

BBC Proms on the World Service 2023

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Program Length: 53 minutes

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First broadcast: Saturday 5 August

Broadcast window: 5 – 12 August 2023

Double Proms debut.

South Korean star violinist Bomsori and conductor Anja Bihlmaier make their Proms debuts with Bruch's much-loved First Violin Concerto – the 'richest' and 'most seductive' of all the concertos for the instrument, according to 19th-century virtuoso Joseph Joachim.

Samuel Coleridge-Taylor's youthful Ballade, alongside his Hiawatha's Wedding Feast, established the composer's reputation at the age of just 23. No wonder his mentor Edward Elgar described the young composer as 'far and away the cleverest fellow going amongst all the young men'.

Andrew McGregor and music director Allyson Devenish introduce this Prom from the Royal Albert Hall in London.

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First aired: Saturday 12 August

Broadcast window: 12 – 18 August 2023

Tribute to Lata Mangeshkar - Bollywood Legend.

A Proms tribute to the 'Nightingale of India', Lata Mangeshkar, whose voice was the soundtrack for generations of Indian cinema-goers. The legendary Bollywood playback singer died last year, aged 92. Her legacy is celebrated in this concert by the Muchhal siblings and the City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra. Together, they mark the immense career and catalogue of an extraordinary, era-defining artist.

Andrew McGregor and Bollywood researcher Prof. Rajinder Dudrah introduce this Prom from the Royal Albert Hall in London.

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First aired: Saturday 19 August

Broadcast window: 19 – 25 August 2023

Romanticism the Hungarian way.

One of the most esteemed pianists of today, Sir Andras Schiff, joins forces with fellow Hungarians in an exploration of two celebrated works of German Romanticism. Weber's *Der Freischütz* (The Freeshooter) sees Romanticism take a supernatural turn when a huntsman makes a deal with the Devil. Schumann's generous, poetic bravura work renegotiates the traditional relationship between soloist and orchestra in a concerto.

Andrew McGregor and Katy Hamilton introduce this Prom from the Royal Albert Hall in London.

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First aired: Saturday 26 August

Broadcast window: 26 August – 1 September 2023

Mindful Mix Prom.

A relaxing musical meditation with Grammy-nominated vocal group VOCES8, Norwegian pianist-composer Ola Gjeilo and the Carducci String Quartet. This Prom explores the universal, timeless themes of night and stillness through the lens of stress-busting music from the 20th and 21st centuries.

Andrew McGregor and neuropsychologist Prof. Catherine Loveday introduce this Prom from the Royal Albert Hall in London.