

A post-primary schools' concert with the Ulster Orchestra



Tuesday 24 February 2009 Belfast Waterfront, 11am

Stephen Bell conductor Colin Stark presenter



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## Stephen Bell



Born in Bury, Lancashire, Stephen Bell won a place to study conducting and French horn at the Royal College of Music in 1980, where he spent five years studying with Norman Del Mar. In addition to holding the posts of Principal Horn with the BBC Concert Orchestra, Britten Sinfonia and solo horn of the Haffner Wind Ensemble for several years, Stephen Bell is often asked to exchange his horn for the baton as he now finds himself increasingly in demand as a conductor for many leading orchestras.

### Ulster Orchestra

The Ulster Orchestra was formed in 1966 and is now one of the key symphony orchestras in these islands. It gives concerts across Northern Ireland, with a major concert series here at the Belfast Waterfront and in the Ulster Hall.

The Ulster Orchestra undertakes a large and innovative programme of education and outreach work throughout Northern Ireland, recognised by an award from the Royal Philharmonic Society, the *Inspire* Mark of the Cultural Olympiad and several prestigious Arts & Business awards.

The Orchestra has enjoyed a list of distinguished Principal Conductors,

including Belfast-born Kenneth Montgomery, Thierry Fischer, Bryden Thomson, Vernon Handley, Yan Pascal Tortelier and Sergiu Comissiona.

It has made over 70 commercial recordings and has a unique relationship with the BBC as its exclusive broadcast partner with concert relays on Radio 3, Radio Ulster and BBC TV. The mix of commercial recordings and streamed internet broadcasts has considerably enhanced the Orchestra's international reputation. Concerts across Ireland and at the BBC Proms in London, plus tours of Europe, Asia, and the USA have added to this reputation.

Programme devised by Colin Stark
Programme Consultant Paul McKinley

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### Colin Stark

Colin Stark is a principal player in the Ulster Orchestra and an honours graduate of Queen's University, Belfast, in Music, English and Philosophy. He was awarded the Ashby Prize and the Hamilton Harty Scholarship, and he was President of the QUB Music Society. For the past eighteen years Colin Stark has played an important role in the Ulster Orchestra's education and outreach programme. As an independent consultant he has been involved in devising and facilitating music education projects, leading workshops and

training days, presenting concerts, teaching and examining at the local universities. He has been involved in a National Teaching Fellowship research project on the assessment of performance in universities and conservatoires. Colin Stark coaches in the business world, using the metaphor of performance to enhance skills in stress management and communication. He has been a member of the Ulster Orchestra's Board and several of its sub-committees. In 1994 Colin Stark was elected to membership of The Royal Society of Musicians.

#### Time Travel with the Ulster Orchestra

Composer	Work	Further Listening
Purcell	Rondeau from Abdelazar	Suite in G major
Bach	Rejouissance from Suite No.4	Brandenburg Concerto No.1
Mozart	Finale from Symphony No.35 Haffner	Symphony No.25
Beethoven	First Movement, Symphony No.5	Overture Coriolan
Brahms	First Movement excerpt, Symphony No.2	Serenade No.1
Stravinsky	Kastchei from The Firebird	The Rite of Spring
Britten	Theme from The Young Persons' Guide	Four Sea Interludes from Peter Grimes
Britten	Storm from Four Sea Interludes	Four Sea Interludes from Peter Grimes
Part	Cantus in memory of Benjamin Britten	Spiegel Im Spiegel
Adams	Shaker Loops - A Final Shaking	The Chairman Dances
Lloyd Webber	Jellicle Ball	Variations
John Williams	Hedwig's theme	Star Wars
Zimmer	Pirates of the Caribbean	The Dark Knight

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