

CONCERT PROGRAMME

14th - 17th July 2025, Symphony Hall, Birmingham

Services For Education's Birmingham Youth Proms are a highlight in the musical year of Birmingham's schools, bringing together more than 4,500 young instrumentalists and singers, aged 8 to 18.

These concerts will feature music from a variety of genres and are a culmination of the work SFE has been doing in schools and at ensemble centres throughout 2024-25. The concerts will have BSL interpretation.

Good evening,

Thank you for joining us at this year's Youth Proms to celebrate the remarkable achievements of our fantastic ensemble members.

It's been another inspiring year of music-making for our young musicians, and I couldn't be prouder of everything they've accomplished.

I only moved to Birmingham, and Services For Education, in September but I have been absolutely amazed by the dedication, talent and resilience of the young people we work with every day, and I'm truly excited to see them shine on such a wonderful stage at this week's events.

The last year has been eye opening for me in many ways! Seeing the quality of provision that our Music Service provides to the young people in our city is a privilege, and being able to represent our team across the great city of Birmingham is a responsibility that I do not take lightly.

Every week, our passionate team works with around 32,000 children, and it's incredibly rewarding to see the positive impact they continue to make. Our staff are truly an incredible group of people, and it is hugely rewarding for me to see them continue to thrive and help nurture the next generation of musicians in Birmingham.

The Youth Proms are the culmination of a year filled with dedication, creativity, and hard work. A sincere thank you to all our young musicians for their commitment, and to the parents, carers, families, and friends who continue to support us.

Lastly, to the headteachers, music coordinators, and school staff - especially those who host our ensembles each week - thank you. We couldn't do it without you and we remain truly grateful for your support.



I hope you enjoy Youth Proms 2025.

Richard Mabbott

Head of Music Service

Our Compere - Des Coleman



Des Coleman is a BAFTA winner and Royal Television Society Award recipient whose 30 years career spans film, theatre, and television. He first rose to fame playing the lovable rogue Lenny Wallace in EastEnders, a role he held for four years during which the show itself earned a BAFTA. He's also appeared on numerous TV programs and starred in the Sky cult classic Is Harry on the Boat. His powerful performance in the film Simple earned him a Best Supporting Actor nomination at the Santa Monica Film Festival.

Des has played lead roles in major West End productions including Miss Saigon (Theatre Royal Drury Lane), Rent (Shaftesbury Theatre), and Porgy and Bess (Savoy Theatre) under the direction of Sir Trevor Nunn.

A seasoned broadcaster he trained at the Met office for his role as a weather presenter with his engaging presence making him a fan favourite on Inside Out, and The Politics show. After presenting on The One Show for 3 years he joined ITV to win two more RTS Awards for ITV News Central and Good Morning Britain.

Des continues to inspire as a dynamic host and motivational speaker across the UK and is taking his 'Swing and Musicals' show to Derby Theatre: Coventry Albany: Tamworth Assembly Rooms: Sutton Coldfield Town Hall and Wolverhampton Grand in July, Sept and November.

British Sign Language Interpreter - Sarah Butt



Sarah Butt is a registered British Sign Language interpreter specialising in interpreting within the arts, particularly theatre and music. Working all over the UK, Sarah is based in the Midlands, and provides BSL interpretation for the City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra family, schools and relaxed concerts series.

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Monday 14th July 2025 - 7.00pm

Birmingham Schools' Steel Band

Conductor: Stephon Phillip

Wonderwall

Eine Kleine Nachtmusik

El Bimbo

Noel Gallagher arr. Stephon Phillip

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart arr. Stephon Phillip

Claude Morgan arr. Stephon Phillip

Birmingham Schools' Percussion Ensemble

Conductor: Bethan Jones

Sand

Big Adventure

Alan Keown

Brian Mueller

Birmingham Schools' Training Wind Orchestra

Conductor: Charlotte Buxton

Rio Bravo

The Approaching Storm

Steve's Lava Chicken

See You Again

Bye, Bye, Bye

Scott Watson

Rob Wiffin

Johnnie Vinson

arr. Johnnie Vinson

arr. Johnnie Vinson

Birmingham Schools' Primary Choir

Conductor: Sarah Mapp

Featuring:

- *Clifton Primary School*
- *Colmore Junior School*
- *Coppice Primary School*
- *Cotteridge Primary School*
- *Gossey Lane Academy*
- *Holy Cross Catholic Primary School*
- *Hill West Primary School*
- *Kings Heath Primary School*
- *Kings Rise Academy*
- *Lozells Junior, Infant and Nursery school*
- *St Francis CE Primary School and Nursery*
- *St Laurence Church Junior School*
- *West Heath Primary School*
- *Woodthorpe JI School*

