

A close-up, profile view of a young person with dark hair, focused on playing a cello. The lighting is dramatic, with a strong blue and purple glow on the right side of the frame, contrasting with the warmer reds and oranges on the left. The background is blurred, showing other musicians and the interior of a concert hall.

**MIDDLESBROUGH
TOWN HALL**

**Middlesbrough Classics
2023/24**

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Welcome

Not much beats the thrill of live orchestral music. The power and passion of some the greatest musicians giving their all in music that composers have poured their heart and soul into. Orchestral music has the power to provoke emotional highs and lows, to take you out of the everyday, to provide shared memories and to rejuvenate and inspire.

This season of events at Middlesbrough Town Hall has something for all tastes, whether it's our Viennese-style New Year's celebration, classical guitar in the hands of Miloš, symphonies by Beethoven, Sibelius and Mozart, or the full might of Handel's choral masterpiece, Messiah.

For a second year we've kept our pricing very simple. All tickets are just £25, and you can start to save money as soon as you book more than one concert at once. Plus, tickets for those aged 30 or under are just £5.

We look forward to sharing great music with you, we hope you'll be able to join us.

Concerts at a Glance

Thursday 28 September 2023, 7.30pm
Middlesbrough Town Hall

BEETHOVEN'S FOURTH SYMPHONY

Jörg Widmann Con Brio
Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky Rococo Variations
Ludwig van Beethoven Symphony No. 4
Jaume Santonja conductor
Bruno Philippe cello
Royal Northern Sinfonia

Tuesday 31 October 2023, 7.30pm
Middlesbrough Town Hall

BRUCH'S VIOLIN CONCERTO

Boris Lyatoshynsky
Grazhyna Symphonic Picture
Max Bruch Violin Concerto No. 1
Jean Sibelius Symphony No. 1
Volodymyr Sirenko artistic director
& chief conductor
Aleksy Semenenko violin
National Symphony Orchestra of Ukraine

This concert is not included in our multi-buy discount.

Thursday 23 November 2023, 7.30pm
Middlesbrough Town Hall

BRAHMS' SECOND PIANO CONCERTO

Johannes Brahms Piano Concerto No. 2
Justé Januliyté Elongation of Nights
Robert Schumann Symphony No. 4
Dinis Sousa conductor
Sunwook Kim piano
Royal Northern Sinfonia

Sunday 17 December 2023, 3.00pm
Middlesbrough Town Hall

HANDEL'S MESSIAH

George Frideric Handel Messiah
Peter Whelan director
Nardus Williams soprano
Jess Dandy contralto
Laurence Kilsby tenor
Ashley Riches bass-baritone
Royal Northern Sinfonia
Chorus of Royal Northern Sinfonia

Tuesday 2 January 2024, 3.00pm
Middlesbrough Town Hall

VIENNESE NEW YEAR'S CONCERT

A selection of celebratory pieces to mark the New Year, Viennese style.

Antonio Méndez conductor
Rebecca Bottone soprano
Royal Northern Sinfonia

Thursday 11 January 2024, 7.30pm
Middlesbrough Town Hall

MIŁOŠ AND FRIENDS

Programme includes:
Johann Pachelbel Canon in D
Johann Sebastian Bach
Brandenburg Concerto No. 3
Antonio Vivaldi Largo from Guitar
Concerto in D major
Miloš Karadaglić guitar
Jonathan Cohen conductor
Arcangelo Ensemble

Thursday 1 February 2024, 7.30pm
Middlesbrough Town Hall

MUSIC FROM THE MOVIES

Music from some of the greatest soundtracks of all time; from the classic movies of the 1950's right up to present day blockbusters.

Stephen Bell conductor
Royal Northern Sinfonia

Friday 26 April 2024, 7.30pm
Middlesbrough Town Hall Crypt

ANGELA HEWITT PLAYS MOZART

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart
Piano Concerto No. 6
Piano Concerto No. 24
Symphony No. 38 'Prague'
Maria Włoszczowska director
Angela Hewitt piano
Royal Northern Sinfonia

Thursday 23 May 2024, 7.30pm
Middlesbrough Town Hall Crypt

MOZART'S CLARINET CONCERTO

Fazil Say Chamber Symphony
Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart Clarinet Concerto
Igor Stravinsky Danses Concertantes
Ludwig Van Beethoven Symphony No. 1
Nil Venditti conductor
Cristina Mateo clarinet
Royal Northern Sinfonia

Find out more about the music in our free pre-concert talks, taking place 1 hour before the main concert.



