

LANGTREE SINFONIA
ORCHESTRAL WORKSHOP

Jean Sibelius

Symphony No.3 in C major



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SUNDAY 10th MARCH 2019 9.30am - 4.30pm

£ 12.00 Tea / coffee included

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Sibelius was born on 8 December 1865 in Hämeenlinna in the Grand Duchy of Finland, an autonomous part of the Russian Empire. He was the son of the Swedish-speaking medical doctor Christian Gustaf Sibelius and Maria Charlotta Sibelius née Borg. The family name stems from the Sibbe estate in Eastern Uusimaa, which his paternal great-grandfather owned.

Sibelius wrote his Third Symphony in 1907, and its restraint, often referred to as 'classical', was deeply out of tune with the overblown romanticism/expressionism of its time. A public that had recently experienced the hysterical excesses of Strauss' *Salome* were rather underwhelmed by this modest work.

The third symphony is in three movements, with the last movement in effect a scherzo and finale merged into one. Conservative orchestral forces produce a clarity of texture and Sibelius himself, later in life, said he preferred a small string section to emphasize the transparency of the orchestration.



Sibelius's home in later life, 'Ainola'