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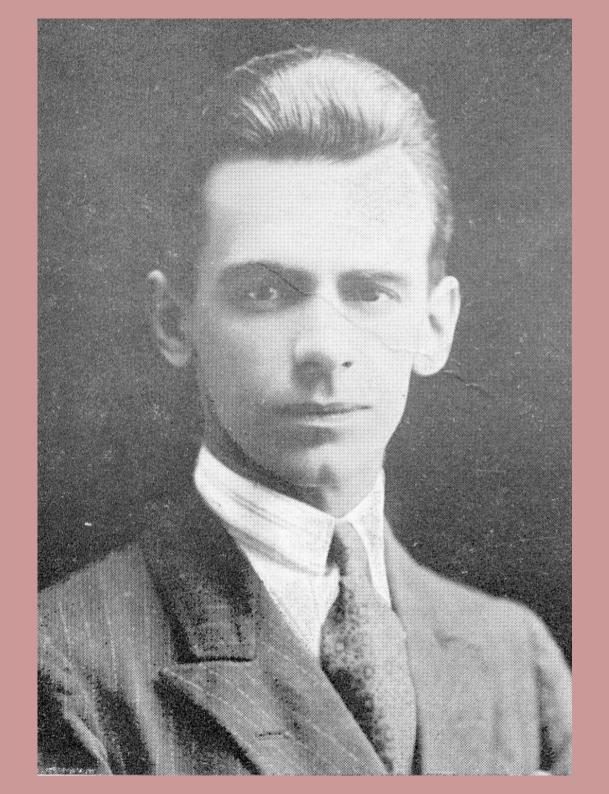
A celebration of 100 years of great music making in 100 pictures
Compiled from the LSO archive by Sam Dobson

Grace Burrows who led LSO from 1922 to 1943

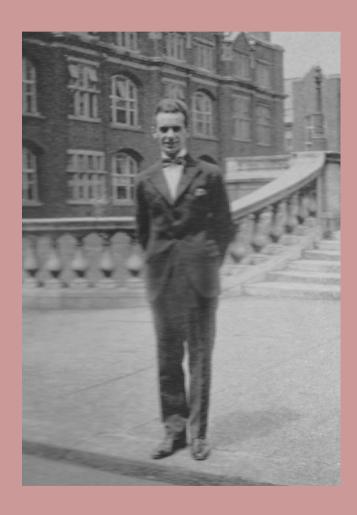


October 1922 the earliest known picture of Sargent and the LSO





1923 A young Malcolm Sargent



1923 Programme 1925 Poster





DE MONTFORT HALL, LEICESTER
3RD DECEMBER
1925

DE MONTFORT HALL - LEICESTER THURSDAY, 5th FEBRUARY, 1925, at 8 o'clock
THE EVENT OF THE LEICESTER MUSICAL SEASON!

THE LEICESTER SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

(70 INSTRUMENTALISTS)

Conductor:

DR. MALCOLM SARGENT

Exclusive Engagement and First Appearance in Leicester !

BEATRICE HARRISON

The World-Famous English 'Cellist.

Miss Beatrice Harrison will be associated with the Orchestra in the First Performance in Leicester of the ELGAR VIOLONCELLO CONCERTO.

Exclusive Engagement and First Appearance in Leicester!

JOHN IRELAND

The Famous Composer and Pianist.

Great interest will be created in the first appearance in Leicester of Mr. John Ireland, known throughout Great Britain as the Composer of "Sea-Fever" and many other charming Songs and delightful Orchestral and Piano Compositions.

Mr. Ireland, in addition to conducting the first performance in Leicester of his own Orchestral Work "THE FORGOTTEN RITE," will by special request of local Music-Lovers, play a group of his Piano Compositions.

THE ORCHESTRAL ITEMS will include the First Performance in Leicester of

Tone Poem, "Till Eulenspiegel" ("Till's Merry Pranks")-Strauss

The Overture to "A Midsummer Night's Oream" (Mendelssohn) and The Overture to "Sarka" (Smetana).

Doors open to Ticket Holders at 7-10. Ordinary Doors at 7-30. Seats cannot be reserved for Ticket Holders after 7-30.

Reserved Seats	(Including)	Balcony .	7/6 &	5/9	Unreserved (Including	Stalls	. 2	/-
	,,	Grand Tie	r 5/- &	3/6		Gallery -	. 1/	6
	"	Stalls -	5/- 3/-	2/4		Promenade	. 1	j -

A Special Late Concert Train will leave Leicester (L.M.S.) at 10-40 p.m. for Syston, Brooksby, Asfordby, Melton Mowbray, Oakham and Stamford.

Secure your Seats at once from

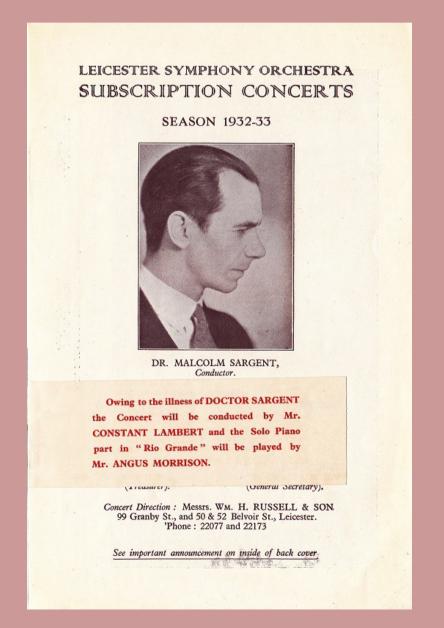
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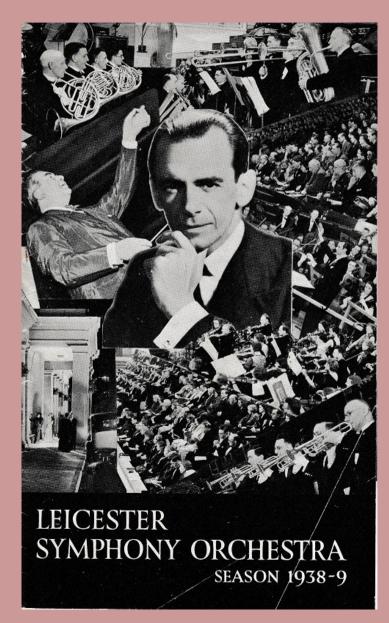
Columbia record Play at 80 rpm!



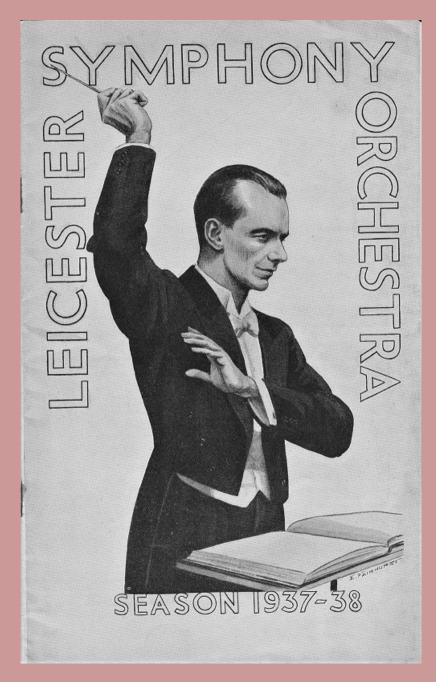
(Left) March 1933: Red warning! A rare cancellation from Sargent who is struck down by TB which brings him close to death. It is nearly two years before he resumes work.

