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ST JOHN'S SMITH SQUARE

2018/19 SEASON

Spring Edition

Patron HRH The Duchess of Cornwall

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2018/19 SEASON

WELCOME TO ST JOHN'S SMITH SQUARE

Join us at St John's Smith Square in 2019 as we enter our 50th birthday year since our re-birth as a concert hall. We provide a home for the best in Baroque music, within the UK's only concert hall dating from the Baroque period, whilst equally championing creative exploration and new music. International artists sit comfortably alongside emerging talent as St John's Smith Square continues to provide a vital and unique home for the best in community music.

We welcome a whole host of partners throughout the season, bringing the best chamber orchestras, choirs and ensembles to St John's Smith Square. You can also enjoy our regular Thursday Lunchtime Concerts featuring both established ensembles and emerging artists. Don't forget to allow time to dine in the atmospheric Footstool Restaurant (further details on page 26).

St John's Smith Square is unique amongst London's concert halls – it is the oldest, yet most flexible, concert hall in London and we are very proud that we are able to offer a programme which is so diverse yet filled with events and festivals of deep integrity.

St John's Smith Square is only able to provide this programme thanks to the generosity of our wonderful Friends and Patrons. This support is crucial to our success (ticket sales alone can never meet the needs of our busy artistic and community programme, let alone the costs of maintaining our wonderful Grade I listed home). To find out more about how you can join the Friends of St John's Smith Square please go to page 22. Thank you for your support!

I hope you will find the programme and your future visits to St John's Smith Square stimulating and interesting and I would be very interested to hear any thoughts and comments about your experiences.

I look forward to welcoming you soon.

Richer Hear

Richard Heason Director



JANUARY



CHORAL EUCHARIST: EPIPHANY

Floreat Gilly French DIRECTOR Reverend Graham Buckle CELEBRANT

Palestrina Missa aeterna Christi munera Marenzio Tribus miraculos

Mon 7 January 1.00pm Free admission, all welcome

THURSDAY LUNCHTIME CONCERTS

BLOW, YE WINDS

Katie Cowling RECORDER, DULCIAN & BAROQUE OBOE Johan Löfving THEORBO

Anon. Trotto, from the London Manuscript Add MS 29987 P.D. Philidor Cinquième Suite Van Eyck Onder de Linde groene Telemann 'Fantasia in A minor' from 12 Fantasias for Flute G. Sammartini Sonata in E minor Op. 2 No. 3 Sammartini Sonata in Bb 'Allegro'

block4.co.uk/katie-cowling johanlofving.com

Thu 10 January 1.05pm £10, YF Maxwell Quartet © Louise Mather

MAXWELL QUARTET

Kirckman Young Artists Series

Haydn Quartet in D Op. 71 No. 2 Trad. Scottish The Rosebud of Allenvale Trad. Scottish Guardswell & Truly Trad. Scottish The Hurricane Joey Roukens Visions at Sea Beethoven String Quartet in Bb Op. 130

kirckman.org.uk

Thu 10 January 7.30pm £15 (10% off), 20% off when booking for 3 or more concerts in the series

THE REVOLUTIONARY DRAWING ROOM

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Beethoven String Quartet in F minor Op. 95 • String Quartet in Eb Op. 74 'The Harp' Mendelssohn String Quartet in Eb Op. 12

revolutionarydrawingroom.com

Sun 13 January 3.00pm £16 (£10), YF



THURSDAY LUNCHTIME CONCERTS

JAMES JOHNSTONE

Organ series

de Grigny Ave maris stella Bach Partite diverse sopra il Chorale 'Sei gegrusset, Jesu gütig' BWV768 Buxtehude Passacaglia in D minor BuxWV161 • Toccata in D minor BuxWV155

jamesjohnstone.org

Thu 17 January 1.05pm £10, YF

LONDON HANDEL FESTIVAL

La Nuova Musica Lucy Crowe ALCINA Patrick Terry RUGGIERO Rebecca Bottone MORGANA Madeleine Shaw BRADAMANTE Christopher Turner ORONTE William Berger MELISSO David Bates CONDUCTOR Handel Alcing

