

Foreword



MALTA HIGH COMMISSION



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This evening's performance highlights aspects of Malta not generally known to the British public: a strong tradition of bequeathing composers and excellent performers to the world of music and an all-embracing port infrastructure offering a vast range of facilities for shipping and maritime activities.

Malta's central location astride the sea routes of the Mediterranean makes it a natural hub for all forms of human endeavour and enterprise. The Malta High Commission will continue to showcase various facets of the country's art and culture not least the eclectic abilities of the Maltese people. It is our mission to portray Malta in its true colours and thereby provide the British public with a fuller, more complete picture of the country and its people.

I thank the Ministry of Competitiveness and Communications of Malta, the Malta Maritime Authority and the private sector sponsor companies featured in another section of this programme who have made it possible for the Malta High Commission to invite Simon Schembri who will play for us this evening. I also wish to place on record the Malta High Commission's appreciation and gratitude to the Latin American and Caribbean Cultural Society (LACCS) for its all-round support and organisation of this concert.