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## THE EDINBURGH SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

The Edinburgh Symphony Orchestra was the brainchild of its first conductor, Donald James – then the Head of Music at Edinburgh Academy – and gave its first concert in aid of Oxfam at the Reid Concert Hall in June 1963. Since then, for over 40 years, it has given amateur players the opportunity to perform a symphonic repertoire to a high standard under the batons of Donald James (1963-67), Henry McGlone (1967-72), Neil Butterworth (1972-73), Leon Coates (1973-85), Alasdair Mitchell (1985-2003) and Gerard Doherty, the present conductor.

Many young soloists in the early stages of their professional careers have been given the opportunity to play with the ESO, and the work of local composers has been commissioned. The repertoire includes not only the best-known pieces, but also music which is not so regularly performed. The Orchestra has, on occasion, combined with choral societies and in May 2005 was invited to accompany a huge choir of volunteers from all of Scotland in a charity performance of Verdi's Requiem in the Usher Hall.

There are usually 3 or 4 performances each year: November, February or March and May – normally in Greyfriars Kirk. ESO is a subscription orchestra managed by an elected committee.

The Orchestra is always pleased to hear from amateur musicians who would like to play. Anyone interested in joining the Orchestra should contact the orchestra manager, Rob Saunders: [rob\\_saunders@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:rob_saunders@blueyonder.co.uk).

## Edinburgh Symphony Orchestra

### 2009-10 Programme

**Conductor: Gerard Doherty**  
**Leader: Iain Scott**

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Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> November 2009  
7.30pm

Greyfriars Kirk

**Bridge**

*The Sea*

**Elgar**

*Sea Pictures*

*Mezzo-soprano: Katrine Townhill*

**Debussy**

*La Mer*

Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2010  
7.30pm

Greyfriars Kirk

**Stravinsky**

*Symphony in C*

**Stravinsky**

*The Rite of Spring*

Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> May 2010  
7.30pm

Greyfriars Kirk

**Nielsen**

*Aladdin Suite*

**Sibelius**

*Violin Concerto*

*Violin: Daniel Bell*

**Nielsen**

*Symphony No. 5*