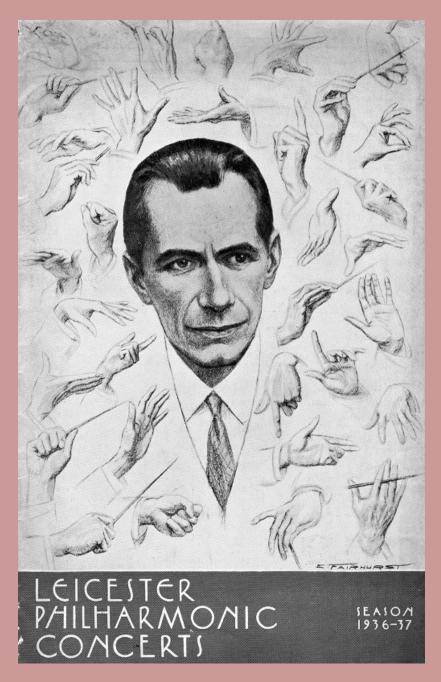
(Right) Brochure cover from 1938 showing Arthur Thornley's art work





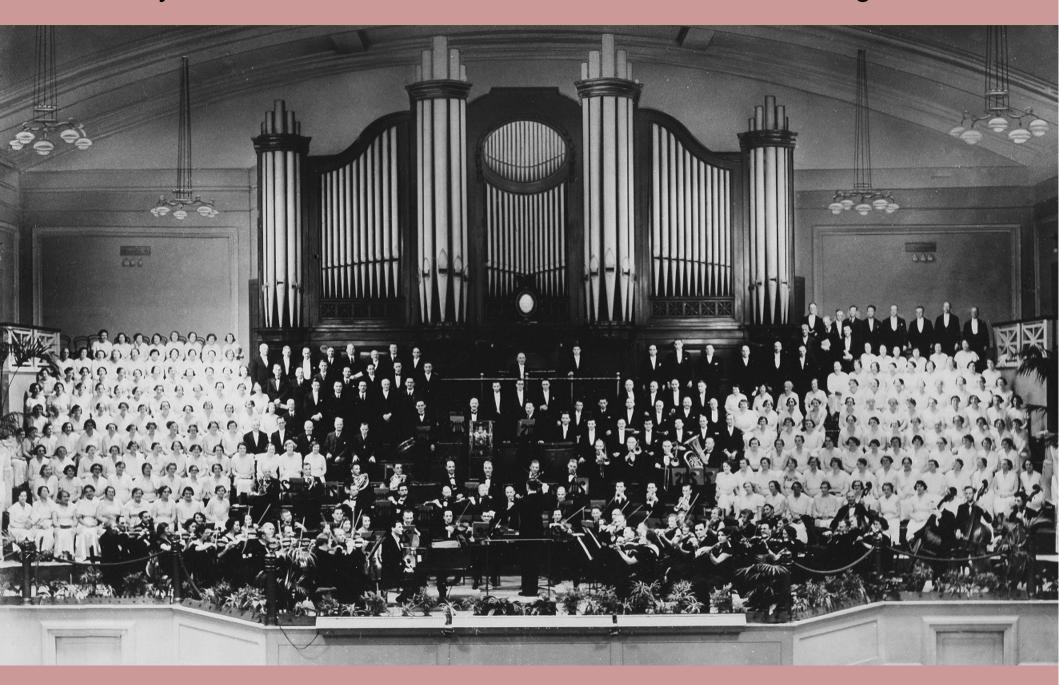
Brochures from the 1930s showing 'Hands' by E Fairhurst





1935 LSO and LPC under Malcolm Sargent

History Note - From 1933 to 1937 LSO and LPC were amalgamated



1936 Talking of Music on the BBC

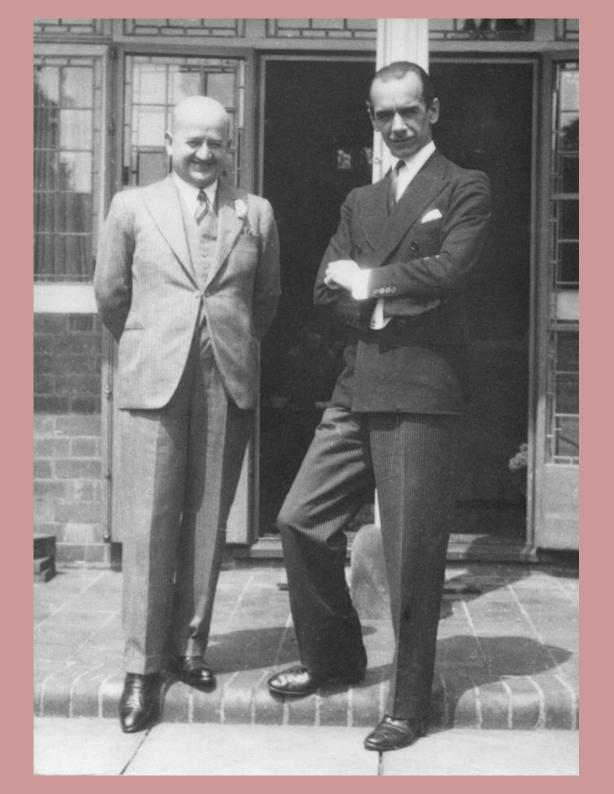
Our founder Malcolm Sargent was already known nationally



1937 LSO Conductor Malcolm Sargent leader Grace Burrows



1940 LSO's founders Karl Russell and Malcolm Sargent



1946

Concert Rugby School



SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

Conductor: Alfred de Reyghére

MOURA LYMPANY

PIANOFORTE

in the

Temple Speech Room

(By kind permission of the Headmaster)

Wednesday July 18th

at 7 p.m.

