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Preview: The Academy of St Olave's new season, St Olave's Church, York, September 16

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The Academy of St Olave's begins its new concert season at St Olave's Church, York, at 8pm tomorrow.

"The orchestra's whole season is an intriguing mixture of the well known and the unusual," says publicist John Hastie. "The well-known thread running through the three concerts will be Mozart's last three symphonies, and among the unusual pieces will be Siesta for Small Orchestra by William Walton, in our January concert, and Milhaud's Percussion Concerto in June, when the soloist will be Francesca Rochester."

The winter concert, in aid of Jessie's Fund, will feature Mozart's Sinfonia Concertante with soloists Jonathan Sparey and Alan George of the Fitzwilliam Quartet.

Tomorrow's programme contrasts Mozart's glorious Symphony No 39 with Kurt Weill's darkly brooding Symphony No 2. "The Weill piece deserves to be better known and it alone would make the journey to St Olave's worthwhile," says John.

Tickets £8 (concessions £7) include free programme and interval soft drink. Box office: Ticket World, tel 01904 644194.

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