

BBC Proms in the Park

BBC Proms in the Park Saturday 11 and Sunday 12 September

- **Biggest Proms in the Park ever with Last Night events in London, Belfast, Glasgow, Swansea and Manchester**
- **Terry Wogan, Evelyn Glennie, Operatunity winners and conductor Carl Davis among the stars in Hyde Park**
- **BBC Children's Prom in the Park features classics from the great Disney films with plenty of action on stage and screen**

Following the huge success of Proms in the Park in all four nations of the United Kingdom for the first time in 2003, the 2004 Last Night celebrations go one further as Manchester joins the party. With events in London, Belfast, Swansea, Glasgow and Manchester, this will be the biggest year yet for Proms in the Park. As in previous years, each city will have its own distinctive concert before joining together with big-screen link-ups for the live relay of the famous finale of the Last Night of the Proms from the Royal Albert Hall.

Bill Morris, Project Director, BBC Live Events, says: 'We thought BBC Proms in the Park couldn't get any bigger than holding events in all four nations of the United Kingdom, but we are delighted to welcome Manchester in 2004, making the biggest Last Night of the Proms celebrations to date.'

In Hyde Park, world-renowned percussionist Evelyn Glennie and winners of the popular TV series *Operatunity* Denise Leigh and Jane Gilchrist are among the stars who join the BBC Concert Orchestra to perform some of the nation's best-loved music. The legendary

Carl Davis conducts. Terry Wogan once again hosts the evening's entertainment and the Royal Choral Society leads the singing as the 2004 Proms season comes to its rousing conclusion. Celebrations begin in the late afternoon when Radio 2's Ken Bruce presents ABBA tribute stars Björn Again, the colourful Scottish/Latin group Salsa Celtica and the Ray Gelato Giants.



The Hyde Park celebrations continue with a family event on Sunday 12 September. This year, the BBC Children's Prom in the Park celebrates Disney's Enchanted Evening. This collaboration between the BBC Proms in the Park and Disney features the music of favourite classic Disney movies such as *The Lion King*, *Beauty and the Beast*, *Aladdin* and *Mary Poppins*. There will be plenty of action and surprise guests joining the BBC Concert Orchestra on stage, and big screens will carry footage of the featured films. The event will culminate in a giant firework display.

The Proms in the Park family grows once more as Manchester joins the Last Night

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festivities for the first time for an event using the backdrop of URBIS in the grounds of the Cathedral Gardens and featuring the world-class Hallé Orchestra conducted by John Wilson.



Northern Ireland hosts BBC Proms in the Park for the third time with audiences in the grounds of City Hall in Belfast's Donegall Square joining the Ulster Orchestra for a feast of entertainment. Conducted by Thierry Fischer, songs come courtesy of acclaimed baritone Bruno Caproni and home-grown star, flautist James Galway.

In Swansea, the BBC National Orchestra of Wales is conducted by Grant Llewellyn. National favourite Aled Jones presents the concert and is joined by Welsh tenor Dennis O'Neill, Broadway star Kim Criswell and the all-girl string quartet Celticana, while at Glasgow's Pacific Quay the BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra joins the fun for the second year.

BBC Proms in the Park, a regular fixture of the Last Night of the Proms since 1996, is now an established part of the BBC Proms season attracting capacity audiences to London's Hyde Park and other venues throughout the UK. The concerts are broadcast live across BBC Radio and Television. Radio 2 broadcasts live

coverage from Hyde Park, and BBC Radio Wales, Scotland, Ulster and GMR will broadcast their local events. Televised highlights of all five Proms in the Park will be shown as part of BBC One and BBC Two's live coverage of the Last Night of the Proms.

Digital satellite, Freeview and digital cable viewers can press the red button to access an interactive TV service for the Last Night of the Proms on BBC Two and BBC One. The interactive service will enable digital satellite and digital cable viewers to access programme notes for the concert in the Royal Albert Hall and live footage from Proms in the Park concerts across the country. Freeview viewers will be able to access programme notes for the concert in the Royal Albert Hall and live footage from Hyde Park.

The BBC Proms in the Park website also provides full details and booking facilities for each concert at www.bbc.co.uk/proms/pitp



Tickets available as follows:

BBC Proms in the Park, London

(Saturday 11 September)

Hyde Park. Gates open 4.00pm; entertainment on stage from 5.30pm.

Tickets: £19.00 (under-3s free)

Telephone booking: 0870 899 8100

(24 hrs national rate, £2 transaction fee applicable) and (after 14 June) from the Royal Albert Hall on 020 7589 8212

(9.00am–9.00pm, £2 transaction fee applicable) or online via www.bbc.co.uk/proms

BBC Proms in the Park, Belfast

(Saturday 11 September)

Donegall Square. Admission by FREE ticket.

For information call 0870 333 1918.

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BBC Proms in the Park, Swansea

(Saturday 11 September)

Singleton Park. Tickets: £6.50 in advance or £8.00 on the day (under-12s free), from the BBC Call NOW line on 08700 13 1812 or the Grand Theatre Box Office on 01792 475 715, or in person from the Grand Theatre Box Office, Singleton Street, Swansea SA1 3QJ.

BBC Proms in the Park, Glasgow

(Saturday 11 September)

Pacific Quay. Admission by FREE ticket (available from 1 July). For information call 08700 100 300.

BBC Proms in the Park, Manchester

(Saturday 11 September)

URBIS, Cathedral Gardens. Admission by FREE ticket (available from 12 June). For information call 08700 100 300.

BBC Children's Prom in the Park celebrates Disney's Enchanted Evening

(Sunday 12 September)

Hyde Park. Gates open 5.00pm; entertainment on stage from 6.30pm. Event ends at 8.30pm
Tickets: £12 (adults) £7.50 (children 3-16; under-3s free)

Telephone booking: 0870 899 8001 (24 hrs national rate, £2 transaction fee applicable) and (after 14 June) from the Royal Albert Hall on 020 7589 8212 (9.00am–9.00pm, £2 transaction fee applicable) or online via www.bbc.co.uk/proms