PROGRAMME

Overture: Leonora No. 3 . . . Beethoven Piano Concerto in A Minor . . . Grieg Symphony No. 5 in C Minor . . Beethoven

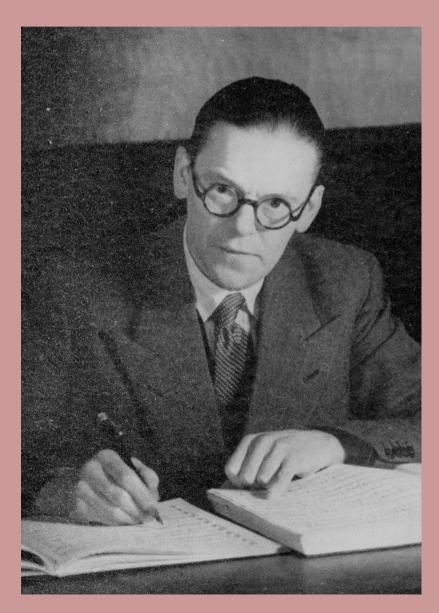
TICKETS: 7/6 5/- 4/- (Unreserved) 3/-

Booking commences 2.30 p.m. Saturday July 7th at Hansons, Church Street

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1950 Arthur Thornley

Arthur kept LSO going through the war years with a series of *People's Concerts*



DE MONTFORT HALL, LEICESTER THURSDAY, 8th MAY, 1941, at 7 o'clock

The FIRST of a Series of THREE

PEOPLE'S CONCERTS

(under the Patronage of the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress of Leicester, Councillor and Mrs. J. W. Cort)

CONCERT ORCHESTRA

of 50 Local Players (Leader: Mary Thornley)

Hon. Conductor: ARTHUR THORNLEY

Soloist: FLORENCE AUSTRAL, Soprano

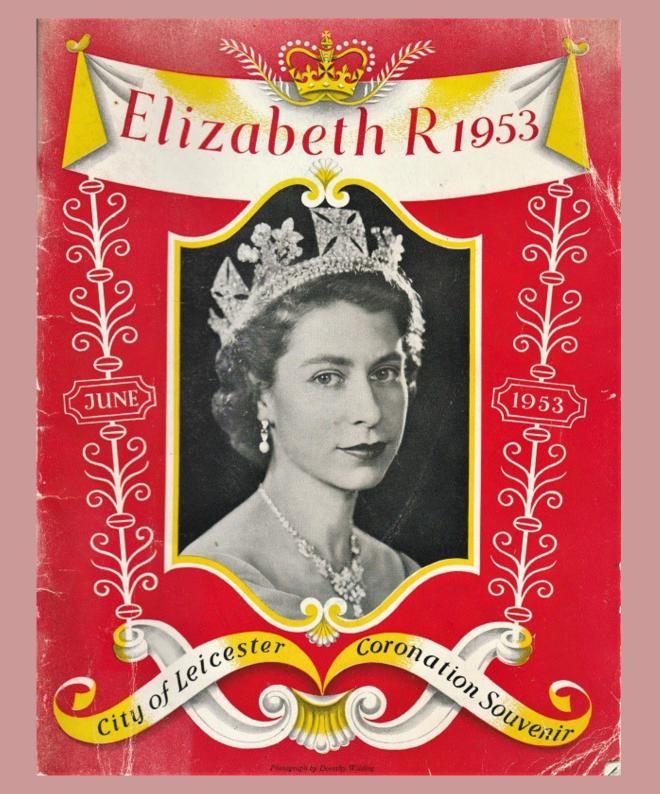
PROGRAMME

Overture, "Die Fledermaus" Straus

"Die Fledermaus" ("The Bat") is the best known of a dozen or more comic operas by Johann Strauss the younger, Europe's famous "Waltz-King". In these light operas Strauss utilised to the full his unique gift for writing captivating dance melodies, and the plot of "Die Fledermaus" lends itself admirably to this treatment. The central scene (Act 2) is a brilliant fancy-dress ball, the principal waltz-melody from which appears in the overture, together with a number of charming melodies from the earlier act.

Aria, "Softly Sighing" from "Der Freischütz" ... Weber
FLORENCE AUSTRAL

The plot of "Der Freischütz" is founded upon a German tradition that whoever sells his soul to Zamiel, the Demon Hunter, receives in exchange seven magic bullets which never fail to hit their target. The scene of the opera is laid in the Bohemian Forest, where a contest of markmanship is to be held. A young forester, Max, is in love with Agathe, the chief Ranger's daughter, who is to be his bride on condition that he proves himself the best shot. Max is persuaded to seek the aid of Zamiel and to obtain the seven magic bullets. Although she is unaware of her lover's intentions, Agathe has a presentiment of danger which



June 1953

LSO were proud to be part of the Coronation celebrations

Mary Thornley (left) and other violinists gather round Vic Oliver. Photo 1958

Vic Oliver was a top flight comedian and entertainer. He was also a gifted musician who kindly conducted LSO three times in the 1950s

THE LEICESTER SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

(Affiliated to the National Federation of Music Societies)

President: SIR MALCOLM SARGENT

Guest Conductor:

Vic Oliver

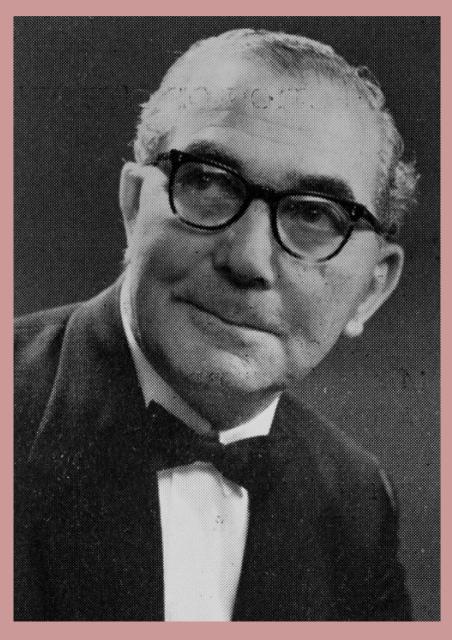
Margaret Asher

(Soprano)



Montfort Hall , 5th December, 1956 at 7-15 p.m.

1962 Conductor Simeon Iliffe



Leicester Symphony Orchestra At Their Post-War Best

Orchestra: Leicester Symphony. Conductor: Simeon Iliffe. Soloist: Ian Lake, piano.

Programme: Academic Festival Overture by Brahms; "La Source" ballet suite by Delibes; Rachmaninoff's second piano concerto; Symphony No. 4 by Tchaikovsky.

A PLEASURABLE OCCASION at Leicester De Montfort Hall, last night, because for me, this was the best post-war performance by the Leicester

Symphony.

Their finest effort, unquesfourth in which, from start to finish, there was proof that this ensemble of local musicians has now been welded into an orchestra-an instrument with a positive individuality instead of an erstwhile reputation for trying hard.

There is still room for improvement, but the future can be viewed optimistically by performer and listener alike for reason of the fact that there is now

much to build upon.

Self Confident

Great credit is due to Mr. Iliffe who patently has done a worthwhile job of training and who also seems to have imbued his musicians with a spirit of purposeful self-confidence which reflected unmistakably in their

The first and second violins produced tone of fine, glowing quality and their corporate feeling for a phrase will be improved upon even more when there is complete unanimity in bowing.

The violas were sound, but it needs a strengthening of the cello department and a couple more basses to eliminate obvious deficiencies in the string section as a whole.

Woodwind combined to present a climaxes.

It would be possible to indicate where, from a point of view of where, from a point of view of interpretation, more might have been done with certain passages. But that would be unfair to a conductor who, having brought his orchestra so far is the best to know when his clear and definite beat can yield to the type of flowing line. can yield to the type of flowing line or impassioned gesture that evokes extreme delicacy or intense feeling.