lanuovamusica.co.uk

Tue 22 January 7.00pm £55, £45, £30, £20



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JANUARY

YOUNG MUSICIANS SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

Federico Piccotti VIOLIN Erica Piccotti CELLO James Blair CONDUCTOR

Webern Im Sommerwind Brahms Double Concerto in A minor Op. 102 Mussorgsky arr. Ravel Pictures at an Exhibition

ymso.org.uk

Wed 23 January 7.30pm £20, £15, £10 (20% off)

THURSDAY LUNCHTIME CONCERTS

NICHOLAS MOGG & JÂMS COLEMAN

Dreams and Visions: Come to me in my Dreams

Nicholas Mogg BARITONE Jâms Coleman PIANO

Gurney Sleep Vaughan Williams Sleep Quilter Now Sleeps the Crimson Petal • To Julia Op. 8 No. 4 • The Night Piece Bridge Come to me in my dreams Schumann Waldesgespräch • Mondnacht • Schöne Fremde • Stille Tränen Schubert Nacht und Traume • Der Doppelgänger • Die Erlkönig Wolf Storchenbotschaft Duparc L'Invitation au Voyage Fauré Après un rêve • L'Absent

nicholasmogg.com jamscoleman.com wcom.org.uk

Thu 24 January 1.05pm £10, YF



JAMIE BERGIN

Kirckman Young Artists Series

Piano

Beethoven Bagatelles Op. 126 Brahms Fantasien Op. 116 Albeniz Iberia Book 1 Ravel Gaspard de la nuit

kirckman.org.uk

Thu 24 January 7.30pm £15 (10% off), 20% off when booking for 3 or more concerts in the series

CELEBRATING MOZART'S BIRTHDAY

LMP 70th Birthday Season

London Mozart Players Michael Collins CLARINET

Mozart Symphony No. 34 in C K338 • Clarinet Concerto in A K622 • Symphony No. 41 in C K551

lmp.org

Sun 27 January 4.00pm £55*, £32, £20, £15, £12 (*with post-concert reception

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ROYAL HOLLOWAY, UNIVERSITY OF LONDON IN CONCERT WITH THE LONDON MOZART PLAYERS

Royal Holloway Chamber Orchestra Chapel Choir of Royal Holloway London Mozart Players Ola Gjeilo PIANO Rupert Gough CONDUCTOR Rebecca Miller CONDUCTOR

Mendelssohn Symphony No. 4 in A Op. 90 'The Italian' Dorothy Howell 'Lamia'

royalholloway.ac.uk

Wed 30 January 7.30pm £20 (£15), £10, YF

Box Office 020 7222 1061

FEBRUARY

THE RUISI QUARTET

Kirckman Young Artists Series

Purcell Three Fantasias Stravinsky Three Pieces Haydn String Quartet in Eb Op. 71 No. 3 Mendelssohn String Quartet No. 2 in A minor Op. 13

kirckman.org.uk

Thu 7 February 7.30pm £15 (10% off), 20% off when booking for 3 or more concerts in the series

ROYAL ORCHESTRAL SOCIETY

Julian Tovey WOTAN Zoe South BRÜNNHILDE Nicola Ihnatowicz HELMWIGE Laura Wolk-Lewanowicz GERHILDE

Nina Bennet ORTLINDE Mae Heydorn WALTRAUTE Melanie Lodge SIEGRUNE Anna Loveday ROSSWEISSE Joanna Gamble GRIMGERDE Rhonda Browne SCHWERTLEITE Orlando Jopling CONDUCTOR

Wagner Die Walküre Act 3

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Sat 9 February 7.00pm £20, £16, £10

SALOMON ORCHESTRA

James Henshaw CONDUCTOR

salomonorchestra.org
Tue 12 February 7.30pm

£17, £14 (£14)