Thursday 28 September 2023, 7.30pm
Middlesbrough Town Hall

BEETHOVEN'S FOURTH SYMPHONY

Jörg Widmann

Con Brio (12 mins)

Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky

Rococo Variations (20 mins)

Ludwig van Beethoven

Symphony No. 4 (35 mins)

Jaume Santonja conductor

Bruno Philippe cello

Royal Northern Sinfonia

Concert lasts around 90 minutes including a 20 minute interval

A journey from darkness to light, Beethoven's Fourth Symphony is a compact masterpiece, opening with dark, almost threatening music, and ending with an effervescent, glittery finale. A piece to blow away the cobwebs, and perhaps one of the most instantly satisfying pieces that Beethoven ever wrote.

A tribute to Mozart, Tchaikovsky's Rococo Variations sees an amiable tune transformed time after time, culminating in a thrilling trot of a finale. To start we have 'Con Brio' ('with panache') – inspired by Beethoven but as if that Beethoven had been put through a mincer, emerging in all sorts of weird and wonderful ways... an intriguing and entertaining start to your evening.

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Tuesday 31 October 2023, 7.30pm
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BRUCH'S VIOLIN CONCERTO

Boris Lyatoshynsky

Grazhyna Symphonic Picture (19 mins)

Max Bruch

Violin Concerto No. 1 (25 mins)

Jean Sibelius

Symphony No. 1 (40 mins)

