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PRESS RELEASE**



**BBC National Orchestra of Wales
7.30pm, Thursday 25 March 2010**

**BBC National Orchestra of Wales Take to The Road in
Mid and North Wales**

One of the highlights of the BBC National Orchestra of Wales' work is the opportunity to take to the road and enjoy music-making throughout the length and breadth of Wales.

The BBC National Orchestra will start their spring tour of Mid and North Wales at Aberystwyth Arts Centre on Thursday 25th March, 7.30pm. The tour continues until the 28th March with performances at Bangor, Wrexham and Llandudno.

At Aberystwyth the Orchestra will perform a programme of music by Cherubini, Beethoven and Schumann conducted by their Swiss Principal Conductor Thierry Fischer.

Beethoven's Violin Concerto is the benchmark by which all violin concertos are judged. Dramatic, soulful and tender, it is an Everest for each new generation of violinists and will be played on the tour by Lesley Hatfield, leader of the BBC National Orchestra of Wales. Lesley has established a reputation as an outstandingly versatile musician, sought after as soloist, chamber musician and teacher in addition to her orchestral career.

Schumann's Symphony No 1 (Spring) adds to the programme heralding the beginning of a new season and will also be heard here alongside Cherubini's overture, Medea.

Tickets for this performance are £18.50 (£15), £16.50 (£11), £12.50 (£9.50) Student £6.00 Family (1 adult) £11.00 (2 adults) £16.50 and can be booked by contacting the Arts Centre Box Office on 01970 62 32 32 or online at www.aber.ac.uk/artscentre

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Notes to Editors:

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The BBC National Orchestra of Wales occupies a very special role as both a national and broadcasting orchestra, acclaimed not only for the quality of its performances but also for its importance within its own community.

BBC National Orchestra of Wales is Orchestra-in-Residence at St David's Hall, Cardiff, and it also presents a concert series at the Brangwyn Hall, Swansea. The Orchestra tours throughout Wales and internationally. In January 2009 concert season the Orchestra moved to their new state-of-the-art recording and rehearsal space, BBC Hoddinott Hall at the Wales Millennium Centre, Cardiff.

The Orchestra's concerts are broadcast on BBC Radio 3, BBC Cymru Wales radio and television, and BBC FOUR. They enjoy close working relationships with programme makers, including recording the soundtrack to BBC Wales's Doctor Who and Torchwood series.

The BBC National Orchestra of Wales's dynamic Education and Community Department extends the work of the Orchestra beyond the confines of the concert hall into schools, workplaces and communities.

For further information on BBC National Orchestra of Wales visit bbc.co.uk/now.

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