Motown Medley

Medley arranged by Sarah Mapp, Ruth Roberts,
Andy Ross

INTERVAL

Birmingham Schools' Massed Ensemble accompanied by Birmingham Schools' Symphony Orchestra

Conductor: Charlotte Buxton

Featuring:

- *Whitehouse Common Primary School*
- *Colmore Junior School*
- *St Laurence Church Junior School*
- *KEVI Handsworth Grammar School for Boys*
- *St Francis CE Primary School and Nursery*
- *New Oscott Primary School*
- *Bishop Vesey's Grammar School*
- *Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School*
- *Oasis Academy Short heath*
- *Washwood Heath Academy*
- *Kings Norton Girls' School*
- *World's End Junior School*

Smoke on the Water Deep Purple arr. Buxton

Doctor Who Theme Ron Grainer/Delia Derbyshire arr. Iain Farrington

Funky Town Steven Greenberg arr. Buxton

Birmingham Schools' Singers

Conductor: Thomas Lenthall

Accompanist: William Cheung

Running up that Hill

Kate Bush arr. Roger Emerson

Sunday

Stephen Sondheim arr. Mac Huff

Unwritten

Natasha Beddingfield, Danielle Brisebois, Wayne Rodrigues arr. Roger Emerson

Birmingham Schools' Symphony Orchestra

Conductor: Daniele Rosina

Leader: Gughan Gill

Star Wars Suite

John Williams

1. *Princess Leia's Theme*

2. *Imperial March*

3. *Yoda's Theme*

4. *Throne Room and End Title*

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Tuesday 15th July 2025 - 7.00pm

Birmingham Schools' Training Percussion Ensemble

Conductor: Sarah Chatt

Red Rock Canyon from Three Scenes from the Desert Alex Stopa

Blockheads

Nathan Daughtrey

I Just Can't Wait to be King

Elton John and Tim Rice arr. Sarah Chatt

Birmingham Schools' Double Reed Ensemble

Conductor: Lesley Morson

Waltz no. 2

Shostakovich arr. Alfie Pugh

Lord of the Dance

arr. Dt Lin

Birmingham Schools' Junior String Orchestra

Conductor: Kirsteen Scott

Vanguard Overture

Richard A. Stephan

Gavotte (from Holberg Suite Op. 40)

Edvard Grieg arr. Jeff Bailey

Blue Rhythmico

Kirt N. Mosier

Golden Grove

Brian Balmages

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Birmingham Schools' Primary Choir

Conductor: Ruth Roberts

Featuring:

- *Barford Primary School*
- *Bournville Village Primary*
- *Chivenor Primary*
- *E-ACT Mansfield Green Primary Academy*
- *Featherstone Primary School*
- *Kings Norton Primary*
- *Mere Green Primary School*
- *Pegasus Primary School*
- *Penns Primary School*
- *St Brigid's Catholic Primary School*
- *St John Fisher Catholic Primary School*
- *St Peter's Catholic Primary School*
- *Star King Solomon Academy*
- *The Meadows Primary School and Resource Base*
- *Tiverton Academy*

Motown Medley Medley arranged by Sarah Mapp, Ruth Roberts, Andy Ross

INTERVAL

Birmingham Schools' Massed Ensemble accompanied by Birmingham Schools' Brass Band

Conductor: Saphran Ali

Featuring:

- *Fairfax Academy*
- *St Teresa's Catholic Primary School*
- *Abbey Catholic Primary School*
- *The Oaks Primary School*
- *Holy Cross Catholic Primary School*
- *St Edward's RC Primary School*
- *Mansfield Green EACT Academy*
- *Featherstone Primary School*
- *Mere Green Primary School*
- *Bournville Village Primary School*
- *Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Primary School*

Smoke on the Water Deep Purple arr. Buxton

Doctor Who Theme Ron Grainer/Delia Derbyshire arr. Iain Farrington

Funky Town Steven Greenberg arr. Buxton

Birmingham Schools' Guitar Sinfonia

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Conductor: Adam Hickman

Habanera from Carmen George Bizet arr. Dan Jones
Yesterday and Lady Madonna John Lennon and Paul McCartney arr. BSGS
Diabolo Steve Marsh

