

Utrecht Student Orchestra  
Bas Pollard, Conductor  
Lieke Brakkee, Violin

**Program:**

Benjamin Britten	Four Sea Interludes
Leoš Janáček	The Fiddler's Child
Johannes Brahms	Symphony No. 2

**Dates:**

30/04/2017 - Cremona, auditorium della Camera di Commercio - 17:30h

01/05/2017 - Parma, auditorium Paganini - 21:00h

04/05/2017 - Bologna, Basilica di San Martino - 21:00h

Free Entrance

The Utrecht Student Orchestra, founded in 1823, is the oldest symphonic orchestra of the Netherlands. Around 85 enthusiastic students from Utrecht combine academic studies with their passion for music. The orchestra, led by conductor Bas Pollard, belongs to the top of non-professional orchestras in the Netherlands.

The spring tour concerts of the Utrecht Student Orchestra promise, with works from Britten, Janáček and Brahms, to be very exciting.

The opera *Peter Grimes* is one of the most famous works of the British composer Benjamin Britten (1913-1976). The opera tells the story of a fisherman, *Peter Grimes*. The *Four Sea Interludes* are a beautiful extract of this famous opera.

Each of the *Interludes* brings a unique atmosphere: the hustle and bustle of the daybreak in *Dawn*; a *Sunday Morning* at sea; the rippling waves of the sea at night in *Moonlight* and a heavy *Storm* at sea.

The second work of the program is *Šumařovo dítě* (The Fiddler's Child) by Leoš Janáček. The beautiful violin solo, a substantial part of the symphonic poem, will be played by the concertmaster of the Utrecht Student Orchestra, Lieke Brakkee.

The main piece the orchestra performs is Johannes Brahms' Second Symphony in D major. Brahms considered this work as his most sorrowful and melancholic one. However, most people don't associate this piece, sometimes even called *Pastorale*, with sadness. This makes the masterpiece a very fascinating work.

In Bologna the orchestra will also perform Vaughan Williams' Serenade to Music together with Collegium Musicum Almae Matris, the University choir from Bologna.

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