



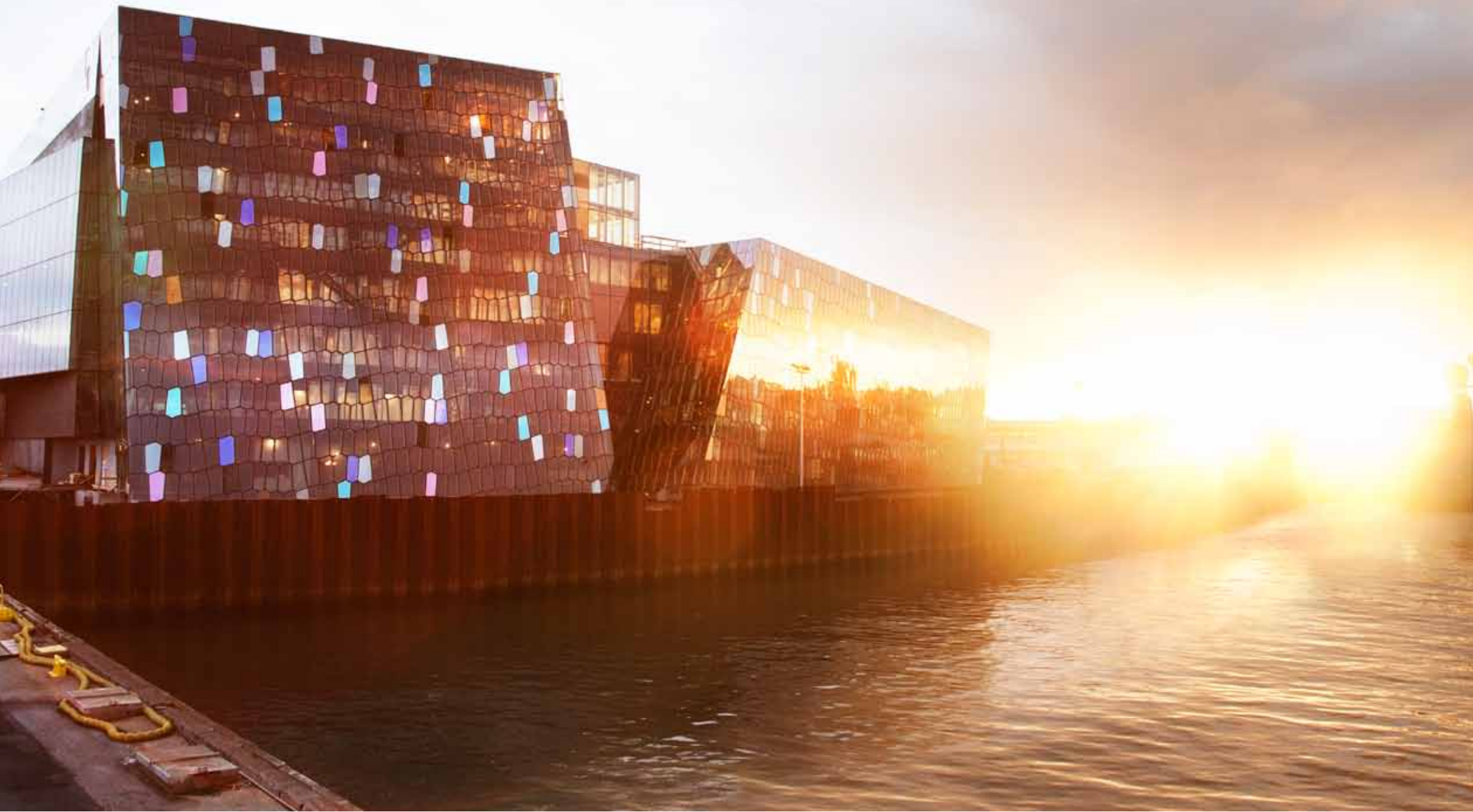
ICELAND SYMPHONY
ORCHESTRA

Concert Season

2011/12



The Iceland Symphony Orchestra
welcomes you to Harpa.



A Season to Remember

The Iceland Symphony Orchestra celebrates its 62nd season with an exciting and distinctive programme ranging from Vivaldi and Handel to Takemitsu and John Cage. Among the focal points of the season are the ISO's ongoing cycle of Mahler symphonies and a complete cycle of Beethoven's symphonies. The brilliant young conductor Ilan Volkov takes up his post as Music Director and Chief Conductor of the Iceland Symphony, and curates an exciting and original festival of modern music in March 2012. The opening of the 2011/2012 season features two concerts conducted by the legendary Russian conductor Gennady Rozhdestvensky, the ISO's Principal Guest Conductor, as well as a concert with Vladimir Ashkenazy, the orchestra's Conductor Laureate.