Birmingham Schools' Brass Band

Conductor: Saphran Ali

Principal Cornet: Heather Cooper

Back to the Future	Alan Silvestri arr. Darrol Barry
Starburst	Dan Price
The Irish Blessing (featuring 'Our leavers Group' 2025)	Joyce Eilers Bacak arr. Steven Bradnum
Light-Walk	Barrie Gott

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16th July 2025 - 7.00pm

Birmingham Schools' Azaad Dhol Group

Leader: Harjit Singh

Dhol Medley Harjit Singh

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Bhangra Medley Lember arr. Inderjit Singh

Birmingham Schools' Recorder Sinfonia

Conductor: Michelle Holloway

Birmingham Schools' String Sinfonia

Conductor: William Cheung

Serenade No.13 in G "Eine Kleine Nachtmusik" Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

i. Allegro

ii. Romanze

Highlights from *Moana*

Lin-Manuel Miranda arr. by Larry Moore

Birmingham Schools' Primary Choir

Conductor: Sarah Mapp

Featuring:

- *Ark Victoria Academy*
- *Glenmead Primary School*
- *Heathlands Primary Academy*
- *Ladypool Primary School*
- *Lakey Lane Primary School*
- *Our Lady's Catholic Primary School*
- *Severne Primary School*
- *Slade Primary School*
- *St George's Church of England Primary School*
- *St James CE Primary School*
- *Victoria School*
- *Warren Farm Primary School*
- *Water Mill Primary School*
- *Westminster Primary School*

Motown Medley Medley arranged by Sarah Mapp, Ruth Roberts, Andy Ross

INTERVAL

Birmingham Schools' Massed Ensemble accompanied by Birmingham Schools' Wind Orchestra

Conductor: Sara Wilson

Featuring:

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- *Boldmere Junior School*
- *Lordswood Boys' School*
- *Swanshurst School*
- *Saint Bernard's RC Primary*
- *St Wilfrid's Catholic Primary School*
- *Acocks Green Primary School*
- *Hamstead Hall Academy*
- *Bournville School*
- *Queensbridge School*
- *Lakey Lane Primary School*
- *Westminster Primary School*
- *William Murdoch Primary School*
- *Lordswood Girls' School*
- *Elms Farm Primary School*
- *Waverley School*

Smoke on the Water Deep Purple arr. Buxton

Doctor Who Theme Ron Grainer/Delia Derbyshire arr. Iain Farrington

Funky Town Steven Greenberg arr. Buxton

Birmingham Schools' Training Guitar Ensemble

Conductor: Tom Reed

Desert Sunset

Tony Mizen arr. Tom Reed

Watz in A Minor - D145 No. 6

Franz Schubert arr. Tom Reed

Flamenco & Flamingo (*Soloist-Arthur Alexander*) Andrew Hobler

Encanto Medley

Lin-Manuel Miranda arr. Tom Reed

Birmingham Schools' Wind Orchestra

Conductor: Adrian Taylor

Dance I (from Jazz Suite No. 2) Dmitri Shostakovich arr. Johan De Meij

Eldfjall (World Premier) Ben Rindl

MacArthur Park Jimmy Webb arr. Philip Sparke

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Thursday 17th July 2025 - 7.00 pm

Birmingham Schools' Guitar Ensemble

Conductor: Nick Chamberlain

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Funky Jürg Kindle

Treveni Rodrigo Sanchez and Gabriela Quintero arr. Nick Chamberlain

Birmingham Schools' Raga and Tala Ensemble

Leaders: Gurdeep Singh-Dharni and Harjinder Singh Matharu

Raga Yaman Vilambit Gat G.S Dharni and H.S Matharu

Raga Yaman Drut Gat G.S Dharni and H.S Matharu

Raga Peelu - Tala Keharawa G.S Dharni and H.S Matharu

Raga Peelu - Jhala & Jugalbandi in Fast Teental G.S Dharni and H.S Matharu

Birmingham Schools' Training Brass Band

Conductor: David Taylor

Michael Jackson Hit Mix
(Part 1)

Michael Jackson arr. Johnnie Vinson

i. Billie Jean

ii. Beat It

Choral Fantasy

Alan P. Marlow

When I grow Up

Tim Minchin arr. David Edmonds

Michael Jackson Hit Mix
(Part 2)

Michael Jackson arr. Johnnie Vinson

iii. Bad

iv. Thriller

Birmingham Schools' Primary Choir

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Conductor: Ruth Roberts

Featuring:

