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**Magical Madeira to stage Belmond's first concert in partnership
with the London Philharmonic Orchestra**

'Exceptional Music in Exceptional Locations'



17 November 2017 - Belmond and the London Philharmonic Orchestra present 'Exceptional Music in Exceptional Locations' with the first of the concert line-up to take place on 7th December 2017 at Belmond Reid's Palace, Madeira.

From the subtropical paradise of Belmond Reid's Palace's beautiful Palm Garden, against the backdrop of steeply rising sea cliffs; guests are invited to a one-off performance by world-class musicians, as they play music inspired by the property's incredible setting.

Located along the verdant 'Garden Isle' of Madeira, this Grande-Dame of the Atlantic with its pink-lady façade provides the picture-perfect stage for a note-worthy recital. The newly designed lobby, with its detailed high ceilings, crystal chandelier and stylish tea terrace, is a befitting guest introduction to the hotel's botanical gardens, Madeiran authenticity and epic ocean views.

CONTEMPORARY NOSTALGIA

The concert by Soloists of the London Philharmonic Orchestra this December celebrates a time-honoured tradition at the hotel that harks back to the glamorous 1920s, when an orchestra would play during bathing hours for the cultural glitterati of composers, artists and politicians of the day. Nostalgic reflections still feature throughout the hotel, with vintage artwork telling stories of the many famous guests who have stayed - from Captain Scott who called in 1901 on route to the Antarctic, Gregory Peck who stayed during the filming of *Moby Dick*, to the musical genius of Portuguese pianist and composer José Vianna da Motta who visited in 1895. Today, the hotel celebrates both contemporary and traditional music - with Fado and performances by Madeira Classical Orchestra sounding out through the historic hallways.



SYMPHONY BY THE SEA

Music lovers will delight at the rare opportunity to witness up close the talents and emotion of world-class musicians from the London Philharmonic Orchestra. A string quartet and clarinetist from the world famous Orchestra will perform a specially curated programme of chamber music against the dramatic ocean backdrop. Composed in 1891, the same year that Reid's Palace opened its doors, Brahms's masterly Clarinet Quintet was aptly selected to complement the lush romanticism of José Vianna da Motta's String Quartet in E flat major - his warm style inflected with folk flavours of his Portuguese homeland.

Concert-goers can enjoy dinner post performance at Michelin-starred William Restaurant; a special five-course menu can be enjoyed against a backdrop of spectacular panoramic views.

THE CRESCENDO: A FOND FAREWELL



Madeira marks the start of a series of dates to be announced that brings exceptional music to the world's most inspiring locations, reinforcing the brand's promise that every journey with Belmond is unforgettable and always an invitation to return. This sentiment is brought to life in 'A Fond Farewell' - the last instalment of a series of brand films celebrating 'The Art of Savoir-Vivre'.

NOTES OF DISTINCTION

Belmond Reid's Palace's 'Exceptional Music in Exceptional Locations' three-night package is priced at €380 per night and includes the London Philharmonic Orchestra concert tickets and a journey at dawn to Pico de Arieiro to view the sunrise and a luxurious breakfast in the mountains. Price is based on two people sharing a double room.

Local residence or visiting guests are welcome and can book a one-evening-only experience, priced at €130 per person, including drinks reception, concert tickets and dinner at William Restaurant. Prices based on table for two bookings.

Guests who book a Suite for two or more nights over 7th December 2017 will be offered complimentary concert tickets.

For reservations please visit www.belmond.com

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About the London Philharmonic Orchestra.

One of the finest orchestras on the international stage, the London Philharmonic Orchestra was founded in 1932 by Sir Thomas Beecham. Since then, its Principal Conductors have included Sir Adrian Boult, Bernard Haitink, Sir Georg Solti, Klaus Tennstedt and Kurt Masur. In 2007 Vladimir Jurowski became the Orchestra's current Principal Conductor.

The London Philharmonic Orchestra has been performing at Southbank Centre's Royal Festival Hall since it opened in 1951, becoming Resident Orchestra in 1992. It also has residencies in Brighton and Eastbourne, and performs regularly around the UK. The Orchestra frequently tours abroad: highlights of the 2017/18 season include visits to Japan, China, Romania, the Czech Republic, Germany, Austria and France.

The Orchestra broadcasts regularly on television and radio, and has recorded soundtracks for numerous films including 'The Lord of the Rings'. In 2005 it began releasing live, studio and archive recordings on its own CD label.