

BBC Proms on the World Service 2024

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Program Length: 53 minutes

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BBC Proms 2024: Beethoven's Fifth, EP 1 of 4

First broadcast: Saturday 3 August

Broadcast window: 3 – 10 August 2024

The opening of Beethoven's Fifth symphony is perhaps the most instantly recognisable piece of classical music; it has been reused and remixed in film and pop music, sent into interstellar space on board of the Voyager spacecraft, immortalised in wartime BBC broadcasts. But can that familiarity sometimes obscure the groundbreaking nature and emotional power of the work?

The young conductor Elim Chan opens the 2024 Proms season with the BBC Symphony Orchestra in a programme that also includes a brand new work from a young British/Japanese composer.

Andrew McGregor and conductor Alice Farnham introduce this concert from the Royal Albert Hall in London.

Ludwig van Beethoven - Symphony No. 5 in C minor

BBC Proms 2024: The Sound of Disco, EP 2 of 4

First aired: Saturday 10 August

Broadcast window: 10 – 17 August 2024

The disco movement transformed the sound, style, and fashion of the 1970s and many of the disco hits that electrified the dance floor in New York and beyond borrowed extensively from orchestral traditions. Here, the BBC Concert Orchestra returns the favour, lending its power and exuberance to an evening that celebrates a pivotal movement in late 20th-century club culture and the glorious music it produced. With iconic hits from Chic, Gloria Gaynor, Diana Ross, Boney M. and Walter Murphy.

Andrew McGregor and composer and producer Mykaell Riley introduce this concert from the Royal Albert Hall in London.

BBC Proms 2024: Anne-Sophie Mutter plays Brahms, EP 3 of 4

First aired: Saturday 17 August

Broadcast window: 17 – 24 August 2024

For a quarter of a century, young Arab and Israeli musicians have been working together in the West–Eastern Divan Orchestra, united by the ideals of listening, respect, and mutual understanding. On their summer concert tours they are often joined by some of today’s most acclaimed soloists and for this timely Prom, the orchestra and its co-founder Daniel Barenboim bring with them Brahms’s consolatory Violin Concerto featuring the violin virtuoso Anne-Sophie Mutter.

Andrew McGregor and musicologist Katy Hamilton introduce this concert from the Royal Albert Hall in London.

Johannes Brahms - Violin Concerto in D major

BBC Proms 2024: Dances with the Kanneh-Masons, EP 4 of 4

First aired: Saturday 24 August

Broadcast window: 24 August – 31 August 2024

Recitals of short works were very popular in the early days of the Proms and this concert updates that tradition for the 21st century. The wide-ranging selection of folk songs, classical miniatures and pop tunes on the programme showcases the close links between all kinds of music and the human impulse to dance. Brothers Braimah and Sheku Kanneh-Mason and the Brazilian guitarist Plínio Fernandes are joined by the Fantasia Orchestra which makes its Proms debut under its founder, Tom Fetherstonhaugh.

Andrew McGregor and dancer and choreographer Kenneth Olumuyiwa Tharp introduce this concert from the Royal Albert Hall in London.