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# ALBERT & VICTORIA

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ROYAL  
CHORAL  
SOCIETY

Celebrating the 200<sup>th</sup> birthdays of Queen Victoria and Prince Albert

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## MENDELSSOHN

Hör mein Bitten (*Hear my Prayer*)  
Symphony No. 5 'Reformation'  
Lobgesang (*Hymn of Praise*)

## PRINCE ALBERT OF SAXE-COBURG

Ständchen (*Serenade*)

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Royal Choral Society  
Coburg Philharmonic Orchestra  
Richard Cooke conductor  
Roland Kluttig conductor

Saturday 25 May, 2019  
7.30pm



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Francesca Paratore *soprano*

Peter Aisher *tenor*

The 200th birthdays of both Queen Victoria (24 May) and her visionary consort Albert, Prince of Saxe-Coburg and Gotha (26 August), will be celebrated in 2019.

To celebrate this historic double anniversary, the Royal Choral Society (the choir named by Queen Victoria herself in 1888) will join forces with the orchestra from Albert's home town, the Coburg Philharmonic Orchestra, in a performance of some of the royal couple's favourite music. Both were accomplished pianists and singers and Albert was also a composer. They were friends of Mendelssohn and he played for them at Buckingham Palace and even arranged his music for their piano duets.

Royal Choral Society Music Director Richard Cooke will conduct Mendelssohn's great 'Hymn of Praise' (*Lobgesang*) and Coburg Philharmonic Orchestra Music Director Roland Kluttig will conduct Mendelssohn's Symphony No. 5 'Reformation'. The concert will begin with the popular *Hör mein Bitten* (Hear my Prayer/O for the Wings of a Dove), and an enchanting work composed by Prince Albert, the vocal serenade *Ständchen*.



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Tickets: £32, £26, £20, £15  
+ booking fees

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