



Bramwell Tovey • Prom 56

BBC Concert Orchestra

‘It’s a funny feeling – I’ve conducted all over the world, but never at the BBC Proms.’ London-born conductor Bramwell Tovey has spent the past three decades in the USA and Canada – he’s currently Music Director Emeritus of the Vancouver Symphony Orchestra – and is excited to be making his Proms debut at last: ‘It feels like coming home after a long time.’

Tovey will be on the podium in front of the BBC Concert Orchestra, as its Principal Conductor. ‘It’s such a versatile, virtuoso group,’ he explains, referring to the orchestra’s exceptionally broad repertoire, from established classics to contemporary music, musicals, film music and more. ‘I really enjoy that – it feels like a natural fit with my own musical tastes.’

Tovey’s concert celebrates the legacy of Proms founder-conductor Henry Wood, the driving force behind the very first Proms, and features music, now well established, that Wood first unveiled to British listeners, including by Debussy and Ravel. There’s also a brand-new piece by Dobrinka Tabakova, the BBC Concert Orchestra’s Composer-in-Residence: ‘I think Sir Henry would have been delighted that a concert celebrating him would feature a new work, particularly by a composer so closely aligned with the Orchestra.’