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# Forest Philharmonic

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**SEASON 2023/24**



Originally based in Walthamstow, Forest Philharmonic has been performing high-quality music in East London and other central London venues such as the Barbican and Royal Festival Hall since 1964. Under the direction of Artistic Director Mark Shanahan we have gained an impressive reputation for the high quality and vitality of our performances. Come and join us on Sunday evenings to escape the frantic bustle of London life and enjoy some high-quality live classical music.

### Our venues in 2023 and 2024: St Gabriel's Church

12 Aldersbrook Road, Aldersbrook, London E12 5HH

### Sir James Hawkey Hall

Broomhill Road, Woodford, London IG8 0BG

#### Sunday 15 October 2023 6.30pm St Gabriel's Aldersbrook

**MOZART** Overture: The Magic Flute  
**PROKOFIEV** Symphony no 1 ('Classical')  
**SCHUBERT** Symphony no 9 in C  
*Conductor* **Mark Shanahan**

We open the season with one of Mozart's greatest operatic overtures, followed by Prokofiev's witty, succinct early 20th-century evocation of Haydn alongside Schubert's gloriously expansive last symphony.

#### Sunday 10 December 2023 6.30pm Hawkey Hall, Woodford

**ELGAR** In the South (Alassio)  
**HOLST** Beni Mora: Oriental Suite in E minor  
**FLORENCE PRICE** Symphony no 3 in C minor  
*Conductor* **Mark Shanahan**

Forest Philharmonic's first performance of a work by the wonderful, but long-underrated black American pianist and composer Florence Price (1887-1953). In the first half, we hear music inspired by English composers on their travels: Elgar evokes Italy, Holst evokes Algeria.

#### Sunday 10 March 2024 6.30pm St Gabriel's Aldersbrook

**MOZART** Overture and concert arias  
**MAHLER** Symphony no 4 in G  
*Conductor* **Mark Shanahan**

Mahler's symphonies aim to encompass 'the whole world'. The classical textures in the first movement are followed by a diabolic scherzo with a weirdly-retuned solo violin; a slow movement which builds from utter calm to depicting the opening of the gates of heaven; and a finale in which a soprano sings of a child's vision of paradise.

#### Sunday 30 June 2024 6.30pm St Gabriel's Aldersbrook

**BACEWICZ** Overture  
**DELIBES** Coppelia Suite  
**SIBELIUS** Symphony no 1 in E minor  
*Conductor* **Mark Shanahan**

Sibelius at his most romantic, alongside glorious ballet music from Delibes and a vibrant mid 20th-century overture by Polish violinist and composer Grazyna Bacewicz.

On Saturday 11 November Forest Philharmonic will be playing a concert with the Lewisham Choral Society including the *Magic Flute* Overture and Mozart's Requiem at Goldsmiths University of London, New Cross, London SE14 6NW.  
*Conductor: Dan Ludford* Book tickets via [lewishamchoralsociety.org.uk](http://lewishamchoralsociety.org.uk)

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**In person**  
On the night at the venue (cards accepted)

**Information line** (Mon-Fri 09:00-17:00)  
020 8521 8541

#### TICKET PRICES

Full price	£18
Concessions	£15
Age 25	£6.50
Family ticket (1 adult & 1 child under 16)	£18

#### Season tickets

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Free parking available at both venues.