

Salisbury Symphony Orchestra

Established 1917 – formerly the Salisbury Orchestral Society

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Conductor: David Halls

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Press Release

“From the Rhine to the Avon” – Xanten twinning celebratory concert

In Salisbury City Hall on Saturday 25th November 2006 at 7:30pm the Salisbury Symphony Orchestra will be performing Mahler's huge, dramatic and personal 6th Symphony “Tragic” which with its three hammer blows of fate prophetically predicted Mahler's own future.

The premiere of Mahler's 6th took place one hundred years ago at Essen, only 30 miles from the medieval cathedral town of Xanten in Germany with which Salisbury historically twinned on St. George's day, 2006. Our concert therefore also celebrates this momentous event in association with the Salisbury-Xanten Twinning Association (SXTA).

In the first half of the concert will be the charming Serenade for string orchestra in E major by Antonín Dvorák.

In a new innovation for this concert, we are pleased to offer a free pre-concert talk at 6:30pm in the Alamein Suite, City Hall on Mahler 6 by Dr Jim Pritchard, Chairman of the Gustav Mahler Society.

The Salisbury Symphony Orchestra was formed in 1917 and is a talented community orchestra made up of accomplished amateur musicians, mostly from the Salisbury area. We are continually aspiring to the highest level of musical performance under our dynamic and popular conductor, David Halls who is also Director of Music of Salisbury Cathedral.

David Halls says of the concert: “I am really looking forward to putting the orchestra through its paces in this magnificent work. It is always a privilege to conduct music of such outstanding quality.” With an orchestra of over 100, this will be one of the largest concerts the Salisbury Symphony Orchestra has ever performed and is not to be missed!

- For further information, see our website – www.SalisburySymphonyOrchestra.org.uk
- Salisbury-Xanten Twinning Association (SXTA) – www.salisbury.gov.uk/council/council-structure/mayor/xanten-twinning-association
- Gustav Mahler Society – www.mahlersociety.org

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