalalberthall.com**](http://www.royalalberthall.com/)

**Wednesday 1 July, 7:30pm
GLADYS KNIGHT**

The Empress of Soul and seven-time Grammy winner will perform at the Hall as part of her first UK tour in six years.

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**Thursday 2 July, 8:00pm**

**FRANK SINATRA JR. – SINATRA SINGS SINATRA**

With a full orchestra in tow, Sinatra Jr. performs some of the best-loved songs made famous by his father and delivers first-hand recollections of life on and off stage with the 'Chairman of the Board'. **…………………………………………………………..**

**Saturday 4 July, 2:30pm & 7:00pm**

**BACK TO THE FUTURE LIVE IN CONCERT**

Celebrate a worldwide cultural phenomenon in this screening of Back to the Future with a live orchestral accompaniment. **…………………………………………………………..**

**Sunday 5 July, 7:30pm**

**PETE TOWNSHEND’S CLASSIC QUADROPHENIA**

Guitarist Pete Townshend presents a new orchestral version of one of The Who's landmark albums.

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 **Saturday 11 July, 7:30pm
LUCHA LIBRE**

For the first time ever and for one night only, the Royal Albert Hall will host the mythical, dangerous, acrobatic and heroic world of Mexico's masked wrestlers.
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 **Sunday 12 July, 7pm
THE ARMED MAN: A MASS FOR PEACE**

Experience Karl Jenkins' 20th century choral classic The Armed Man along with other orchestral favourites, all presented by The Really Big Chorus.

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 **Friday 17 July, 7:30pm
PROM 1: FIRST NIGHT OF THE PROMS**

Sakari Oramo conducts this year's opening concert, in a programme that includes Walton’s pithy choral masterpiece Belshazzar's Feast and Mozart’s Piano Concerto No. 20 with soloist Lars Vogt.

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 **Saturday 18 July, 6:30pm
PROM 2: TEN PIECES PROM**

Join CBBC presenters Barney Harwood and Dick and Dom for an introduction to some of the greatest pieces of classical music and a celebration of children's creative responses to them.

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 **Sunday 19 July, 11am
PROM 3: TEN PIECES PROM**

Barney Harwood and Dick and Dom join the BBC National Orchestra of Wales to celebrate some of the best pieces to introduce children to classical music – and to inspire a life-long love of it.

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**Sunday 19 July, 7:30pm
PROM 4: BEETHOVEN - SYMPHONY NO. 9**

Beethoven's 'Choral' Symphony returns to the Proms in the hands of Andris Nelsons and the massed forces of the City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra and the CBSO Chorus.

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 **Monday 20 July, 1pm
PROMS CHAMBER MUSIC 1: THOMAS TALLIS**

**Cadogan Hall**

The Cardinall's Musick performs Tallis's extravagant 40-part motet Spem in alium alongside other sumptuous sacred music in the first of this year's Proms Chamber Music concerts.

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 **Monday 20 July, 7:30pm
PROM 5: HAYDN, HK GRUBER & STRAVINSKY**

The BBC Philharmonic's programme spans more than two centuries, opening with Haydn's La reine Symphony and closing with Stravinsky's fairy-tale ballet Petrushka.

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 **Tuesday 21 July, 7pm
PROM 6: POULENC, STRAVINSKY, HAYDN & MOZART**

Poulenc's Organ Concerto raises the curtain on this BBC National Orchestra of Wales Prom, which also includes Stravinsky's Symphony of Psalms and Mozart's Symphony No. 41.

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**Wednesday 22 July, 7pm
PROM 7: DELIUS, NIELSEN, HUGH WOOD & RAVEL**

Mark Simpson performs the Clarinet Concerto by Carl Nielsen, whose 150th anniversary falls this year, in a programme which also includes an alluring suite from Ravel's Daphnis and Chloe.

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**Wednesday 22 July 2015, 10:15pm
PROM 8: LATE NIGHT WITH BBC ASIAN NETWORK**

Superstar soprano Anna Netrebko will make her much anticipated return to the Royal Albert Hall to sing the title role of one of Tchaikovsky's lesser known operas.