LONDON MOZART PLAYERS

Piano Explored LMP 70th Birthday Season

Howard Shelley PIANO/DIRECTOR

Mozart Piano Concerto No. 17 in G K453

Wed 13 February 1.05pm £15 (students £5)

lmp.org

THURSDAY LUNCHTIME CONCERTS

BEETHOVEN TRANSFORMED

Boxwood & Brass

Emily Worthington, Fiona Mitchell CLASSICAL CLARINETS Anneke Scott, Kate Goldsmith NATURAL HORNS Robert Percival, Takako Kunugi CLASSICAL HORNS

Beethoven arr. Czerny Septet Op. 20 in Eb (London premiere) boxwoodandbrass.co.uk

Thu 14 February 1.05pm £10, YF Andrzej Malitowski



CELEBRATION OF BRASS CHAMBER MUSIC IN MEMORY OF PHILIP JONES

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pjbe.org

Sat 16 February 6.00pm £15 (students £5)

THURSDAY LUNCHTIME CONCERTS

ANDRZEJ MALITOWSKI

Organ Series

Bach Prelude and Fugue in C BWV547 Mendelssohn Organ Sonata No. 2 Op. 65 Alain Choral Dorien • Litanies Franck Grand Piéce Symphonique Op. 17

Thu 21 February 1.05pm £10, YF

BOXWOOD & BRASS

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FEBRUARY



Clara Schumann © Andreas Staub

CLARA SCHUMANN 200TH ANNIVERSARY **FESTIVAL**

Fri 22 – Sun 24 February

Join us for a weekend of music and discussion on Clara Schumann – pianist, composer, wife, mother, friend, and muse.

To celebrate the 200th anniversary of her birth year, this festival iuxtaposes Clara's music with that written by her husband Robert, their family friends Felix Mendelssohn, Johannes Brahms, and Chopin, and also Beethoven and Bach whose works resonated with and inspired her.

With a particular focus on Lieder, this festival opens with a recital of Clara's complete published songs. The weekend also includes a Lieder masterclass with emerging singer-pianist duos from Oxford Lieder, and a pre-concert talk with musicologist Natasha Loges.

We hope you will join us!

Beverley Vong FESTIVAL CURATOR

Fri 22 – Sun 24 February

Concerts: £18 (£15), YF Workshop: £10, YF Festival Pass: £45

CONCERT 1: THE COMPLETE SONGS OF CLARA **SCHUMANN**

Clara Schumann 200th Anniversary Festival

Sophie Karthäuser SOPRANO Alessandro Fisher TENOR Eugene Asti PIANO

C Schumann Er is gekommen in Sturm und Regen Op. 12 No. 2 • Liebst du um Schönheit Op. 12 No. 4 • Warum willst du and're fragen Op. 12 No. 11 • Sechs Lieder Op. 13 • Sechs Lieder aus 'Jucunde' Op. 23 • Walzer • Das Veilchen • Der Abendstern • Am Strande • Volkslied • Ihr Bildnis • Sie liebten sich beide (original version) • Lorelei • Der Wanderer • Der Wanderer an der Sägemühle • Mein Stern • Beim Abschied • O weh des Scheidens, das er tat • Die gute Nacht, die ich dir sage

Fri 22 February 7.30pm £18 (£15), YF Festival Pass £45

Eugene Asti © Molina Visuals and Harmonia Mundi



LIEDER MASTERCLASS WITH EUGENE ASTI

Clara Schumann 200th Anniversary Festival

Singer-Piano Duos from the **Oxford Lieder Young Artists**

Masterclass tickets are for audience observation only.