Founded in 1950, the ISO is Iceland's national orchestra. It gives around 60 concerts annually and has received great international acclaim for its recordings and international tours. The first volume of its series of the orchestral works of Vincent d'Indy on the Chandos label was nominated for a Grammy award in 2008 for Best Orchestral Performance, and the second volume was an Editor's Choice selection in Gramophone magazine. The ISO has toured widely in Europe and the United States, including two appearances in Carnegie Hall, in 1996 and again in 2000. Writing in the New York Times, Alex Ross described the ISO's performance under Osmo Vänskä as "sensational ... one of the finest Sibelius performances I have encountered."

Ilan Volkov Music Director

Ilan Volkov made his debut with the Iceland Symphony Orchestra in 2003 and takes on the post of Music Director and Chief Conductor in September 2011. He began his career as Assistant Conductor of the Boston Symphony Orchestra under Seiji Ozawa, and was Chief Conductor of the BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra from 2003 to 2009. He is a frequent guest with orchestras around the world, and his recordings have won critical acclaim as well as prestigious awards, including the Gramophone Award and the Monaco prize.



Gennady Rozhdestvensky



Víkingur Heiðar Ólafsson



Vladimir Ashkenazy



SEPTEMBER-OCTOBER 2011

THU 08 SEP 2011 » 19:30

Sergei Rachmaninoff: *Piano Concerto no. 3*

Dmitri Shostakovich: *Symphony no. 5*

Vladimir Ashkenazy conductor
Vikíngur Heiðar Ólafsson piano

THU 15 SEP 2011 » 19:30

Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky: *Piano Concerto no. 2*

Sergei Rachmaninoff: *Symphonic Dances*

Gennady Rozhdestvensky conductor
Viktoria Postnikova piano

THU 22 SEP 2011 » 19:30

W. A. Mozart: *Symphony no. 39*

Jean Sibelius: *Tapiola*

Leoš Janáček: *Sinfonietta*

Gennady Rozhdestvensky conductor

THU 29 SEP 2011 » 19:30

Toru Takemitsu: *I Hear the Water Dreaming*

Toru Takemitsu: *Air*

Gustav Mahler: *Symphony no. 7*

Ilan Volkov conductor
Melkorka Ólafsdóttir flute

FRI 30 SEP 2011 » 18:30

MASTERCLASS FOR CONDUCTORS

Johannes Brahms: *Movements from*

Symphony no. 1

Igor Stravinsky: *Petrushka, first half*

Ilan Volkov director

THU 06 OCT 2011 » 19:30

NORDIC MUSIC DAYS

Uljas Pulkkis: *Crystallizations*

Perttu Haapanen: *Obsession Park*

Hendrik Strindberg: *Neptuni ákrar*

Einar Torfi Einarsson: *Repetition of Repetition*

Martyn Brabbins conductor

Sif Tulinius violin

Janne Rättyä accordion

THU 13 OCT 2011 » 20:00, 21:00 & 22:00

Valgeir Sigurðsson: *Dreamland*

Daniel Bjarnason: *Processions (Piano Concerto)*

Daniel Bjarnason: *Emergence*

Steve Reich: *Different Trains*

Daniel Bjarnason conductor

Vikíngur Heiðar Ólafsson piano

ICE (International Contemporary

Ensemble) string quartet

THU 27 OCT 2011 » 20:00

CONCERT IN HOF, AKUREYRI

Carl Maria von Weber: *Clarinet Concerto no. 2*

in E-flat major

Ludwig van Beethoven: *Symphony no. 3*

in E-flat major, Eroica

Daniel Bjarnason conductor

Einar Jóhannesson clarinet



NOV-DEC 2011

DECEMBER 2011-FEBRUAR 2012

THU 03 & FRI 04 NOV 2011 » 19:30

Sergei Rachmaninoff: *Piano Concerto no. 2***Gustav Holst:** *The Planets*

Rumon Gamba conductor

Denis Matsuev piano

Vox feminae

Margrét Pálmadóttir choir director

SUN 06 NOV 2011 » 14:00

ICELAND SYMPHONY YOUTH ORCHESTRA**Gustav Mahler:** *Symphony no. 5*

Baldur Brönniman conductor

THU 10 NOV 2011 » 19:30

Áskell Másson: *Horn Concerto***Gustav Mahler:** *Symphony no. 9*

Petri Sakari conductor

Joseph Ognibene horn

THU 24 NOV 2011 » 19:30

Anna Þorvaldsdóttir: *aeriality***Henri Dutilleux:** *Tout un monde lointain...***Johannes Brahms:** *Symphony no. 4*

