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Baltic Sea Philharmonic and Kristjan Järvi to partner pop band Bastille in charity concert show at Hamburg's Elbphilharmonie in January 2020

- **Orchestra and British indie group will headline 'Channel Aid – Live in Concert' event on 4 January 2020**
- **First-ever collaboration with pop band features specially orchestrated Bastille songs played together with the Baltic Sea Philharmonic, all performed from memory**
- **Concert show to be co-produced by Kristjan Järvi for Hamburg-based FABS Foundation, which supports sports and dance projects for children and disabled people**
- **Event will be livestreamed on Channel Aid, FABS Foundation's charity YouTube channel**

Berlin, 14 October 2019. The **Baltic Sea Philharmonic** and **Kristjan Järvi** will make a spectacular rocking start to 2020 with a one-off charity concert show at the **Elbphilharmonie** in Hamburg on **4 January**. The orchestra will join British indie pop band **Bastille** for the latest event in Channel Aid's 'Live in Concert' series. **Channel Aid**, the world's first YouTube charity channel, is an initiative of the Hamburg-based **FABS Foundation**, which provides access to sports and dance activities for children and the disabled. The Elbphilharmonie concert show will be **livestreamed** on Channel Aid, which collects donations to FABS Foundation social projects with every view of the channel.

A unique orchestral collaboration

The Channel Aid concert with Bastille is another new artistic adventure for the boundary-breaking Baltic Sea Philharmonic, as it will be the orchestra's **first collaboration with a pop band**. Building on their experience on working with Estonian singer-songwriter Mick Pedaja on tour with their 'Nordic Pulse' and 'Midnight Sun' programmes in 2019, the orchestra and Kristjan Järvi will perform specially orchestrated Bastille songs in signature Baltic Sea Philharmonic style to create a unique orchestral soundtrack. The musicians will play the whole show by heart, and as a single uninterrupted stream of music. With Järvi's production company **Sunbeam Productions** as co-producer of the show, the Elbphilharmonie audience is guaranteed a sonic and visual spectacular.



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Don't miss out – book now!

Tickets for the Baltic Sea Philharmonic and Bastille 'Channel Aid – Live in Concert' go on sale on **18 October** on [Eventim/Channel Aid](#). It's worth being fast. Previous Baltic Sea Philharmonic concerts at the Elbphilharmonie, and previous 'Channel Aid – Live in Concert' events at the same venue, have all sold out within hours, so make sure you schedule your advance booking in time, to avoid missing out.

Ahead for 2020

The Baltic Sea Philharmonic and Kristjan Järvi will also return to the Elbphilharmonie on 5 September 2020 as part of their concert tour of Germany, Belgium and Italy in the autumn. Another major European tour in June with the signature programme 'Midnight Sun' includes concerts in Poland, Germany and Russia.

Baltic Sea Philharmonic – a revolution in music and culture

The Baltic Sea Philharmonic takes the orchestral concert experience to a new dimension. Every performance is a voyage of musical discovery, as the musicians perform the entire programme from memory, creating a one-of-a-kind artistic journey. Each concert is a unique spectacle of sound, light, visual art and technology, and under the electrifying baton of Music Director and Founding Conductor Kristjan Järvi every performance has a special energy that's absolutely infectious. But even more than this, as a community of musicians from ten Nordic countries, the Baltic Sea Philharmonic transcends boundaries and has become a movement for bringing people together. Embodying all that is innovative and progressive about the Nordic region, this visionary ensemble is taking the traditional orchestral model further than ever before. 'It is a living breathing creature, with boundless energy and enthusiasm for the new – an adventure in itself,' says Kristjan Järvi.

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'Channel Aid – Live in Concert'

performed by Bastille & Kristjan Järvi & Baltic Sea Philharmonic

Saturday, 4 January 2020, 8.00 pm, Hamburg (Elbphilharmonie), Germany
Livestream on [Channel Aid YouTube channel](#)



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Tickets <https://www.eventim.de/artist/channel-aid/> (ticket sale starts 18 October 2019)

About the Baltic Sea Philharmonic

The Baltic Sea Philharmonic is a unique Nordic orchestra that brings together musicians from Denmark, Estonia, Finland, Germany, Latvia, Lithuania, Norway, Poland, Russia and Sweden. The orchestra started life in 2008 as the Baltic Sea Youth Philharmonic, a joint initiative of the Usedom Music Festival and Nord Stream AG. It quickly established an international reputation, not just for its acclaimed performances under the baton of Kristjan Järvi, but also with its powerful message of unity and cooperation in a region that has historically been divided. In 2015 the orchestra's achievements were honoured with the prestigious European Culture Prize by the European Culture Foundation 'Pro Europe'. Newly renamed the Baltic Sea Philharmonic, in 2016 the orchestra collaborated with Gidon Kremer and the Kremerata Baltica, and since then has toured innovative programmes that throw classical music conventions out of the window and enable audiences and the musicians alike to experience new musical dimensions. After becoming the first orchestra in the world to perform Stravinsky's *The Firebird* from memory, the Baltic Sea Philharmonic is now widely known for its commitment to playing entire programmes by heart. In 2020 the orchestra will undertake major tours to Poland, Germany, Belgium, Italy and Russia. www.baltic-sea-philharmonic.eu