As things are Leicester Symphony's next concert can be looked forward to with pleasurable expectancy.

Variety Of Touch

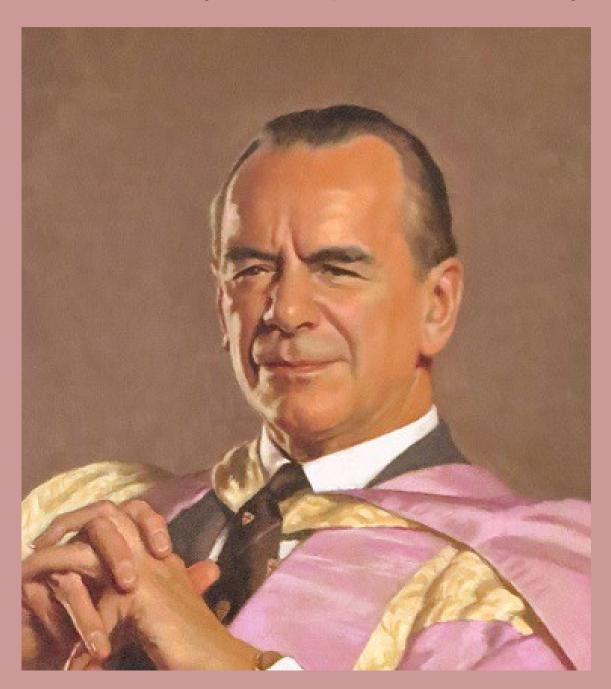
An historic cycle was turned, I believe, when Leicestershire's Ian Lake played in the concerto. It was about 30 years ago when Sir Adrian Boult conducted the same work in Leicester with another local musician at the plano-Malcolm Sargent as he was at that time.

Ian Lake confirmed the good impression he made earlier in the year by his fine playing in the concerto and also his excellent performance of Rachmaninoff's preludes in E flat and G major and the famous "Polichinelle"

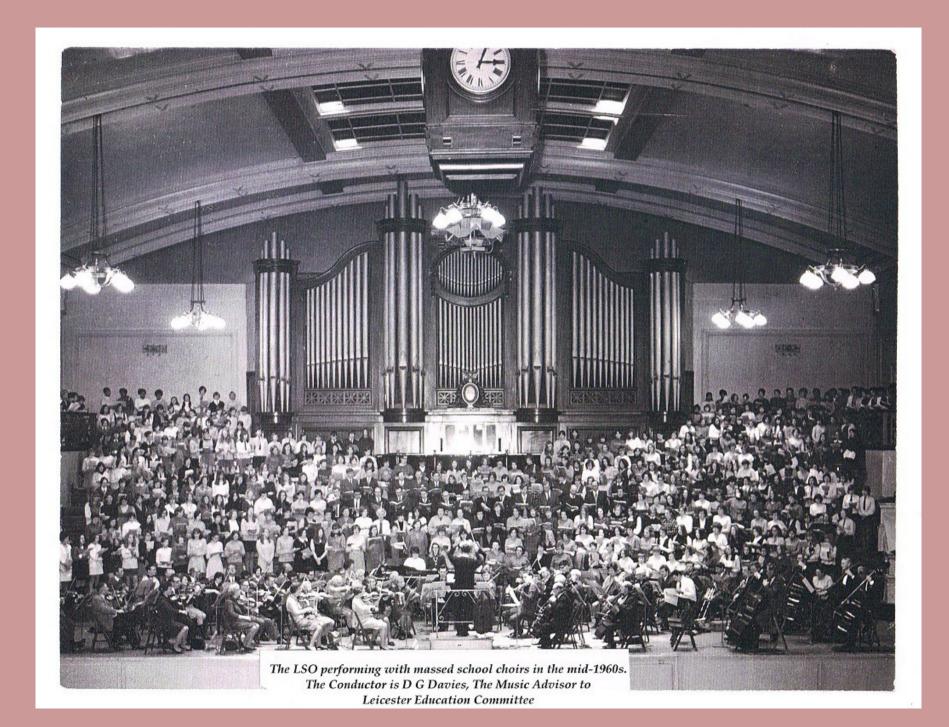
Mr. Lake brings a great variety of touch to his playing and he has

the gift of projecting the listener forward. And that, of course, is the main secret of good performance.-R.A.P.

April 1965 A 70th birthday present from friend and portrait painter Edward Halliday – with permission of Sylvia Darley