Volodymyr Sirenko artistic director
& chief conductor

Maksym Grinchenko leader

Antonii Baryshevskyi piano

Aleksey Semenenko violin

Yevhen Ulianov percussion

Natalia Subbotina cello

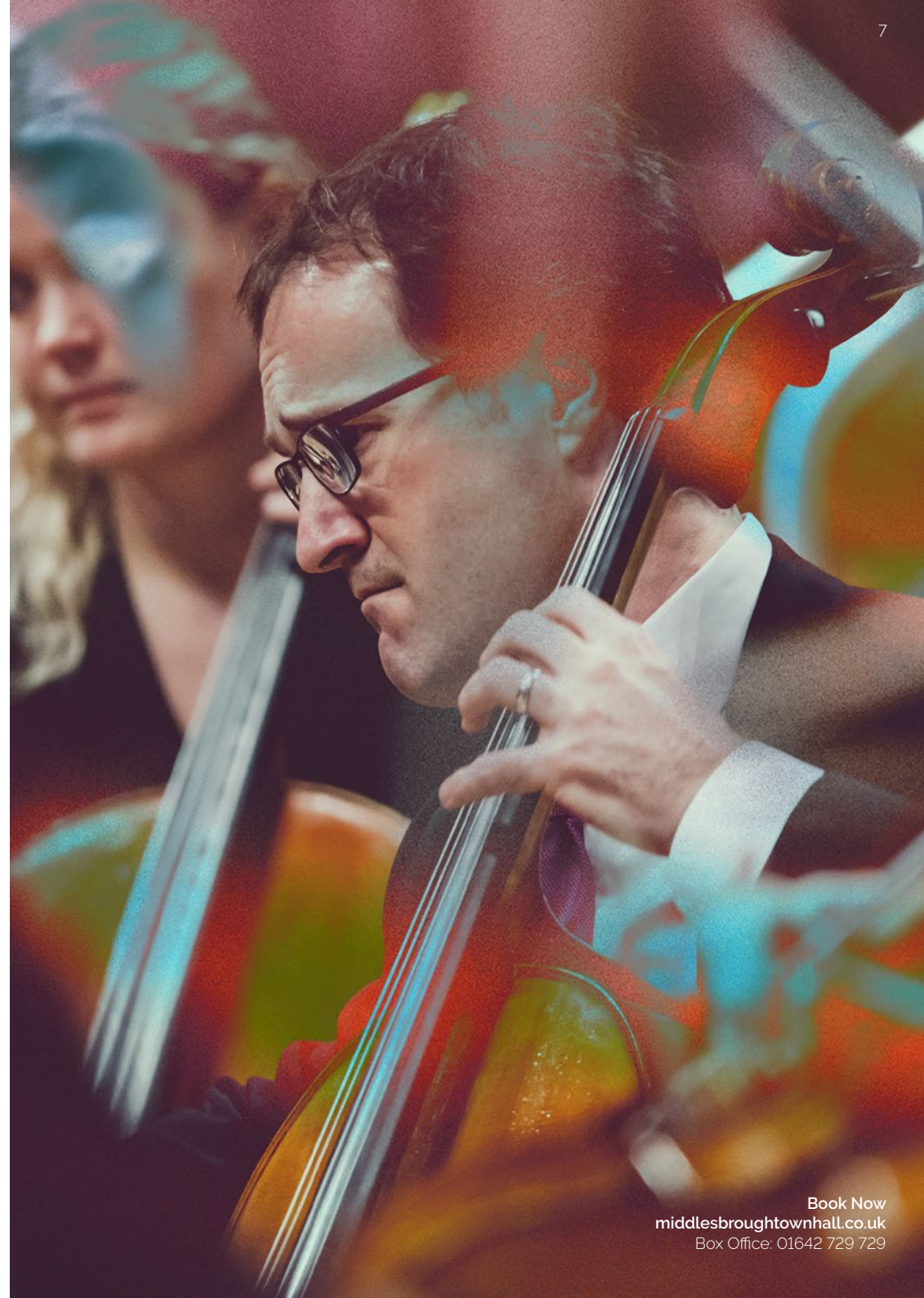
Veronika Lemishenko harp

National Symphony Orchestra of Ukraine

Concert lasts around 2 hours
including a 20 minute interval

Consistently ranked as one of the most popular pieces of classical music, Bruch's romantic showpiece is full of sweeping melodies, tunes that tug on your heart-strings and breathtaking displays of skill from the soloist. Sibelius' First Symphony is brooding and dark, but at the same time majestic and awe-inspiring, full of lush orchestral sound. Our very special Ukrainian guests start the evening with music from their homeland.

Please note that multi-buy discounts do not apply to this special event



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BRAHMS' SECOND PIANO CONCERTO

Johannes Brahms

Piano Concerto No. 2 (46 mins)

Justé Januliyté

Elongation of Nights (8 mins)

Robert Schumann

Symphony No. 4 (29 mins)

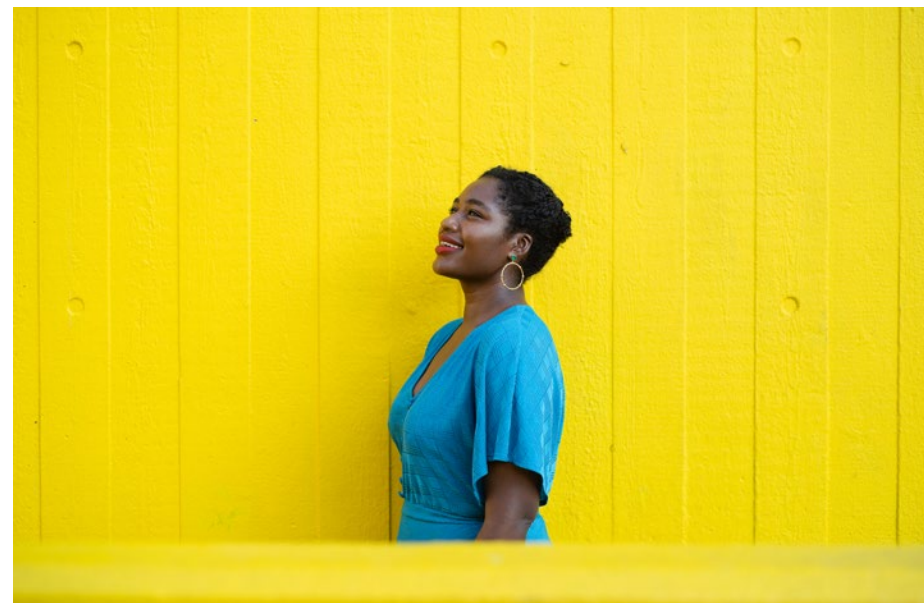
Dinis Sousa conductor

Sunwook Kim piano

Royal Northern Sinfonia

**Concert lasts around 2 hours
including a 20 minute interval**

Think of tonight's concert as a sandwich. Two delicious, very hearty slices of music from the Romantic era surround a delicate and tangy filling. 'Elongation of Nights' is full of exquisite shimmering strings, starting as a fine thread of sound before broadening to something urgent and insistent, then fading back to a memory. Brahms' epic second concerto starts your evening off, while Schumann's symphony is intense, grabbing your attention right from the start, and closes your night in satisfyingly thrilling style.



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HANDEL'S MESSIAH

Georg Frideric Handel
Messiah

Peter Whelan director

Nardus Williams soprano

Jess Dandy contralto

Laurence Kilsby tenor

Ashley Riches bass-baritone

Royal Northern Sinfonia

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Handel's visionary, ecstatic Messiah; a perfect start to the festive season.

