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THE PROMS



The Proms 漫步音乐会

Classical Music For All 面向大众的古典音乐

Are you a **fan** of classical music? Then perhaps The Proms is for you. The Proms is a series of summer concerts which, for the last 110 years, has been presenting **a wealth** of classical music to large **audiences** at low prices.

In fact the Proms, has become a British institution as loved and valued by the British public as Wimbledon or the Oxford and Cambridge boat race.

The Proms first **took place** in 1895 and was the idea of Robert Newman, a concert hall manager in London. Hall had organised many concerts, but wanted to reach a wider audience by keeping prices low and offering **popular programmes** in a less formal environment. The **informal atmosphere** was encouraged by cheap tickets - one shilling (5p) for a single concert, or a guinea (£1.05) for **a season ticket**.

His partner was the **conductor** Henry Wood who had just begun to **make a name for himself**. Wood and Newman wanted to introduce the public to a wider and wider range of music, and introduced new works each year. Wood also promoted young, talented performers and raised standards in orchestras, although this sometimes made him unpopular.

However, by 1927 The Proms were losing money. Fortunately the BBC decided to **broadcast** The Proms on the radio, reaching an even larger audience. The radio broadcasts were halted during the Second World War, although the live concerts continued until Wood died, aged 75, in 1944.

After the war the BBC started to broadcast The Proms once more, and it grew in popularity during the 1950s until by the 1960s it had become a **major international festival**.

Nowadays the Proms can be heard on radio and watched live on television. It is also **interactive**. **Viewers** of certain **digital channels** can e-mail their thoughts and questions to be used during the live broadcasts as well as receive programme notes to help them enjoy The Proms even more.

Although The Proms have changed enormously since Robert Newman and Henry Wood founded it in 1895, the **concept** has remained the same - to provide high quality classical music to a large audience for a low price, and long may it continue!



Glossary 词汇表

fan – 迷, 爱好者

audiences – 观众

popular programmes – 大众化节目

season ticket – 季票, 长期票

make a name for himself – 成名

major international festival – 重要的国际音乐节

digital channels – 数字化频道

a wealth – 大量的

took place – 发生

informal atmosphere – 非正式的气氛

conductor – 指挥, 指挥家

to broadcast – 广播

interactive – 互动的, 交互式的

concept – 理念

1. Reading Quiz 阅读测验

Are these sentences true or false? Circle the correct answer.

以下句子哪句是真?哪句是假? 请圈出正确答案。

1. The Proms was the first concert Hall had organised. **True / False**
2. Nobody had heard of Wood before The Proms. **True / False**
3. Wood was not always popular with musicians. **True / False**
4. The BBC helped The Proms become more popular. **True / False**
5. The idea behind The Proms has changed over the years. **True / False**

2. Error Correction 改错

Each of the sentences below has a mistake in it. Find the mistake and rewrite the sentence correctly.

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3. You should eat in *Jack's Restaurant*. The prices are the most low in town!

4. Restaurants in Britain are usually formaller than restaurants in Brazil.

5. London is much more large than Rome.

3. Prepositions 介词

Complete the following sentences by writing the correct preposition in the gap.

完成下列句子，把正确的介词填入空格中。

1. He plays guitar _____ a rock band.
2. He plays violin _____ the London Philharmonic Orchestra.
3. I saw a lot of concerts while I was living _____ London.
4. The concerts usually take place _____ the evening.
5. The concerts usually take place _____ Fridays.
6. I'm going to see a show _____ the weekend.
7. He took his girlfriend _____ to the theatre.
8. They went _____ to London to watch The Proms.



4. Wordsearch 单词搜索

Try to find the words associated with classical music in the puzzle below.

There are ten words to find. Words can be written horizontally (→), vertically (↓) or diagonally (↘)

请在下面的字谜游戏中，找出与古典音乐有关的英语单词来。

共有**10**个单词，其组成方式可能以水平的(→) 垂直的(↓) 或对角的(↘)形式出现。

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h	g	f	d	s	a	q	w	e	r	t	y
v	i	o	l	i	n	f	o	s	i	n	g

composer	conductor	concert	band	violin
show	audience	song	play	sing



Answers 答案

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