Ilan Volkov conductor

Sæunn Þorsteinsdóttir cello

SAT 26 NOV 2011 » 14:00 FAMILY CONCERT

Reinhold Glière: *from Harp Concerto***J. S. Bach:** *Badinerie from Orchestral Suite no. 2***Carl Maria von Weber:** *from Concertino for Clarinet***W. A. Mozart:** *from Horn Concerto no. 4***Lars-Erik Larsson:** *from Concertino for Double Bass***Pablo de Sarasate:** *from Zigeunerweisen*

Bernharður Wilkinson conductor

Katie Buckley, Hallfríður Ólafsdóttir,

Einar Jóhannesson, Joseph Ognibene,

Sigrún Eðvaldsdóttir, Hávarður

Tryggvason soloists

FRI 02 DEC 2011 » 19:30

G. F. Handel: *Messiah*

Matthew Halls conductor

Susan Gritton soprano

Robin Blaze alto

James Oxley tenor

Matthew Brook bass

Kór Áskirkju and Hjómeyki choirs

Magnús Ragnarsson choir director

WED 07 DEC 2011 » 19:30

BEETHOVEN CYCLE I**Ludwig van Beethoven:** *Symphony no. 1***Ludwig van Beethoven:** *Symphony no. 2***Ludwig van Beethoven:** *Symphony no. 3, Eroica*

Hannu Lintu conductor

FRI 09 DEC 2011 » 19:30

BEETHOVEN CYCLE II**Ludwig van Beethoven:** *Symphony no. 4***Ludwig van Beethoven:** *Symphony no. 5*

Hannu Lintu conductor

FRI 16 DEC 2011 » 17:00 FAMILY CONCERT

SAT 17 DEC 2011 » 14:00 & 17:00 FAMILY CONCERT

Leroy Anderson: *A Christmas Festival***Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky:** *Excerpts from The Nutcracker***Favourite Christmas Songs**

Bernharður Wilkinson conductor

Kristjana Stefánsdóttir vocalist

Sólveig Steinþórsdóttir violin

Sölvi Kolbeinsson saxophone

Students from the Iceland Ballet Academy

Kársnes School Choir

Halldóra Geirharðsdóttir host

THU 05, FRI 06 & SAT 07 JAN 2012

A New Year's Gala concert with Viennese favourites, including Johann Strauss's Blue Danube waltz and Die Fledermaus overture, as well as a selection of favourite waltzes and operetta arias performed by one of Iceland's best-loved sopranos.

Willy Büchler conductor

Sigrún Hjálmtýsdóttir soprano

THU 12 JAN 2012 » 19:30

A concert featuring the winners of this year's young soloist competition, held in co-operation with the Iceland Academy of the Arts. Winners will be announced in October 2011 and the programme will be posted on the ISO's website.

Bernharður Wilkinson conductor

Soloists TBA

THU 19 & FRI 20 JAN 2012 » 20:00

THE MUSIC OF JAMES BOND

Carl Davis, conductor

Valgerður Guðnadóttir, Sigríður Thorlacius, Sigríður Beinteinsdóttir, Páll Óskar Hjálmtýsson, Eyþór Ingi Gunnlaugsson vocalists

THU 26 JAN 2012 » 19:30

Giacinto Scelsi: *Hymnos***Atli Ingólfsson:** *Mani***Hugi Guðmundsson:** *Orkestrur***Iannis Xenakis:** *Metastasis***Hans Abrahamsen:** *10 Sinfonías*

Ilan Volkov conductor

THU 02 FEB 2012 » 19:30

Alban Berg: *Sieben frühe Lieder***Gustav Mahler:** *Symphony no. 6*

Osmo Vänskä conductor

Helena Juntunen soprano



FEB–MAR 2012

THU 09 FEB 2012 » 19:30

Claude Vivier: *Orion***W. A. Mozart:** *Violin Concerto no. 4***Dmitri Shostakovich:** *Symphony no. 11***Peter Oundjian** conductor
Hilary Hahn violin