Messiah is one of those pieces which we think we all know, and then you sit in front of it and are once again wowed and reminded just what a genius Handel was. Full of memorable tunes, it's an ever-dramatic rollercoaster of emotion that takes in rage, sorrow, joy and jubilation.

Join us and be uplifted in this pre-Christmas treat.



Left: Antonio Méndez
Right: © Thomas Jackson / Tynesight Photography



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Middlesbrough Town Hall

VIENNESE NEW YEAR'S CONCERT

Antonio Méndez conductor
Rebecca Bottone soprano
Royal Northern Sinfonia

**Concert lasts around 2 hours
including a 20 minute interval**

After the popularity of our debut New Year's event we return with another slice of Viennese musical deliciousness. Expect waltzes, polkas and more in this afternoon of music which takes inspiration from the famous New Year's concerts in Vienna's Musikverein.

Did you know?

You can save 10% just by buying one other performance in the classics series? See page 17 for details.

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Miloš Karadaglić © Lars Borges / Mercury Classics



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MILOŠ AND FRIENDS

Programme includes:

Luigi Boccherini

Fandango

Johann Sebastian Bach

Chaconne

Johann Pachelbel

Canon in D

Johann Sebastian Bach

Brandenburg Concerto No. 3

Antonio Vivaldi

Largo from Guitar concerto in D major

Miloš Karadaglić guitar

Jonathan Cohen conductor

Arcangelo Ensemble

**Concert lasts around 2 hours
including a 20 minute interval**

Superstar guitarist Miloš Karadaglić joins baroque music specialists Arcangelo, led by their dynamic conductor Jonathan Cohen, for a real treat of a concert. A pick and mix of some of the best of baroque music, your evening includes Pachelbel's ever-famous Canon, the irresistible tunes of Bach's Brandenburg Concerto No. 3 (impossible not to tap your foot to), and the soul-soothing beauty of the slow movement from Vivaldi's Guitar Concerto.

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Stephen Bell conductor
Royal Northern Sinfonia

**Concert lasts around 2 hours
including a 20 minute interval**

Movie soundtracks contain some of the most dramatic and memorable music for orchestra that there is. Tonight you'll be able to enjoy music from films from the golden age of Hollywood right up to present day blockbusters, including Out of Africa, ET, Beauty and the Beast, Gladiator, and Chitty Chitty Bang Bang.

Under 30?

Enjoy this and every other concert in the series for just £5 a ticket



Friday 26 April 2024, 7.30pm
Middlesbrough Town Hall Crypt

ANGELA HEWITT PLAYS MOZART

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart
Piano Concerto No. 6 (26 mins)
Piano Concerto No. 24 (33 mins)
Symphony No. 38 'Prague' (32 mins)

Angela Hewitt director/piano
Maria Włoszczowska director
Royal Northern Sinfonia

**Concert lasts around 2 hours
including a 20 minute interval**

A rare treat as one of today's greatest pianists and a real Mozart specialist, Angela Hewitt, plays not one but two of his Piano Concertos: music of invention, delicacy and ever-flowing melody.

You'll witness a riot of creativity in the second half too – Mozart's Prague symphony is the richest of musical experiences, with its sprightly and cheeky ending providing a joy-filled conclusion to the concert.



Thursday 23 May 2024, 7.30pm
Middlesbrough Town Hall Crypt

MOZART'S CLARINET CONCERTO

Fazil Say

Chamber Symphony (20 mins)

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

Clarinet Concerto (25 mins)

Igor Stravinsky

Dances Concertantes (20 mins)

Ludwig Van Beethoven

Symphony No. 1 (25 mins)

Nil Venditti conductor

Cristina Mateo clarinet

Royal Northern Sinfonia

Concert lasts around 1 hour 45 minutes
including a 20 minute interval

Fresh, optimistic and convivial, Mozart's Clarinet Concerto is the centrepiece of our season-closing concert, which finishes with Beethoven's graceful yet high-voltage Symphony No. 1. Along the way experience the rhythmic energy of Stravinsky's spiky Dances Concertantes and Fazil Say's Chamber Symphony, inspired by the music of Turkey.

ENJOY MORE, SAVE MORE!

The more concerts you enjoy in the Middlesbrough Classics series, the more you'll save. Plus everyone who books multiple concerts in the year will qualify for priority booking for future Middlesbrough Classics series. Discounts start when you book just 2 events.

