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Conductor Neil Mantle Leader Michael Rigg

SINFONIA

Founded in 1970 by its conductor, Neil Mantle, Sinfonia has performed over two hundred concerts in its 30 year history. The orchestra has a wide range of repertoire but has become noted for its Mahler performances which have for many years been a feature of the Edinburgh Festival Fringe Music. Sinfonia is proud to be able to claim the first performance in Scotland of Richard Strauss' mighty *Alpine Symphony* and more recently to be the first non-professional orchestra to programme the Elgar/Payne *Third Symphony*. The orchestra's Mahler series is steadily being released on CD, on sale at our concerts, from our Website and from Chandler's, 33 West Nicholson Street, Edinburgh. The success of these recordings does much to spread Sinfonia's name beyond the U.K.

We look forward to welcoming you at Greyfriars Kirk this season.

*"The orchestra was quite magnificent.
The strings sounded flawless, the brass were splendid..."*

Dundee Courier, 13 March 2000

Sinfonia is very grateful to Robert Stephens for his continued generosity in sponsoring the orchestra for this season.

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£8
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Ticket Information

MARCH
with Edinburgh
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£10
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BOOKINGS

The Queen's Hall
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SINFONIA 2000

AUGUST

SUNDAY 27

5.00PM

MONDAY 28

8.00PM

Edinburgh Festival Fringe

Of an earlier Sinfonia performance of Mahler's huge Resurrection Symphony, The Times wrote:

"We were rewarded by a performance of tremendous authority and power... A professional orchestra could hardly have made a greater impact."

...need we say more?

Greyfriars Kirk

Mahler Symphony No.2 in C minor
"Resurrection"

Marni Rachel Lamb Soprano
Heather Boyd Mezzo Soprano
Neil Mantle Conductor
Edinburgh Bach Choir

NOVEMBER

SUNDAY 19

7.30PM

20th Century British Masterworks

Neil Mantle has, over the 30 year history of Sinfonia, conducted contemporary British music as frequently as possible. Here he has compiled a highly rewarding programme - contrasting favourites with the less familiar. We are delighted to welcome violinist Claire Docherty, who makes her first appearance with us.

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Dyson Overture: The Canterbury Pilgrims

Delius The Walk to the Paradise Garden

Walton Violin Concerto in B minor

Vaughan Williams Fantasia on a Theme

of Thomas Tallis

Britten Young Person's Guide to the Orchestra

Claire Docherty Violin
Neil Mantle Conductor

SINFONIA 2001

FEBRUARY

SUNDAY 4

7.30PM

Russian Evening

Spring is ushered in early this year with Stravinsky's exciting masterpiece which caused such a scandal at its premiere in Paris in 1913. Whether there will be a riot in Edinburgh on 4th February we cannot be sure but we can promise you an evening to remember! Edinburgh born pianist Geoffrey Duce is certain to make the sparks fly in Tchaikovsky's much loved First Piano Concerto. Don't miss this!

Greyfriars Kirk

Borodin Symphony No.3 in A minor

Tchaikovsky Piano Concerto No.1 in Bb minor

Stravinsky The Rite of Spring

Geoffrey Duce Piano
Neil Mantle Conductor

MARCH

SATURDAY 24

7.30PM

Brahms Concert

We always enjoy our annual collaboration with the Edinburgh Bach Choir. This time we offer a bumper bundle Brahms programme contrasting two of his best loved, if very different, works. The talented Emma Hancock makes her first appearance with us in Brahms' passionate Violin Concerto.

Greyfriars Kirk

Brahms Violin Concerto

Brahms Ein Deutsches Requiem

Emma Hancock Violin
Marni Rachel Lamb Soprano
Stewart Kempster Baritone
Neil Mantle Conductor
Edinburgh Bach Choir

MAY

SUNDAY 6

7.30PM

2001 is here!

Our title for this concert refers of course to Stanley Kubrick's celebrated film in which he used the commanding opening of Strauss's tone poem to great effect: catapulting a hitherto unjustly neglected work to instant fame.

From moving pictures to the static variety, we offer Mussorgsky's ever popular 'Pictures at an Exhibition'. This colourful music is sure to bring this season to a triumphant close.

We are delighted to feature our principal trumpet Mike Hardy in Haydn's delightful concerto.

Greyfriars Kirk

Strauss Also Sprach Zarathustra ("2001")

Haydn Trumpet Concerto in Eb major

Mussorgsky Pictures at an Exhibition

Mike Hardy Trumpet
Neil Mantle Conductor