

## PRESS RELEASE

### TICKETS ON SALE FOR BBC PROMS IN THE PARK SALFORD

Tickets are now on sale for Salford's BBC Proms in the Park spectacular when the BBC Philharmonic and a clutch of other artists will bring the magic of the Last Night of the Proms to Buile Hill Park, on Saturday 12 September.

Tickets are priced at just £15 and can be purchased by calling 0844 815 6141 or online at [www.visitsalford.info](http://www.visitsalford.info).

This musical extravaganza will be part of the BBC's prestigious Last Night of the Proms TV coverage, featuring a live link from Buile Hill Park to the Royal Albert Hall.

The event, supported by NS&I (National Savings & Investments) is one of five major outdoor shows around the UK to bring the magic of the Last Night of the Proms celebrations to tens of thousands of music lovers.

The audience in Salford is promised an unforgettable evening of popular tunes and rousing classics, led by conductor Stephen Bell and featuring special guests, ending with a firework display to light up the city's skies.

Says Richard Wigley, General Manager of the BBC Philharmonic: "We are delighted that Proms in the Park in Salford is part of the BBC's official Last Night of the Proms, and it is a great way of celebrating the already strong relationship between the BBC and Salford ahead of the big move into MediaCityUK."

Said Councillor John Merry, leader of Salford City Council "I am thrilled that we are having an encore, as last year's event was such a night to remember. To be part of the official BBC Proms programme this time will be a real draw for music lovers and the coverage will put Salford on a huge stage. Staging such a prestigious event shows just how important our partnerships are for the life, economy and culture of our city."

For anyone who can't make it in person, digital viewers at home will be able to watch Proms in the Park in Salford via the red button, and excerpts of Salford's concert will be shown on BBC2 on the night. BBC Radio Manchester will also broadcast it live.

The event is being made possible through the partnership between Salford City Council and the award-winning BBC Philharmonic. The Orchestra is currently based in Manchester and is moving to Salford in 2011 along with other BBC departments, when the BBC opens its new centre in the north at MediaCityUK, Salford Quays.

Beautiful Buile Hill Park is part of the inspiring Manchester's Countryside, which is a partnership bringing together the local authorities of Bolton, Bury, Oldham, Rochdale, Salford, Tameside and Wigan, to develop the potential of the 500 square miles of countryside that exists in the region. Buile Hill Park is a Grade II listed Park of National Historic Importance, located within the Claremont and Weaste area of Salford. Today Buile Hill Park covers an area of approximately 35 hectares.