Sat 23 February 11.00am £10. YF Festival Pass £45

CONCERT 2: THE OLD MASTERS

Clara Schumann 200th Anniversary Festival

Mishka Momen Rushdie PIANO **Gamal Khamis** PIANO

Bach Prelude & Fuque No. 3 in C# BWV848 C Schumann 3 Preludes & Fugues Op. 16 Brahms Handel Variations Op. 24

Sat 23 February 3.30pm £18 (£15), YF

Festival Pass £45

CONCERT 3: CLARA & ROBERT

Clara Schumann 200th Anniversary Festival

Mhairi Lawson SOPRANO James Newby BARITONE Eugene Asti PIANO Mishka Momen Rushdie PIANO Gamal Khamis PIANO

R Schumann Selections of Myrthen Op. 25: Widmung, Der Nussbaum, Die Lotosblume, Lied der Braut I & II, Aus den östlichen Rosen, Zum Schluss • 6 Gedichte aus Rückerts 'Liebesfrühling' Op. 37 • Fantasy in C Op. 17 C Schumann Variations on a theme by Robert Op. 20 Chopin Ballade No. 1 in G minor Op. 23 Beethoven An die ferne Geliebte Op. 98

Pre-concert talk: 6.30pm with Natasha Loges.

Sat 23 February 7.30pm

£18 (£15), YF Festival Pass £45



CONCERT 4: CLARA & BRAHMS

Clara Schumann 200th Anniversary Festival

Busch Trio Mathieu van Bellen VIOLIN Ori Epstein CELLO **Omri Epstein** PIANO

Brahms Piano Trio in C minor Op. 101 C Schumann Piano Trio in G minor Op. 17

Sun 24 February 11.30am £18 (£15), YF

Festival Pass £45

CONCERT 5: **THE MENDELSSOHN** CONNECTION

Clara Schumann 200th Anniversary Festival

Mhairi Lawson SOPRANO **Eugene Asti** PIANO Mishka Momen Rushdie PIANO **Gamal Khamis** PIANO

Brahms Meine Liebe ist grün Op. 63 No. 5 • Wenn um den Hollunder Op. 63 No. 6 Mendelssohn Die Liebende schreibt Op. posth. 86 No. 3 • Auf Flügeln des Gesanges Op. 34 No. 2 • Neue Liebe Op. 19a No. 4 • Nachtlied Op. 71 No. 6 • Lieder ohne Worte Book 5 Op. 62 • Piano Four Hands in A MWV T 4 'Allearo Brillant' Op. 92

Sun 24 February 3.30pm £18 (£15), YF Festival Pass £45

CONCERT 6: CLARA & JOACHIM

Clara Schumann 200th Anniversary Festival

Stephan Loges BARITONE Eugene Asti PIANO Mathieu van Bellen VIOLIN **Omri Epstein PIANO**

C Schumann 3 Romances Op. 22 Schumann, Brahms, Dietrich F-A-E Sonata Brahms Vier ernste Gesänge Op. 121

Sun 24 February 7.30pm

£18 (£15), YF Festival Pass £45

MARCH



Argenta Trio

LONDON PHOENIX ORCHESTRA

Sarah Gabriel SOPRANO Lev Parikian CONDUCTOR

Beethoven Egmont Overture Barber Knoxville, Summer of 1915 Mahler 'Das himmlische Leben' from Symphony No. 4

londonphoenixorchestra.com

Wed 27 February 7.30pm £17, £15 (£13)

VILLIERS QUARTET

Portrait of a Friendship

James Dickenson VIOLIN Tamaki Higashi VIOLIN Carmen Flores VIOLA Nick Stringfellow CELLO

Bennett String Quartet in G Mendelssohn String Quartet in A minor Op. 13 Smyth String Quartet in E minor

villiersquartet.com

Sun 3 March 3.00pm £16 (£10), YF

ARGENTA TRIO

THURSDAY LUNCHTIME CONCERTS

Plainscapes

Nicolas Dupont VIOLIN Margarita Balanas CELLO Malgorzata Garstka PIANO

Debussy Piano Trio in G Pēteris Vasks Plainscapes for Piano Trio Shostakovich Piano Trio No. 1 in C minor Op. 8

wcom.org.uk

Thu 7 March 1.05pm £10, YF

ARIEL LANYI

Kirckman Young Artists Series

Piano

Mozart Adagio in B minor K540 Schumann Sonata No. 1 in F# minor Op. 11 Schubert Sonata in D Op. 53

kirckman.org.uk

Thu 7 March 7.30pm £15 (10% off), 20% off when booking for 3 or more concerts in the series



