

BSO Spring Concert 2026 – Blackburn Cathedral - 21st March 2026

Rautavaara	Cantus Arcticus	17'	Never
	2222 2210 T P (cymbals, tam-tam) Cel Hp Tape		
Beethoven	Piano Concerto No 3 in C min Op 37	33'	1990
	2222 2200 T		
Nielsen	Symphony No 4 Op 29 “Inextinguishable”	35'	2004
	3d1,3,3,3 4,3,3,1, 2T		

6	Jan	Nielsen mvts 1,3,4	
13	Jan	Rautavaara Beethoven	
20	Jan	Nielsen mvts 1,4	
27	Jan	Nielsen mvts 2,3 Rautavaara (2 horns required)	No low brass
3	Feb	Nielsen mvts 1,3,4	
10	Feb	Rautavaara Beethoven	
17	Feb	HALF TERM	
24	Feb	Nielsen mvts 1,4,2	
3	March	Nielsen extracts	
10	March	Beethoven Rautavaara	
17	March	Nielsen complete	
21	March	Rehearsal order; 14:00 Beethoven 14:50 Rautavaara 15:30 Break 15:45 Nielsen 17:00 Finish	

Nielsen Symphony No 4 is in one continuous movement, but for ease of identifiable sections I suggest the following (referred to in the schedule as numbered movements);

1st mvt Bar 0 – 415

2nd mvt Bar 416 – 543 [starts at poco allegretto after 27]

3rd mvt Bar 544 – 680 [starts at poco adagio quasi andante after 31]

4th mvt Bar 681 - end [starts at allegro after 42]

2nd mvt No trumpets, trombones, tuba, timps, horns 1,2,3