



MEDIA ALERT:

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THIS SUNDAY SING-ALONG WITH PATRIOTIC BRITS IN THE QUINTESSENTIALLY BRITISH LAST NIGHT OF THE PROMS

Express from the UK Sunday, September 14 at 8.30pm on UKTV



This Sunday on UKTV, Australian fans will have the chance to join patriotic Brits festooned in Union Jack hats, flags and paraphernalia and sing-along to what has been embraced globally as the world's greatest classical musical festival - *Last Night Of The Proms*.

Last Night of the Proms brings the eight-week summer BBC Proms festival to an end with one final night of musical celebrations. For the first time in its history, it will feature a virtual choir as part of a Mary Poppins sing-along to celebrate 50 years since the iconic Disney film was released. Singers and fans across the world who have pre-recorded a video of themselves singing *Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious* will appear on screen during the concert as audiences join in a medley of favourites from the film including *A Spoonful of Sugar*, *Chim Cheree* and *Let's Go Fly A Kite*.

Sakari Oramo, Chief Conductor of the BBC Symphony Orchestra leads his players for the first time in the world-famous finale with star soloists violinist **Janine Jansen** and baritone **Roderick Williams** performing a wide range of works including Chausson's *Poème* and Williams's own arrangement of *Ol' Man River* and *Joshua Fit the Battle of Jericho*.

The concert also features the world premiere of composer Gavin Higgins' BBC commission, *Velocity*, as well as the music of one of the season's anniversary composers, Strauss. Arnold's *Peterloo* overture receives its world premiere performance in a new choral version with lyrics by Academy Award and Golden Globe winning lyricist, Sir Tim Rice (*Jesus Christ Superstar*, *Aladdin*, *The Lion King*) and the concert closes with the traditional Last Night pieces.

Baritone **Roderick Williams** said: "I think Australian viewers will enjoy celebrating an event that brings out the most bizarre quirkiness in the British psyche."

“No doubt there will be a few Union Jack flags waving in the Albert Hall on Proms night... but I hope viewers across the world can join in and wave their own flags too.”

***Last Night of the Proms* premieres on UKTV express from the UK on Sunday, September 14 at 8.30pm.**

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