Save a huge 25%

When you buy 8 concerts in the series
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Save 10%

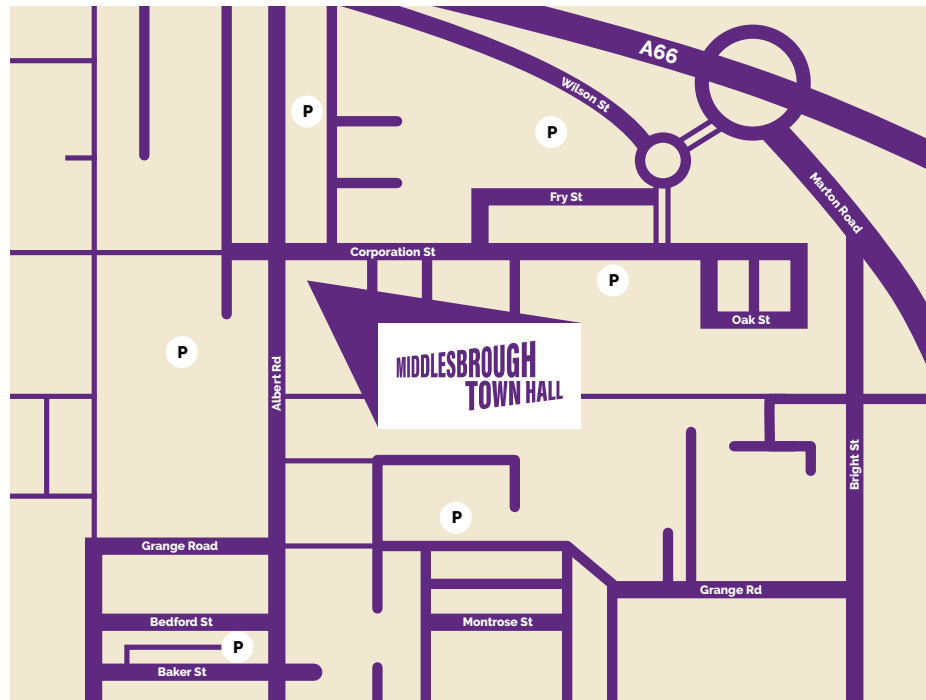
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Booking and Travel



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Monday: 10.00-15.00
 Tuesday: Closed
 Wednesday: Closed
 Thursday: Closed
 Friday: 10.00-15.00
 Saturday: 10.00-15.00
 Sunday: Closed
 The Box Office is open until 9pm
 on show evenings

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Tickets

Tickets: All tickets are £25, with discounts available when booking more than one performance – see page 17 for details.

Under 30's: All tickets just £5!

Online: The best way to book is online at middlesbroughtownhall.co.uk

Phone: 01642 729 729 (10.00-15.00, Mon, Fri & Sat)

In person: at Town Hall Box Office

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Access Information

Personal Assistant tickets

Any customer who requires a Personal Assistant to be present in order for them to access the venue and evacuate it in an emergency is entitled to a free ticket for their assistant.

Qualifying documentation must be shown as proof of this:

- A letter from the local authority confirming receipt of disability allowance
- Local authority disability pass – this does not include Blue Badges
- Local authority visual impairment card
- Disability rail card
- Doctor's note (valid for 6 months)
- CEA card

Once you have presented your proof to the Box Office, you will not need to show it again for 12 months from that date in order to be entitled to Personal Assistant tickets.

Please note Personal Assistant tickets can only be purchased in person or by phone.

For more information please go to: middlesbroughtownhall.co.uk/accessibility or email: venueaccess@middlesbrough.gov.uk

Parking

Middlesbrough Town Hall has no on-site parking, however parking is available throughout the town centre.

Council car parks

All council car parks are free after 6pm. Those close to the Town Hall include mima, on-street at Albert Road, Baker and Bedford Streets, France Street (white bays), Buxton Street and Gurney Street (white bays).

Cleveland Centre

Visitors to the Town Hall during the evening can park at the nearby Cleveland Centre car park for just £1.50 between 18.00 and midnight.

Disabled (Blue Badge) parking

Blue Badge holders can park free of charge in any bay in Council operated car parks (apart from the designated electric vehicle-only bays in Zetland and Captain Cook Square multi-storey car parks).

Legislation also allows Blue Badge holders to park free of charge and without time limit in any on-street pay and display or limited waiting parking bays. This is clearly stated in the guidance issued to all Blue Badge holders when they receive or renew their badges.



“The whole show
was amazing”

“The atmosphere
was fantastic. The
orchestra were
out of this world”

Audience members