Mid 1960s LSO with Leicester schools choirs



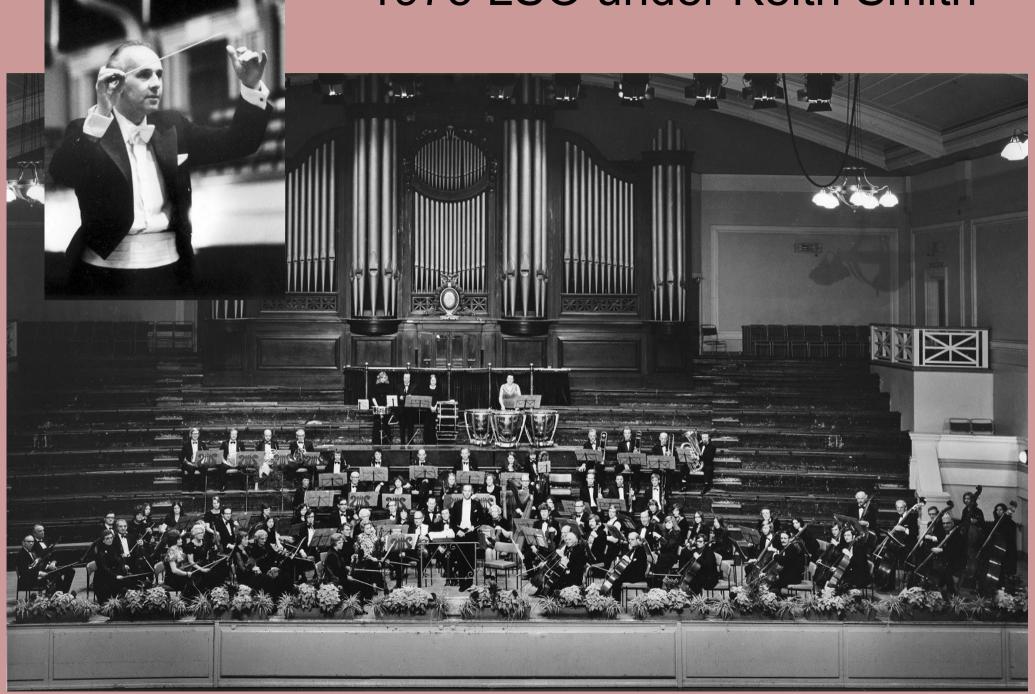
April 1968 LSO under Simeon Iliffe



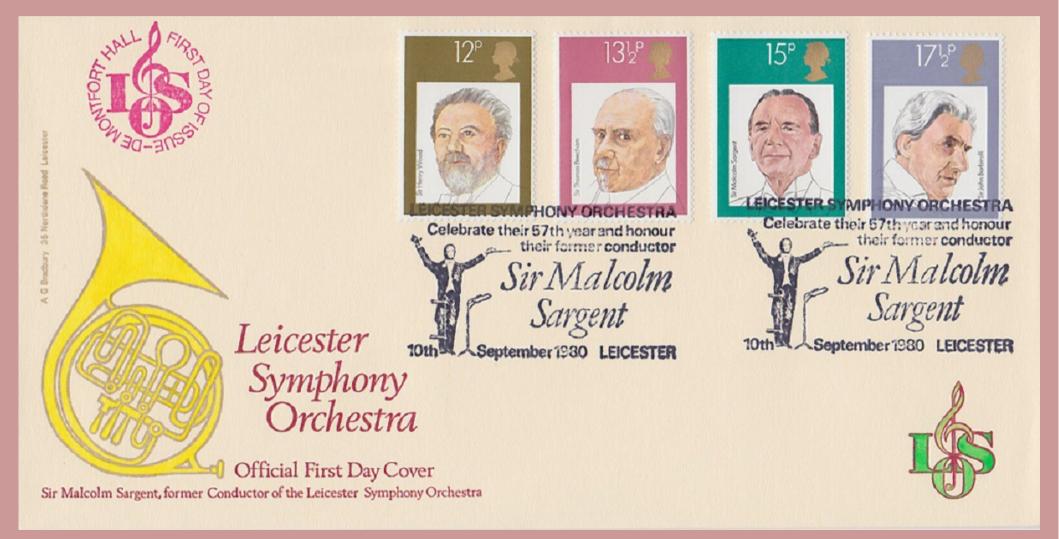
November 1971 Arthur Thornley, patrons Mac and Ruth Goldsmith together with Simeon Iliffe



1975 LSO under Keith Smith



September 1980 First day cover stamp issue with Sir Malcolm Sargent franking



1982 Diamond Jubilee Concert Conductor Keith Smith Leader Mary Thornley



Centre Radio presents
DE MONTFORT HALL - LEIGESTER
Thursday, 4th November
at 7.45 p.m.

SYMPHONY ORGHESTRA

LEADER: MARY THORNLEY

CONDUCTOR: KEITH SMITH

1922 - DIAMOND JUBILEE CONCERT - 1982

A Tribute to Sir Malcolm Sargent

JULIAN LLOYD WEBBER

(CELLO)

WALTON - CORONATION MARCH: 'CROWN IMPERIAL' SARGENT - 'AN IMPRESSION ON A WINDY DAY,' Op. 9 ELGAR - CELLO CONCERTO in E Minor, Op. 85 SIBELIUS - SYMPHONY No. 5 in E Flat Major, Op. 82

RESERVED SEATS: £3; £2.75; £1.90; £2; £1.50

Bookings at Municipal Box Office, Town Hall, Town Hall Square, Leicester. Tel: 544444 (available from October 11th, 1982)

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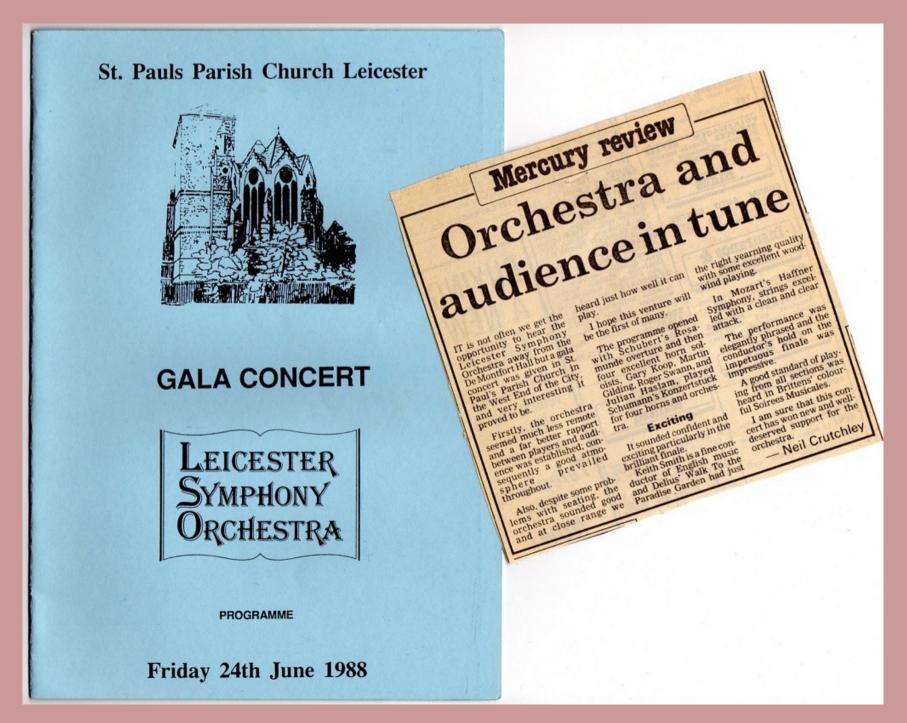
Ann Gosling (now Tupling) led LSO from 1983 to 1994



Rosie Greenlees, now Curtis, LSO Principal Oboe in the 1980s



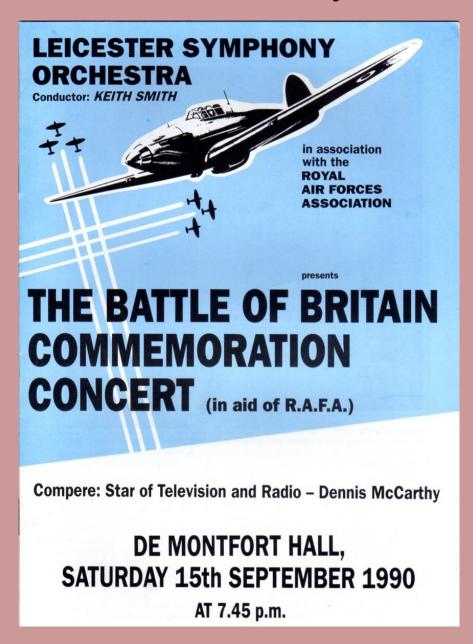
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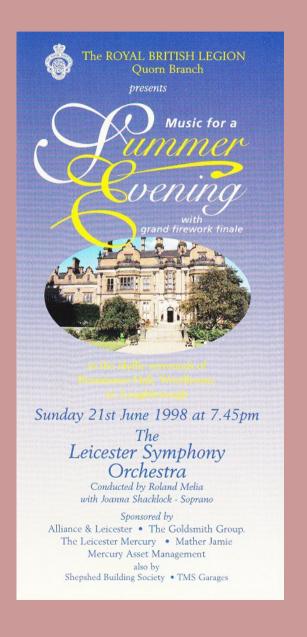
1989 De Montfort Hall Leader Mary Thornley and conductor Keith Smith



1990 Battle of Britain concert with Dennis McCarthy



1998 Beaumanor Hall



Mary Thornley awarded an MBE in the 1995 after playing for 70 seasons with LSO. She was leader for 33 years.