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**Thursday 23 July 2015, 7:30pm**

**PROM 9: LEIF OVE ANDSNES AND THE MAHLER CHAMBER ORCHESTRA 1**

The Norwegian pianist Leif Ove Andsnes kicks off his cycle of Beethoven piano concertos with Nos. 1 & 4 – along with Stravinsky's ballet *Apollon musagète*.

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**Friday 24 July 2015, 7:30pm**

**PROM 10: LEIF OVE ANDSNES AND THE MAHLER CHAMBER ORCHESTRA 2**

Leif Ove Andsnes continues his survey of Beethoven's works for piano and orchestra with the Piano Concerto No. 3 and the 'Choral Fantasy'.

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**Saturday 25 July 2015 , 3pm**

**PROMS SATURDAY MATINEE 1: BIRMINGHAM CONTEMPORARY MUSIC GROUP**

**Cadogan Hall**

The world-famous contemporary music ensemble celebrates the 90th-birthday year of one of the most important figures in contemporary music, Pierre Boulez.

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**Saturday 25 July 2015 , 7pm**

**PROM 11: FIDDLER ON THE ROOF**

Baritone Bryn Terfel leads the cast in Grange Park Opera's lively production of the popular Broadway classic. The iconic score includes *If I were a rich man*, *Matchmaker* and *Sunrise, sunset*.

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**Sunday 26 July 2015, 7:30pm**

**PROM 12: LEIF OVE ANDSNES AND THE MAHLER CHAMBER ORCHESTRA 3**

Leif Ove Andsnes brings his cycle of Beethoven piano concertos to a close with the dramatic Fifth – the 'Emperor'. But first he treats the Proms audience to a performance of the Second.

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**Monday 27 July 2015, 1pm**

**PROMS CHAMBER MUSIC 2: NIELSEN & MOZART**

**Cadogan Hall**

The winds of the Royal Northern Sinfonia mark Nielsen's 150th anniversary with his Wind Quintet before pianist Christian Blackshaw joins them for Mozart's elegant Quintet for piano and winds.

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**Monday 27 July 2015, 7:30pm**

**PROM 13: HOLST - THE PLANETS**

Susanna Mälkki conducts Holst's masterpiece in a programme which also includes the UK premiere of a new violin concerto by Luca Francesconi, written for and performed by Leila Josefowicz.

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**Tuesday 28 July 2015, 7pm**

**PROM 14: PROKOFIEV - THE PIANO CONCERTOS**

Valery Gergiev conducts a monumental programme of all five piano concertos by Prokofiev. Three of today's leading Russian pianists – Daniil Trifonov, Sergei Babayan and Alexei Volodin – share the challenge.

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**Wednesday 29 July 2015, 6:30pm**

**PROM 15: PROKOFIEV, QIGANG CHEN & RACHMANINOV**

Prokofiev's 'Classical' Symphony opens this BBC National Orchestra of Wales Prom conducted by Xian Zhang and another Russian masterpiece closes the programme – Rachmaninov's Symphony No. 2.

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**Wednesday 29 July 2015, 10:15pm**

**PROM 16: LATE NIGHT WITH BBC RADIO 1**

Radio 1 presenter Pete Tong transforms the Royal Albert Hall to a dance music destination in the first ever Radio 1 Prom. He introduces a line-up of artists, who are joined by conductor Jules Buckley and the Heritage Orchestra.

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**Thursday 30 July 2015, 7:30pm**

**PROM 17: HALLÉ - DEBUSSY, VAUGHAN WILLIAMS & ELGAR**

Mark Elder conducts the Hallé in music they have made their own – Vaughan Williams and Elgar. Opening the programme is Debussy's luscious *Prélude à l’après-midi d'un faune*.