THU 16 & FRI 17 FEB 2012 » 20:00

Howard Shore: *The Lord of the Rings Symphony***Ludwig Wicki** conductor
Kaitlyn Lusk vocalist
Kór Áskirkju, Hljómeyki,
Reykjavík Children's Choir
Margrét Pálmadóttir, Magnús Ragnarsson
choir directors

THU 23 FEB 2012 » 19:30

Arcangelo Corelli: *Concerto grosso op. 6 no. 4***G. F. Handel:** *Arias from Giulio Cesare and Lotario***Antonio Vivaldi:** *Arias from Griselda*
and *L'Olimpiade***Antonio Vivaldi:** *Violin Concertos in D major*
and *E minor***Enrico Casazza** conductor and violin
Simone Kermes soprano

THU 01, FRI 02 & SAT 03 MAR 2012

FESTIVAL OF MODERN MUSIC*A three-day festival of modern music curated by the ISO's Music Director, Ilan Volkov. The programme will feature an exciting selection of works by John Cage (in commemoration of the composer's centenary), Gérard Grisey and Morton Feldman, as well as music by Icelandic composers. A whole day will be devoted to the Icelandic composer Magnús Blöndal Jóhannsson, who was one of the pioneers of modernism in Iceland in the 1950s and 60s.***Ilan Volkov** conductor
John Tilbury piano
Oren Ambarchi instrumentalist

THU 15 MAR 2012 » 19:30

W. A. Mozart: *Sinfonia concertante*
for violin and viola**W. A. Mozart:** *Mass in C minor***Paul McCreesh** conductor
Elfa Rún Kristinsdóttir violin
Lise Berthaud viola
Miah Persson, Lisa Milne sopranos
Andrew Staples tenor
Ágúst Ólafsson bass
Hallgrímskirkja Motet Choir
Hörður Áskelsson choir director

FRI 30 MAR 2012 » 19:30

W. A. Mozart: *Le Nozze di Figaro, overture***W. A. Mozart:** *Piano Concerto no. 21*
in C major, K. 467**W. A. Mozart:** *Symphony no. 41 in C major, Jupiter***Bernard Labadie** conductor
Mihaela Ursuleasa piano

APRIL–JUNE 2012

SAT 28 APR 2012 » 14:00 FAMILY CONCERT

Antonio Vivaldi: *from The Seasons***Nikolai Rimsky-Korsakov:** *Flight of the Bumblebee***Johann Strauss:** *Thunder and Lightning Polka***Ludwig van Beethoven:** *from Pastoral Symphony***Bedřich Smetana:** *Moldau***Bernharður Wilkinson** conductor
Sif Tulinius violin

THU 10 MAY 2012 » 19:30

Dmitri Shostakovich: *Violin Concerto no. 1***Jean Sibelius:** *Symphony no. 2***Pietari Inkinen** conductor
Sigrún Eðvaldsdóttir violin

SAT 19 MAY 2012 » 14:00 FAMILY CONCERT

Alexander Glazunov: *Winter, from The Seasons***Pyotr Tchaikovsky:** *Excerpts from Sleeping Beauty***Maurice Ravel:** *Mother Goose Suite***Jórunn Viðar:** *Fire, ballet music***Bernharður Wilkinson** conductor
Students from the Iceland Ballet Academy
Valur Freyr Einarsson narrator

FRI 25 MAY 2012 » 19:30

Hector Berlioz: *Roméo et Juliette***Ilan Volkov** conductor
Guðrún Jóhanna Ólafsdóttir mezzo-soprano
Sveinn Dúa Hjörleifsson tenor
Nicolas Cavallier baritone
Kór Áskirkju, Hljómeyki,
Söngsveitin Fílharmónía choirs
Magnús Ragnarsson choir director

