



## BBC invites abolished orchestra to the Proms

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The best name that leaps out of the coming BBC Proms season is that of SWR Symphony Orchestra Baden-Baden and Freiburg, with its conductor, Franz-Xavier Roth.

The orchestra has been fighting a [losing battle](#) – with the help of leading conductors from Boulez to Rattle – to stop the SWR merging it with its other orchestra in Stuttgart.

Ignoring public opinion, SWR bosses [forced through the merger](#). Roth's orchestra will cease to exist next year.

All praise to the BBC for delivering this none-too-subtle slap around the collegial cheeks to the SWR's hierarchy for their crass and blundering actions.

We should all try to turn out for [this salutary farewell concert](#).