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**Friday 31 July 2015, 7pm**

**PROM 18: KATIA AND MARIELLE LABÈQUE**

The world-famous Labèque sisters perform Mozart's Concerto for Two Pianos with the BBC Symphony Orchestra before a performance of Shostakovich's visceral *Leningrad* Symphony.

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**Friday 31 July 2015, 10:15pm**

**PROM 19: ALINA IBRAGIMOVA PLAYS BACH 1**

Virtuoso violinist Alina Ibragimova has the stage to herself for an evening of solo works by Bach.

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**BEYOND THE MAIN STAGE**

**HIGHLIGHTS**

**Monday 6 July, 8pm**

Declan Zapala

**Friday 10 July, 8:30pm**

Finley Quaye

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 **LATE NIGHT JAZZ, ELGAR ROOM**

**Thursday 2 July, 9:45pm**

Jazz Dynamos

**Thursday 9 July, 9:45pm**
FB Pocket Orchestra

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**IN CONVERSATION, ELGAR ROOM**

**Tuesday 14 July, 6:30pm**

Bob Stanley

**Tuesday 14 July, 9:15pm**
Rick Buckler (The Jam)

**Wednesday 15 July, 6:30pm**

Whispering Bob Harris

**Wednesday 15 July, 9:15pm**

Nina Antonia and Peter Perrett

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**EVENTS FOR FAMILIES**

**Wednesday 1 & Wednesday 15 July, 10am & 11:30pm**Storytelling and Music Sessions for 0-4 Year Olds

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**CLASSICAL COFFEE MORNINGS, ELGAR ROOM**

**Sunday 5 July, 11am**

Parry Voices – The Food of Love

**Sunday 12 July, 11am**

Sam Gale

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**LIVE MUSIC IN VERDI**

**Friday 3 July, 8pm**Alex Hutton

**Friday 10 July, 8pm**

John Crawford

**Friday 17 July, 8pm**

Will Bartlett

**Friday 31 July, 12pm**

Kristian Borring

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**SATURDAY LUNCH, VERDI**

**Saturday 11 July, 12:30pm**

Swing Ninjas

**Saturday 18 July, 12:30pm**

Oriana and the Charmers

**Saturday 25 July, 12:30pm**
Nicola Emmanuelle

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**SUNDAY BRUNCH, VERDI**

**Sunday 5 July, 12pm**

The Lapazoos

**Sunday 26 July, 12pm**

JB’s Casual Vices

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**EVENTS PREVIEW**

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**17 July
– 12 September 2015** BBC Proms

**September 2015**20 Theatretrain presents: How to Make

a Hero

21 An Intimate Evening with Art

 Garfunkel

22 Classic FM Live
23 September David Gilmour
- 3 October

26 Beethoven’s Ninth

27 Nicola Benedetti

30 Diana Krall

**October 2015**

1 Diana Krall

4 Grand Organ Gala
7 Primary Proms

8 International Ballroom Dancing

Championships

9 Friendship Matinee / The Music of

 Bond

10 National Brass Band Championships

 of Great Britain

11 Alternative Hair Show

12-14 Cliff Richard: 75th Birthday UK Tour
15 Squeeze

16-18 Cliff Richard: 75th Birthday UK Tour

20 Bryn Terfel at 50
21-25 Bob Dylan

27 The Rocky Horror Picture Show
28 Ratatouille in Concert

30 Karl Jenkins

31 Carmina Burana

**November 2015**

1 Star Trek: The Ultimate Voyage

2 The Godfather Live

4 The Golden Age of Hollywood

15 Dance Proms

16 John Wilson Orchestra

19 Classical Spectacular

23-25 Music for Youth

27-28 Jools Holland and his Rhythm & Blues

Orchestra

29 The Scratch Youth

Messiah / Messiah from Scratch

30 Berlioz’s Grande Messe des Morts

**December 2015**

2-6 Champions Tennis 2015

7 John Rutter’s Christmas Celebration

12 Disney in Concert: Alice in

Wonderland featuring the Music of Danny Elfman

13-24 Christmas Festival

28 December – The Nutcracker on Ice

2 January