Veteran violinist leads the honours

A VETERAN violinist known as the British Empire. Today Mrs Thornley First Lady of Leicestershire Music said: "When I first got the official letwas today named in the New Year's ter I thought it was a hoax or somewas today named in the New Year's

Mrs Mary Thornley, 86, is among a wide range of city and county people awarded accolades.

Local people honoured included a Methodist minister, a prison governor and many business and community stalwarts.

Mrs Thornley, pictured, played with Leicester Symphony Orchestra for an astonishing 70 years, retiring only early this year.

She has been made a Member of the The roll of honour, Page 2.

"I was quite flummoxed but now I'm really pleased. It's super news."

Mrs Thornley started with the LSO when she was just 14 and was leader of the orchestra for nearly 30 years.

She still plays at home with a small group of friends.

Mrs Thornley plans to celebrate over the New Year with her daughter Mrs Olga Briggs and son-in-law Alan

Nov 1995 **Conductor Roland Melia** with Chair Pat Dobson



NG MUSICAL FARE Tchaikovsky performed to perfection

Leicester Symphony Orchestra at De Montfort Hall. Review: Neil Crutchlev

AFTER the resounding success of the Helsinki Orchestra's performance of Tchaikovsky's Fifth Symphony in De Montfort Hall just 10 days ago, the Leicester Symphony Orchestra had a lot to live up to when they performed the same work in the same place on Thursday. As it happened they acquitted themselves with distinction. Playing under an obviously well-liked guest conductor, the symphony was given a well projected vigorous performance with sensible speeds and a refreshing lack of sentimen-

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tality. Roland Melia has a clear beat and an unruffled platform manner and the orchestra responded to him with real commit-ment. He had the score in his head rather than his head in the score and thus maintained eye contact with the players. Consequently there was a notable confidence in all departments.

There was a good sharp attack, well-built climaxes and a strong sense of line and phrase and, apart from a slight tendency to raucousness in the brass department, the overall sound was well integrated.

Robert Max was an exemplary soloist in Elgar's Cello Concerto, giving a seamless and lyrical reading of great technical assurance and, despite the odd moment of poor tuning, the accompaniment was well handled. Malcolm Sargent's spritely Impression on a Windy Day opened the concert, which was given to mark his centenary and in aid of his cancer

fund for children. It was a worthy tribute.

Eerie show sets the night aglow!

THE Leicester Symphony Orchestra, De Montfort Hall **Review: Neil Crutchley**

THE LSO is playing very well these days. There's a real sense of commitment and enthusiasm, excellent phrasing and articulation, good balance, attack and integration.

There's still a little room for improvement in string intonation and tone production, but it's getting better all the time.

The concert began with a commission from the orchestra: The Concerto for Chromasone by Walter Fabeck. It's complex rhythms and structures presented the players with a real challenge. The chromasone is a hi-tech chrome and perspex which structure. rotates and tilts to vary pitch. It also

glows in the dark. It is played by flexing the fingers in a pair of data gloves. The effect is rather eerie but quite effective and it's fascinating to watch.

Mozart came next in an elegantly phrased and well-balanced performance of his 21st



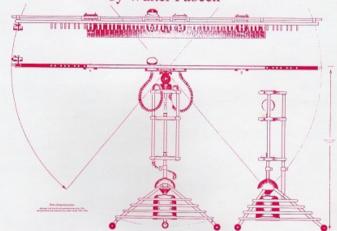
LEICESTER SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

ROLAND MELIA conductor

present the world premiere of

CHROMASONE CONCERTO

by Walter Fabeck



MOZART

Piano Concerto No.21 soloist: Evgenia Chudinovich

Organ Symphony

Saturday 14 November 1998, 7.45pm

Walter Fabek will give a Free Pre-Concert Talk at 6.45pm

De Montfort Hall, Leicester

Tickets £5-£10 (children £1) from:

De Montfort Hall Box Office tel.0116 233 3111; and Liz Gotts, tel 0116 241 8384





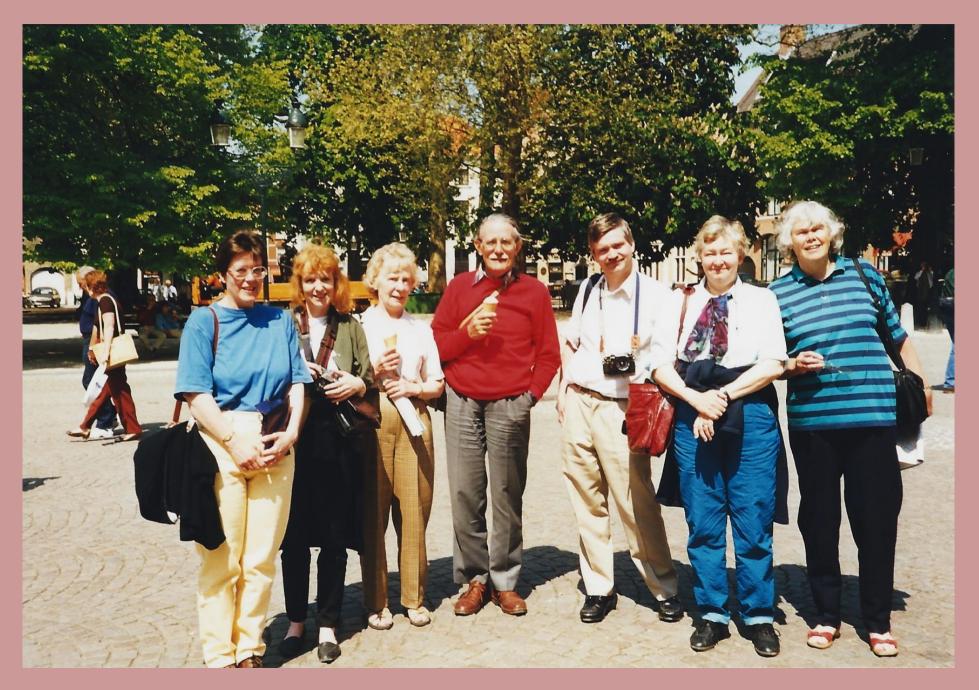


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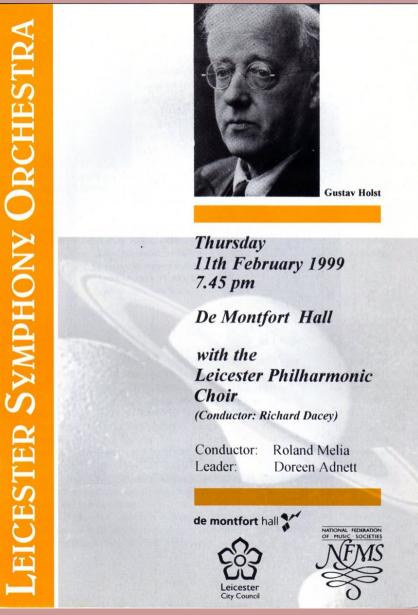
1999 Ghent LSO's first overseas tour