FRI 01 JUN 2012 » 19:30

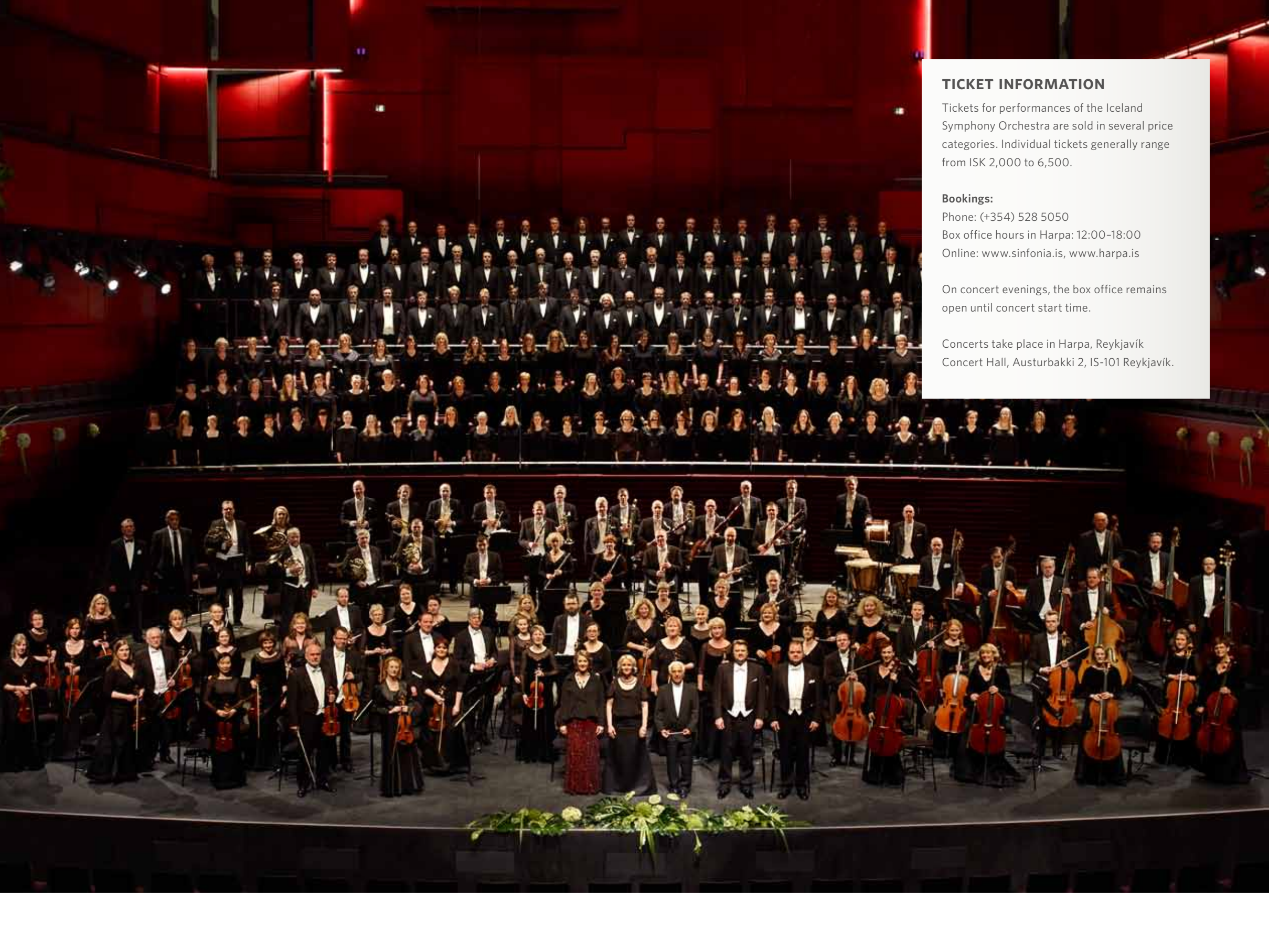
BEETHOVEN CYCLE III**Ludwig van Beethoven:** *Symphony no. 6***Ludwig van Beethoven:** *Symphony no. 7***Hannu Lintu** conductor

THU 07 JUN 2012 » 19:30

BEETHOVEN CYCLE IV**Ludwig van Beethoven:** *Symphony no. 8***Ludwig van Beethoven:** *Symphony no. 9***Hannu Lintu,** conductor
Hulda Björk Garðarsdóttir, soprano
Nathalía Druzin Halldórsdóttir, mezzo-soprano
Andrew Kennedy, tenor
Ágúst Ólafsson, bass
Hallgrímskirkja Motet Choir
Hörður Áskelsson, choir director

THU 14 JUN 2012 » 19:30

Jón Nordal: *Adagio***Alban Berg:** *Altenberg Lieder***W. A. Mozart:** *Non mi dir, from Don Giovanni***W. A. Mozart:** *Misera, dove son, K. 369***Franz Schubert:** *Unfinished Symphony***Ilan Volkov** conductor
Christine Schäfer soprano



TICKET INFORMATION

Tickets for performances of the Iceland Symphony Orchestra are sold in several price categories. Individual tickets generally range from ISK 2,000 to 6,500.

Bookings:

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Box office hours in Harpa: 12:00–18:00

Online: www.sinfonia.is, www.harpa.is

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