THURSDAY LUNCHTIME CONCERTS

JEREMIAH STEPHENSON

Organ Series

LONDON

Piano Explored

Gareth Hulse OBOE

Bb Op. 84 Hob.I/105

lmp.org

Sarah Burnett BASSOON

MOZART PLAYERS

LMP 70th Birthday Season

Howard Shelley PIANO/DIRECTOR

Haydn Sinfonia Concertante in

Hummel Concertino for Piano

and Orchestra in G Op. 73

Wed 13 March 1.05pm

£15 (students £5)

Marieke Blankenstijn VIOLIN

Sebastian Comberti CELLO

Buxtehude Prelude, Fugue and Chaconne in C BuxWV137 • Praeludium in G minor BuxWV148 Bach Allein Gott in der Höh sei Ehr BWV662 • Allein Gott in der Höh sei Ehr BWV663 Oortmerssen Nun Ruhen Alle Wälder Eben Hommage à Buxtehude • Moto Ostinato Jon Laukvik Ach Herr, mich armen Sünder

Thu 14 March 1.05pm £10. YF

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MUSIC IN OFFICES CHOIRS & SOLOISTS

Music In Offices Music Festival

musicinoffices.com

Thu 14 March 7.00pm £15

KENSINGTON SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

Julien Van Mellaerts BARITONE Holly Mathieson CONDUCTOR

Enescu Romanian Rhapsody No. 1 Mahler Kindertotenlieder Lutosławski Concerto for Orchestra

kso.org.uk

Sat 16 March 7.30pm £19, £14 (£14)

YOUNG MUSICIANS SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

Dan-Iulian Druțac violin James Blair conductor

Nicolai The Merry Wives of Windsor Overture Sibelius Violin Concerto in D minor Op. 47 Strauss Also Sprach Zarathustra

ymso.org.uk

Wed 20 March 7.30pm £20, £15, £10 (20% off)

MARCH



Whitehall Choi

THURSDAY LUNCHTIME CONCERTS

DUKE QUARTET

Louisa Fuller VIOLIN Rick Koster VIOLIN John Metcalfe VIOLA Sophie Harris CELLO

Beethoven Quartet Op. 95 'Serioso' Shostakovich Quartet No. 8

Thu 21 March 1.05pm £10, YF

GUILDFORD SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

Alan Brown PIANO Darrell Davison CONDUCTOR

Walton Crown Imperial John Rand Irish Rhapsody • Piano Concerto No. 5 Vaughan Williams Fantasia on Greensleeves Elgar Symphony No. 1

g-s-o.org.uk

Sat 23 March 7.30pm

£18, £14, £10 (Under 16s free) (Under 25s, students, unemployed half price) Emma Halnan & Daniel King Smith © Ian Dingle



THURSDAY LUNCHTIME CONCERTS

EMMA HALNAN & DANIEL KING SMITH

English Sonatas

Emma Halnan FLUTE **Daniel King Smith** PIANO

James Francis Brown Sonata for flute and piano (world premiere) Arnold Sonata for flute and piano Op. 121 York Bowen Sonata for flute and piano Op. 120

emmahalnan.co.uk danielkingsmith.co.uk

Thu 28 March 1.05pm £10, YF

WHITEHALL CHOIR

London Baroque Sinfonia Miriam Allan SOPRANO Greg Tassell TENOR James Oldfield BASS-BARITONE Joanna Tomlinson CONDUCTOR