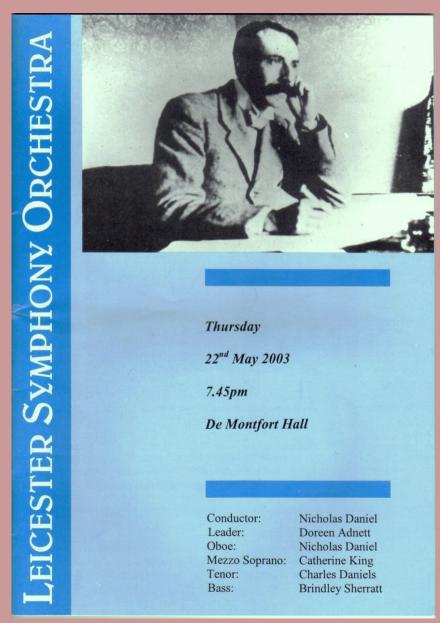


1999 Ghent



Working with the Leicester Philharmonic Choir 1999 Holst *The Planets* + 2003 Elgar The *Dream of Gerontius*





Guest conductors: 2001 Susan Dingle 2011 Lev Parikian





April 2002 Rehearsal



April 2002 Rehearsal



April 2002 Nicholas Daniel and Min Jin



April 2002 Nicholas Daniel and Min Jin Sibelius' Violin Concerto



2002 Offenburg Strasbourg Tour Conductor Nicholas Daniel



2002 Strasbourg Tour



2003 'The Week' Award Conductor Nicholas Daniel





2003

LSO Chair Pat Dobson

Conductor Nicholas Daniel

Leader Doreen Adnett



2004 Paris Tour Monet's garden Giverny



2004 Paris with Nicholas Daniel



June 2004 Impounded but happy in Calais





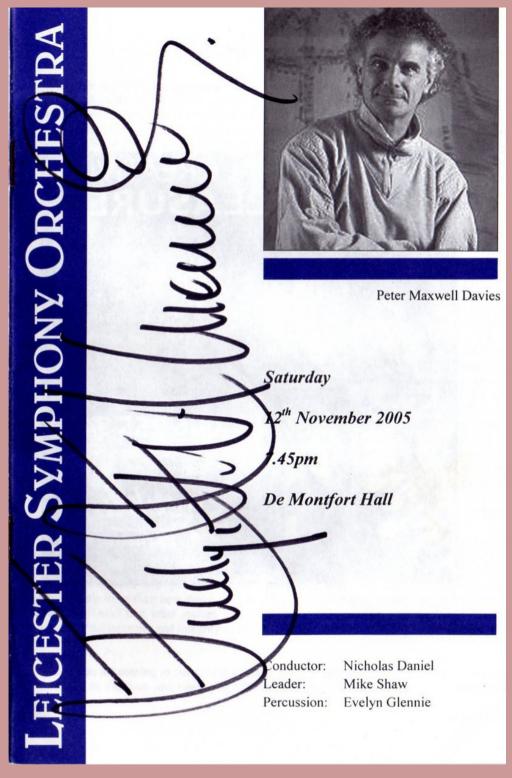
2004 Doreen Adnett LSO Leader 1995-2003

July 2004 LCFC links with LSO



2005 Evelyn Glennie





May 2006 Pavel Kotla





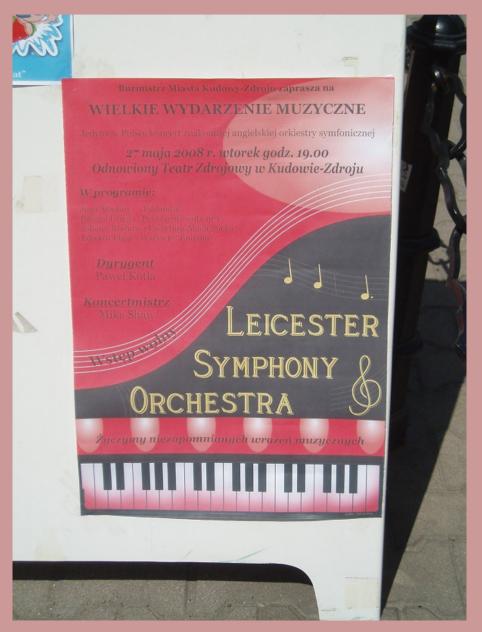
June 2006 Krefeld with Pavel Kotla



2006 Abbey Park Fireworks Darth Vader menaces conductor Pavel Kotla



May 2008 Kudowa Zdroj + Jablonec nad Nisou





2008 Poland Campfire near Kudowa Zdroj



May 2008 Kudowa Zdroj Pat Dobson Jenny Hand and Heather Hewitt accept a bouquet



2008 Poland Wroclaw formerly Breslau Historic University



2008 Poland Trip to Bledne Skaly near Kudowa Zdroj the spectacular Errant Rocks

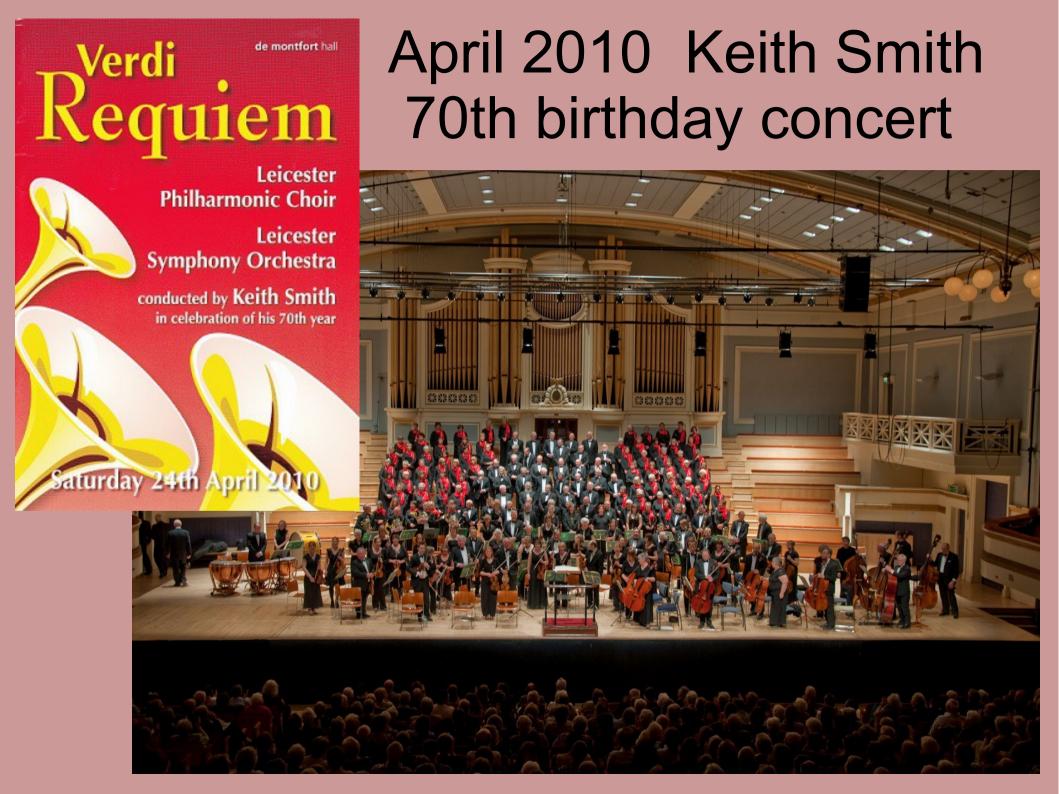


2008 Czech Republic Town Theatre Jablonic nad Nisou Conductor Pavel Kotla leader Mike Shaw



June 2009 LSO with LPC Beethoven's 9th 'Choral' Symphony





May 2010 Departing for Strasborg



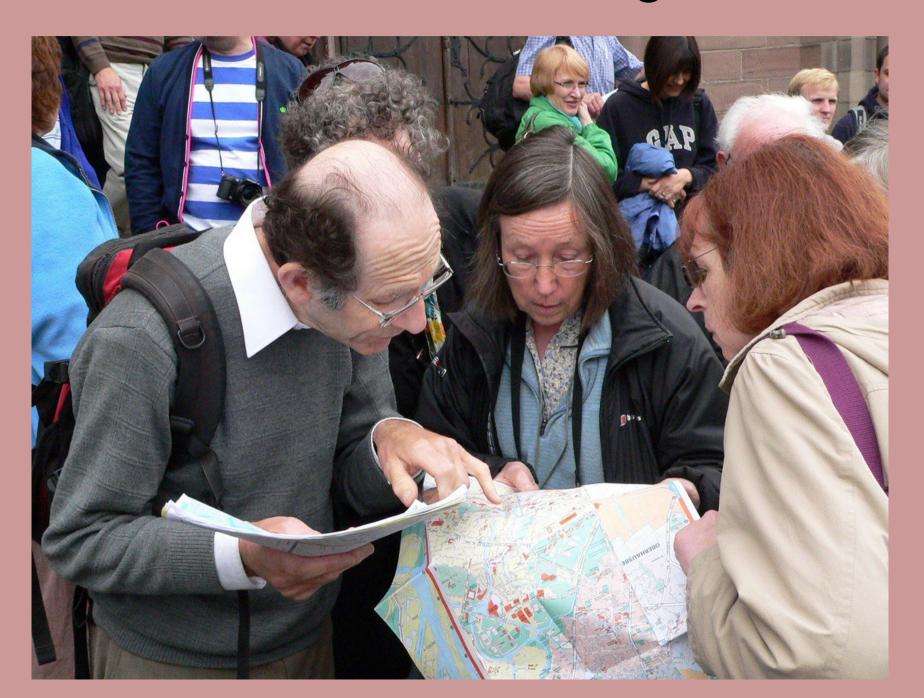
May 2010 Strasbourg



June 2010 Strasbourg L'Eglise St Paul with Roland Melia



2010 Strasbourg



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May 2010 Riquewihr Strasbourg tour