- *Alston Primary School*
- *Brookfields Primary school*
- *Cherry Orchard Primary School*
- *Cofton Primary School*
- *Harborne Primary*
- *Highfield Junior & Infant School*
- *Minworth J+I School*
- *Montgomery Primary Academy*
- *Nonsuch Primary*
- *Oasis Academy Short Heath*
- *Our Lady of Rose & Lima*
- *Raddlebarn Primary School*
- *Regents Park Community Primary School*
- *St. Cuthbert's*
- *Turves Green Primary*

INTERVAL

Birmingham Schools' Massed Ensemble accompanied by Birmingham Schools' Concert Band

Conductor: Saphran Ali

Featuring:

- *King Edward VI Sheldon Heath Academy*
- *Cherry Orchard Primary School*
- *Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Primary School*
- *St Joseph's Catholic Primary School*
- *The Rosary Ensemble*
- *St Cuthbert's School, Stechford*
- *Cofton Primary School*
- *Raddlebarn Primary School*
- *Cockshut Hill School*
- *St Augustine's Primary*
- *Archbishop Ilesley Catholic School*
- *St James' Catholic Primary*
- *Birches Green Junior School*
- *St Mary's C of E Primary School*
- *Hillstone Primary School*
- *St Michael's Primary Academy*
- *St Michaels's C of E Primary School*
- *Lea Forest Primary Academy*
- *Holy Cross Catholic Primary School*
- *Grendon Primary School*

Smoke on the Water Deep Purple arr. Buxton

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Doctor Who Theme Ron Grainer/Delia Derbyshire arr. Iain Farrington
Funky Town Steven Greenberg arr. Buxton

Birmingham Schools' Piano and Keyboard Ensemble

Conductor: Andrew Ross and Wayne Duffell

Forget You Thomas Callaway, Phillip Lawrence, Peter Hernandez, Ari Levine and Christopher Brown
 arr. Wayne Duffell
I'm Still Standing Elton John and Bernie Taupin arr. Wayne Duffell

Birmingham Schools' Jazz Band

Conductor: Ashley Buxton

The Simpsons arr. Les Hooper
When I Wish Upon a Star Leigh Harlene
Chameleon arr. Jay Chattaway

Birmingham Schools' Concert Band

Conductor: Saphran Ali

Into the Clouds! Richard L. Saucedo
Metal! arr. Sean O'Loughlin
Whispers from Beyond Rossano Galante
It's Raining Men Jabara/Shaffer arr. Scott Richards

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**** NEW this year - dining offers ****

To help people make the most of an evening at our Youth Proms, we've built relationships with some local restaurants, who have kindly offered some *discounts which we have listed below.



Where: Albert's Schloss (Paradise, One Chamberlain Square, B3 3AX)

Website: [Bar, Restaurant + Beer Hall - Albert's Schloss Birmingham](#)

Discount: complimentary drink with every main course.

Book via: email Sophie sophiep@albertsschloss.co.uk

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Where: Hotel du Vin Bistro (Church Street, B3 2NR)

Website: [Menus for Birmingham Bistro | Hotel du Vin & Bistro](#)

Discount: 15% off food and drinks.

Book via: email Money mchopra@malmaison.com

Code: SFEProms



Where: Chez Mal @ Malmaison (1 Wharfside Street, B1 1RD)

Website: [Enjoy Chez Mal Brasserie & Bar in Birmingham | Malmaison Birmingham](#)

Discount: 15% off food and drinks.

Book via: email Money mchopra@malmaison.com

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Where: Gusto Italian (Unit 10, Grand Hotel, Colmore Row, B3 2BS)

Website: [Birmingham Italian Restaurant | Gusto Italian](#)

Discount: Special Theatre Menu: Two courses £25 / Three courses £30 plus get a free drink.

Book via: email Charlotte birminghamesm@gustorestaurants.com

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Where: Box Brindley Place (1-2 Waters Edge, Brindley Place, B1 2HL)

Website: [BOX Brindleyplace | Sports Bar & Kitchen In Birmingham](#)

Discount: 20% off food and 10% off drinks

Book via: email Saskia Saskia.Keatman@arcinspirations.com

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Where: Rudy's Pizza, Brindley Place (6 Oozells Square, B1 2JB)

Website: [Brindleyplace, Birmingham – Rudy's Pizza](#)

Discount: Full pizza, side salad & two drinks (selected pizzas, drinks and salad) for £32.50 per person

Book via: email, brindleyplace@rudypizza.co.uk

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Where: Manahatta (Temple Street, B2 5BN)

Website: [Food at Manahatta Temple Street | Manahatta](#)

Discount: 50% off food

Book via: email Saskia, Saskia.Keatman@arcinspirations.com

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