

• Audiences vote for favourite overtures to be heard in **The Nation's Favourite Prom, Saturday 17 July, 7.00pm**

• Concert includes other favourites: **Mozart arias, Rakhmaninov's *Paganini Rhapsody* and Tchaikovsky's '1812' Overture**

The BBC Proms continues to involve its audience as much as possible – not only can audiences have their say on the Proms website and BBC interactive services, they can also vote for what they want to hear in part of a Proms concert. BBC Proms website visitors and readers of the BBC Proms Guide and *Radio Times* are asked to vote from a selection of overtures to be performed by the Hallé Orchestra under Mark Elder at The Nation's Favourite Prom on Saturday 17 July.

For the first time audiences can vote for their favourite works by text message and remind themselves which overture is which by listening to excerpts on the BBC Proms website.

Two of the world's top soloists join the concert for performances of other popular works: Jonathan Lemalu sings arias by Boito, Gounod and Mozart; and Louis Lortie plays Rakhmaninov's *Rhapsody on a Theme of Paganini*. The concert's finale is Tchaikovsky's '1812' Overture. The Nation's Favourite Prom is broadcast live on BBC Radio 3 and on BBC One on Sunday 18 July at 10.15pm.

**The shortlisted overtures are:**

Beethoven  
Berlioz

*Egmont*

*Overture (Les Femmes d'Alger)*