May 2010 Marmoutier



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June 2010 Roland Melia Strasbourg



July 2010 Roland Melia Fraser Noble Hall



Nov 2010 Dance Spectacular





Dance Spectaculars 2010 + 2013



April 2011 Dudley with Rainer Hersch



2012 Catherine Cole LSO Leader from 2009



June 2012 Paris

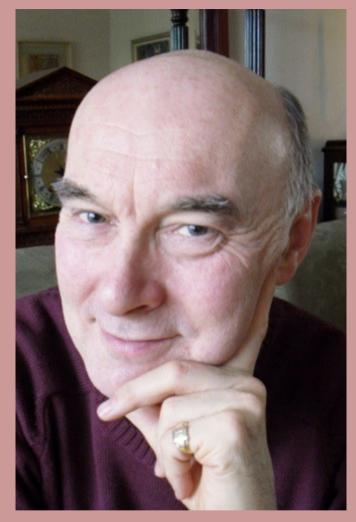


June 2012 Paris La Madeleine

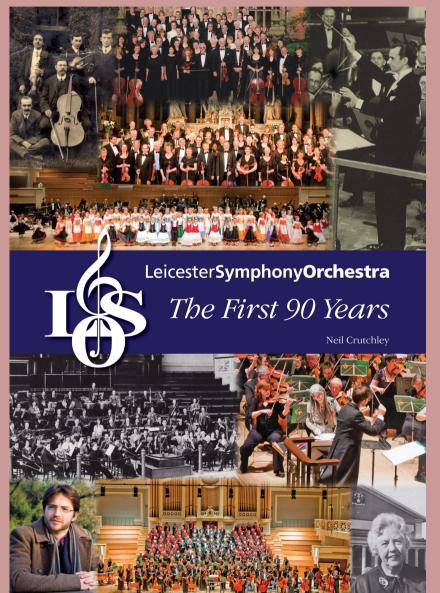


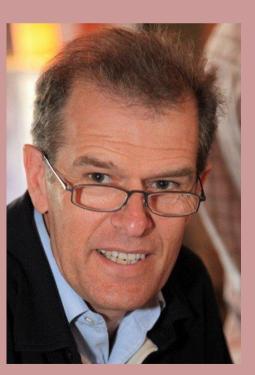
Nov 2012 John Andrews and Dame Evelyn Glennie LSO 90th Anniversary Concert





2012 Book: LSO The First 90 Years
Author - Neil Crutchley
Illustrations - Sam Dobson





2013 LSO's longest serving members



2013 Chair Pat Dobson Conductor John Andrews and Leader Catherine Cole



Nov 2013 Dance Spectacular



Nov 2013 Dance Spectacular



May 2014 Sint Michielskerk Leuven Conductor John Andrews



May 2014 Dinant the home of Adolphe Sax



May 2014 Dinant



May 2014 Dinant



May 2014 Dinant



November 2014 Abbey Road Studios



Nov 2014 Abbey Road Studios LSO and LPC working with Kathleen Shanks on

Gloria in Londinium



July 2015 Recording Melton Mowbray



July 2015 Recording session Melton Mowbray



May 2016 Rethel Reims Tour with John Andrews



Aug 2017 Arriva name their bus Sir Malcolm Sargent



May 2018 Paris + Suresnes



Chœurs Résonances Suresnes Festival Chorus Hackney - Londres Leicester Symphony Orchestra

Tchaïkovsky Symphonie n°5 Ralph Vaughan Williams Dona Nobis Pacem

Direction
John Andrews
Jean-Michel Chatard

Samedi 26 Mai 2018 20h30
Cathédrale Américaine
23 avenue George V, Paris 8ème
Dimanche 27 Mai 2018 16h00
Eglise du Coeur Immaculé de Marie
23 rue de Verdun, Suresnes



July 2021 Loughborough Play Day with Covid spacing



May 2022 LSO 100 Celebration

