

The Nation's Favourite Prom

Vote for the Nation's Favourite Overture

• Audiences vote for favourite overtures to be heard in **The Nation's Favourite Prom, Saturday 17 July, 7.00pm**

• Concert includes other favourites: **Mozart arias, Rakhmaninov's Paganini Rhapsody and Tchaikovsky's '1812' Overture**

The BBC Proms continues to involve its audience as much as possible – not only can audiences have their say on the Proms website and BBC interactive services, they can also vote for what they want to hear in part of a Proms concert. BBC Proms website visitors and readers of the BBC Proms Guide and *Radio Times* are asked to vote from a selection of overtures to be performed by the Hallé Orchestra under Mark Elder at The Nation's Favourite Prom on Saturday 17 July.

For the first time audiences can vote for their favourite works by text message and remind themselves which overture is which by listening to excerpts on the BBC Proms website.

Two of the world's top soloists join the concert for performances of other popular works: Jonathan Lemalu sings arias by Boito, Gounod and Mozart; and Louis Lortie plays Rakhmaninov's *Rhapsody on a Theme of Paganini*. The concert's finale is Tchaikovsky's '1812' Overture. The Nation's Favourite Prom is broadcast live on BBC Radio 3 and on BBC One on Sunday 18 July at 10.15pm.

The shortlisted overtures are:

Beethoven	<i>Egmont</i>
Berlioz	<i>Roman Carnival</i>
Glinka	<i>Ruslan and Lyudmila</i>
Mendelssohn	<i>Hebrides</i>
Mozart	<i>Marriage of Figaro</i>
Nicolai	<i>Merry Wives of Windsor</i>
Rossini	<i>William Tell</i>
Rossini	<i>Thieving Magpie</i>
Smetana	<i>Bartered Bride</i>
Johann Strauss II	<i>Fledermaus</i>
Verdi	<i>Force of Destiny</i>
Weber	<i>Freischütz</i>

There are three ways to vote:

- Online at www.bbc.co.uk/proms (where you can listen to sound-clips)
- By telephone on 09066 800 601 (calls cost 25p a minute)
- By SMS: text PROMS plus the first word of your chosen overture's title (eg 'PROMS EGMONT') to 83111 (messages cost a maximum of 12p).

Voting closes at 12.00 midnight on Monday 21 June.

Full information on voting is available in the *Radio Times*, on the BBC Proms website and in the Proms Guide.