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A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM: THE INCIDENTAL MUSIC

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**Royal Scottish National Orchestra
& Thomas Søndergård**

Members of the Edinburgh Festival Chorus

Aidan Oliver Chorus Director

11 Aug 6pm & 8.30pm

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The performance lasts approx. 1hr 10mins
with no interval.

Sung in English with English supertitles.

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Felix Mendelssohn (1809–47)

A Midsummer Night's Dream: the incidental music

Overture

1 Scherzo: Allegro vivace

2 L'istesso tempo

3 Song with chorus

FIRST FAIRY

You spotted snakes with double tongue,
Thorny hedgehogs, be not seen;
Newts and blind-worms, do no wrong;
Come not near our Fairy Queen.
Hence away!

CHORUS

Philomel, with melody,
Sing in our sweet lullaby;
Lulla, lulla, lullaby; lully, lulla, lullaby.
Never harm,
Nor spell, nor charm,
Come our lovely lady nigh.
So good night, with lullaby.

SECOND FAIRY

Weaving spiders come not here;
Hence, you long-legged spinners, hence;
Beetles black, approach not near;
Worm nor snail, do no offence.
Come not here.

CHORUS

Philomel with melody...

FIRST FAIRY

Hence, away. Now all is well.
One aloof stand sentinel.

4 Andante

5 Intermezzo: Allegro appassionato

6 Allegro

7 Con moto tranquillo (Notturmo)

8 Andante

9 Wedding March

10 Marcia funebre

11 A Dance of Clowns

12 Allegro vivace

Finale

CHORUS

Through the house give glimmering light.
By the dead and drowsy fire
Every elf and fairy sprite
Hop as light as bird from brier,
And this ditty after me
Sing and dance it trippingly.

FIRST FAIRY

First rehearse your song by rote,
To each word a warbling note.
Hand in hand with fairy grace,
Will we sing and bless this place.

CHORUS

Through the house...

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