

**Sunday 8 March 2020**

**3.00pm, 5.00pm, 7.30pm**



# Celebrating with Beethoven

**Howard Shelley OBE** joins the  
**London Mozart Players** to celebrate  
his 70th birthday with a performance  
of all five Beethoven Piano Concertos  
in one afternoon.

*'One of the most stylish pianists around'*  
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‘The joy and challenge of performing these five masterpieces in one sweep will be the most thrilling and indulgent birthday present anyone could wish for. 2020 also sees the 250th anniversary of Beethoven’s birth, so this is the perfect opportunity for us all to pay tribute to that most influential and revolutionary of classical composers.’  
Howard Shelley

Conducting the LMP from the keyboard during these three linked concerts, Howard will take us chronologically through Beethoven’s concertos, progressing from the Mozartian qualities of the first he wrote, to the almost Lisztian virtuosity and grandeur of the ‘Emperor’ concerto. Giving an insightful introduction to each concerto, Howard will reveal how Beethoven gave the piano an ever-increasing dramatic power, whilst in his personal life he moved from exuberant vigour to silent isolation.

Shelley’s CD set of the complete Beethoven Piano Concertos received 5-star reviews from the musical press:

Described by **International Record Review** as offering ‘performances that are vital, deeply considered and immensely satisfying’, it was also *Editor’s Choice* and *Critic’s Choice* in **Gramophone** magazine.

*‘Deeply satisfying performances, expressively modulated and beautifully recorded... Throughout, Shelley is a master of the notes, free from indulgence and mannerism, but always with spring, sparkle, shape and significance.’*

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On a very special day that honours the best of the best, come and celebrate with Howard Shelley and the London Mozart Players. This three-concerts series begins at 3pm; attend all three for just £45\*

## SUNDAY 8 MARCH

3.00–4.15pm

Beethoven 2nd Piano Concerto  
(which was written first)

Beethoven 1st Piano Concerto

45 min break

5.00–6.30pm

Beethoven 3rd Piano Concerto  
Beethoven 4th Piano Concerto

1 hour break

7.30–8.30pm

Beethoven 5th Piano Concerto  
‘Emperor’

## TICKETS

Book one concert: £20\*

Book two concerts (any combination): £32\*

Book all three: £45\*

(\*booking fee may apply).

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One of Britain's most respected musicians, Howard Shelley's long international career is reflected in an acclaimed discography that exceeds 160 recordings of more than eighty composers. Conductor Laureate of the London Mozart Players, in 2020 Howard also celebrates 45 years of association with the LMP.

Founded in 1949 by Harry Blech, the London Mozart Players is known for its unmistakable British roots. Over its seventy years at the forefront of London's music scene, the LMP has developed a reputation for adventurous programming, from Baroque to genre-crossing contemporary music. The orchestra performs in some of London's most prestigious concert halls including St John's Smith Square, Queen Elizabeth Hall and Cadogan Hall, and in 2019 it returned to the newly re-opened Fairfield Halls as resident orchestra.



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