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A recent mural at The Steps, by British mural artist Alex Pawson



The Maestro's 90th bash

JANUARY will arrive with a celebratory tone for composer and maestro **Zubin Mehta**. Ahead of the celebrations for his 90th birthday on April 29, the city will witness two special concerts by close friends and collaborators of the maestro, hosted by the Mehli Mehta Music Foundation. On January 15, violinist **Pinchas Zukerman** will perform Mozart's *Violin Concerto No. 5*, while students from the foundation will put on a showcase of *Bartók: Romanian Folk Dances*. Zukerman traces his friendship with the Indian composer to their early days in the Israeli



Zubin Mehta directs the Belgrade Philharmonic Orchestra in Schubert's Symphony No. 9 in 2024. PIC COURTESY/BEGRADSKA FILHARMONIJA ON YOUTUBE

Philharmonic Orchestra.

The concerts will also be led by The Belgrade Philharmonic Orchestra, one of the leading orchestras in Europe. Mehta has been a close friend to the orchestra for over 70 years, having led them for the first time in 1958.

The second day will also see Chinese pianist and virtuoso **Lang Lang** perform the *Piano Concerto No. 5* by Beethoven on his return to India.

Fans of Classical Music might want to hurry, as tickets will open to the public on December 15.



Pianist Lang Lang performs in Vienna. PIC COURTESY/@LANGLANGPIANO