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### ***Don Quixote makes a hero's return***

When last year's performance of ***Don Quixote*** was cancelled, Festival Director Jonathan Mills promised to re-programme it for Edinburgh International Festival 2009.

True to his word, the Strauss masterpiece will indeed be performed this year, this time by the **BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra** at the **Usher Hall** on **Monday 31 August at 8.00pm**.

Last year the delayed arrival of the Staatskapelle Dresden's instruments to Edinburgh called a halt to the concert.

This year the highly acclaimed partnership of Edinburgh born **Donald Runnicles** and the BBC SSO will play *Don Quixote* alongside works by Brahms and Webern. This will be their first appearance together at the Festival since Runnicles was appointed as Chief Conductor.

Cellist, **Jan Vogler**, who was due to play in last year's concert, is the soloist.

Strauss's *Don Quixote* is a vivid evocation of the adventures of Cervantes's tragic knight. It promises a thrilling night of music, well worth waiting for.

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NOTES TO EDITORS:

Booking details:

**BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra**  
**Usher Hall**

Edinburgh International Festival 2009

Monday 31 August, 8.00pm

Tickets from £10

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