University of Reading’s Spring Concert 2017

On Saturday 11 March, the University of Reading Orchestra and Chorus will come together for a musical celebration. The event starts at 7.30pm in the Great Hall on our London Road campus and I would be delighted if you were able to join us.

The concert programme includes Gioachino Rossini’s *Petite messe solennelle*, which translated means ‘Little solemn mass’. Written in 1863 and dedicated to the wife of Count Alexis Pillet-Will, the piece will be performed by the University Chorus, accompanied by two pianos and a harmonium.

The University Orchestra will be performing Edward Elgar’s *Variations on an Original Theme*. The piece is more popularly known as the *Enigma Variations*, due to Elgar’s imaginative musical cyphers hidden within the music. Each movement portrays one of his close circle of acquaintances, either in character or as a memory shared between the two.

I do hope that you are able to join us at this exciting concert. Please find enclosed some additional information about the event. I would be extremely grateful if you could RSVP by Monday 29 February to music@reading.ac.uk or by calling 0118 378 8518. If you have any questions about the concert please do not hesitate to contact me.

I hope to welcome you to the Great Hall next month.

Kind regards,

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