



## 2020 VISION

### ABO ANNOUNCES ANNUAL CONFERENCE IN MANCHESTER

29-31 JANUARY 2020

As Arts Council England finalises its 10 Year Strategy for 2020-2030, and the other nations review their cultural strategies, the 2020 ABO Conference in Manchester will be an opportunity to look ahead to what the landscape for orchestras will be in 2030. From inclusion to programming, workforce to funding, broadcasting to the environment, what do orchestras need to do to guarantee a sustainable and vibrant future?

Keynote speakers will include **Darren Henley** OBE, Chief Executive Arts Council England; **Stephen Bush**, Political Editor, New Statesman; **Chris Giles**, Economics Editor, Financial Times, and violinist and founder of The Benedetti Foundation **Nicola Benedetti** CBE.

Jointly hosted by BBC Philharmonic and Hallé orchestras, delegates will be hosted in BBC Quay House in Media City, Salford; at Chetham's School of Music, Hallé St Peters and St Michaels, and will attend concerts given by the Able Orchestra in the BBC Philharmonic Studio, and the Hallé orchestra at Bridgewater Hall.

The conference is supported by a number of key partners: Classic FM as principal media partner, Classical Music as media partner, and Help Musicians as charity partner. A series of sessions on fundraising and marketing will be supported by Arts Fundraising & Philanthropy. The annual ABO/Classical Music Awards will take place on Wednesday 29 January at the annual dinner hosted by BBC Radio 3, recognising the 'behind the scenes' talent in the UK orchestral sector. Deadline for nominations is 5pm on Friday 6 December 2019.

The full schedule is available on the ABO website:

[www.abo.org.uk/what-we-do/connecting/abo-annual-conference](http://www.abo.org.uk/what-we-do/connecting/abo-annual-conference)

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