

PROMS IN THE PARK

SATURDAY 9 SEPTEMBER

- London, Belfast, Manchester, Swansea, Glasgow, all four nations for the third year running
- Top artists around the country include Angela Gheorghiu and Ailish Tynan
- Favourite BBC presenters include Terry Wogan, Aled Jones and Sally Magnusson
- New event sponsorship for all five locations from National Savings and Investments
- All BBC Orchestras take part in the celebrations

Over the last ten years BBC Proms in the Park has brought the magic of the Last Night of the Proms to more than a million people across the United Kingdom.

Now an integral part of the UK's musical calendar, Proms in the Park takes place in five locations across all four nations, with more than 1,500 musicians, 50 TV cameras, 1,000 microphones and 50 miles of cable, making it one of the BBC's most complicated regular events and broadcasts. Each year the events get bigger and more complex, embracing new technologies such as texting, interactive TV and big screen broadcasts, enabling millions of people nationwide and across the globe to immerse themselves in the traditional festivities of the Last Night of the Proms.

2006 sees top sopranos Angela Gheorghiu (Hyde Park) and Ailish Tynan (Belfast) take to the stage, along with many more special guests to be announced over the coming months and a huge variety of music groups will again be involved. Esteemed conductors including Carl Davis (BBC Concert Orchestra), Eric Stern (BBC National Orchestra of Wales) and Kenneth Montgomery (Ulster Orchestra) lead the festivities across the country and Henry



Spectacular conclusion to the Last Night celebrations in Hyde Park

Wood's naval bugle calls, reinstated last year to popular acclaim, will again feature as part of the *Fantasia on British Sea-Songs*, providing an iconic link between the park event in each nation and the Royal Albert Hall.

This year sees a new sponsor in National Savings and Investments (NS&I), the government-backed savings and investments provider, who are exclusive event sponsors of all five Proms in the Park events.

Trevor Bayley, Chief Executive of National Savings and Investments, said: 'NS&I is a long-standing supporter of classical music so we are delighted to be the event sponsor of BBC Proms in the Park. It has become an unmissable event which brings some of the best musical talent to a huge number of people across the UK and will help us bring awareness of our organisation to a wider audience.'

BROADCAST INFORMATION

Televised highlights of all five Proms in the Park will be shown as part of BBC ONE and BBC TWO's live coverage of the Last Night of the Proms. Digital TV viewers can press the red button to access an interactive TV service for the Last Night of the Proms on BBC ONE and BBC TWO. Local BBC Radio networks will broadcast events in Manchester, Swansea, Belfast and Glasgow.

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Terry Wogan presents Proms in the Park in London