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Charity concert show with Baltic Sea Philharmonic and pop band Bastille on 4 January to be livestreamed on YouTube

- **Orchestra and British indie group will headline ‘Channel Aid – Live in Concert’ at Elbphilharmonie in Hamburg**
- **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 conducted and co-produced by Kristjan Järvi for Hamburg-based FABS Foundation, which supports sports and dance projects for children and disabled people**

Berlin, 19 December 2019. The **Baltic Sea Philharmonic** and **Kristjan Järvi** will kick off 2020 with a charity concert show at Hamburg’s **Elbphilharmonie** on **4 January**, which will be **livestreamed** on [YouTube](#). 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 the Channel Aid YouTube channel, with all proceeds from the livestream going directly to charity: every view of the channel means a donation to FABS Foundation social projects. Tune in on www.Channel-Aid.Tv on Saturday 4 January at 8.00 pm CET for ‘Bastille Reorchestrated’.

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 major 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.



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Ahead for 2020

In 2020 the Baltic Sea Philharmonic will continue its remarkable progress on the international music scene, creating unique, transformative concert experiences for audiences across Europe and beyond. Two major tours – **'Midnight Sun'** in June and July, and **'Nordic Pulse'** in September – will bring the orchestra's stunning performances to some of the most renowned concert halls and festivals in Europe, including the Berlin Philharmonie (23 June), the Stars of the White Nights Festival in St. Petersburg (28 June), the Elbphilharmonie (5 September) and the Beethovenfest Bonn (5 and 6 September).

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 CET, Hamburg (Elbphilharmonie), Germany

Livestream on www.Channel-Aid.Tv

Bastille and Baltic Sea Philharmonic on stage at 9.45 pm CET

About the Baltic Sea Philharmonic

The Baltic Sea Philharmonic is a unique Nordic orchestra that brings together musicians from Denmark,



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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, Italy and Russia. www.baltic-sea-philharmonic.eu