

### **Royal Liverpool Philharmonic Orchestra – Short Biography (279 words)**

**The Royal Liverpool Philharmonic Orchestra is the UK’s oldest continuing professional symphony orchestra. Performing more than 100 concerts every season from their home, Liverpool Philharmonic Hall, the Orchestra embodies the organisation’s commitment to enhancing and transforming lives through music.**

Now in its 185<sup>th</sup> season, the Royal Liverpool Philharmonic Orchestra – comprised of 80 full-time salaried musicians – is a cornerstone of Liverpool’s vibrant cultural life and a global ambassador of the city through an extensive touring schedule over the years throughout the UK, Asia, Europe and the US.

Led by Chief Conductor Domingo Hindoyan, the Orchestra has presented critically acclaimed concerts at home and on tour, working with world-class soloists and achieving recording success with eight internationally celebrated albums.

The Royal Liverpool Philharmonic Orchestra reaches millions worldwide through broadcasts and streaming and has 13 million total listeners on Spotify across 180 countries. The Orchestra is one of the most active Orchestras in the UK in supporting new music, with over 300 new works premiered and commissioned in the last 20 years. Alongside many works by Liverpool-born and Northwest-based composers including Mark Simpson, the Orchestra has given world premiere performances of major works by Eleanor Alberga, Grace-Evangeline Mason, Roberto Sierra, Sir Karl Jenkins, and Dani Howard, to name a few.

In 2024, the Orchestra won the Gramophone Classical Music Album of the Year Award in the orchestral category for a Vaughan Williams recording with Principal Guest Conductor Andrew Manze, making this the Orchestra’s third Gramophone Award.

Increasing access to music-making for young people, NHS patients and early career musicians, the Orchestra plays a central role in Liverpool Philharmonic’s wide-reaching learning and community engagement programmes, which support over 100,000 people each year.