Haydn The Creation

whitehallchoir.org

Thu 28 March 7.00pm £35, £25, £20, £10

CONCERT FOR EUROPE

The Orchestra and Choir of the Concert for Europe

Sarah Gabriel SOPRANO Claire Filer MEZZO SOPRANO Ben Thapa TENOR Simon Wallfisch BARITONE Robin Browning CONDUCTOR

Beethoven Symphony No. 9 in D Minor Op. 125

concertforeurope.org.uk

Fri 29 March 7.30pm £40, £30, £20, £5

APRIL



Crouch End Festival Chorus © Paul Robinson

ISLAND STORIES

Fauré Nocturne No. 6 in Db Op. 63

Franck Prélude, Choral et Fugue

Mark Bebbington PIANO

Satie Gnossienne No. 4 •

Ireland Sarnia: An Island

markbebbington.co.uk

Thu 4 April 7.30pm

£20, £15, £10 (50% off)

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Op. 9 No. 1 • Nocturne in F Op. 15

No. 1 • Ballade in G minor Op. 23

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Pianograms

ENGLISH BAROQUE CHOIR

Musica Poetica Jeremy Jackman CONDUCTOR

Biber Requiem in F minor **Mozart** Mass in C minor K427

ebc.org.uk

Wed 3 April 7.30pm £29, £23, £17, £11

THURSDAY LUNCHTIME CONCERTS

EUNSLEY PARK & MAKSIM ŠTŠURA

Eunsley Park violin Maksim Štšura piano

Brahms 'Scherzo' from the F-A-E Sonata Beethoven Violin Sonata No. 9 Op. 47 'Kreutzer'

eunsleypark.com

Thu 4 April 1.05pm £10, YF

CROUCH END FESTIVAL CHORUS

Bach Camerata

Jessica Cale SOPRANO Diana Moore MEZZO SOPRANO Sam Furness TENOR Benjamin Bevan BARITONE Peter Jaekel ORGAN David Temple CONDUCTOR

Handel Messiah

cefc.org.uk

Sat 6 April 7.30pm £25, £20, £15, £10

ISLINGTON CHORAL SOCIETY

Orchestra of the London Choral Sinfonia Michael Waldron CONDUCTOR

Handel Solomon

islingtonchoralsociety.co.uk

Sun 7 April 7.00pm £20, £15, £10



FLORIAN MITREA

Kirckman Young Artists Series

Piano

Haydn Sonata in Eb Hob.XVI:52 Beethoven Sonata No. 21 in C Op. 53 'Waldstein' Constantinescu Variations on a Romanian folksong • Toccata – Dobrogean dance Prokofiev Sonata No. 6 in A Op. 82

kirckman.org.uk

Wed 10 April 7.30pm

 ± 15 (10% off), 20% off when booking for 3 or more concerts in the series

THURSDAY LUNCHTIME CONCERTS

RYAN DRUCKER

Piano

Beethoven Piano Sonata in E Op. 109 Bernstein Touches (Chorale, 8 Variations & Fugue) Franck Prélude, Choral et Fugue

ryandrucker.co.uk

Thu 11 April 1.05pm £10, YF

MOZART'S WOMEN

LMP 70th Birthday Season

London Mozart Players Lauren Zhang PIANO Jennifer France SOPRANO Jane Glover CONDUCTOR

Mozart Overture to Cosi fan tutte K588 • Vorrei spiegarvi, oh dio K418 • Piano Concerto No. 9 in Eb K271 • 'Et incarnatus est' from Mass in C minor K427 • Ch'io mi scordi di te? K505 • Symphony No. 31 in D K297

lmp.org

Thu 11 April 7.30pm £55*, £32, £20, £15, £12

(*with post-concert reception)

ISRAEL IN EGYPT

English Concert Singers & Chorus English Concert Orchestra Allison Taylor SOPRANO James Robinson TENOR Roy Wales CONDUCTOR

Handel Israel in Egypt

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Fri 12 April 7.30pm £25, £20, £15, £10

NORDIC PASSION

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Copenhagen Chamber Choir Camerata Sofia Söderberg CONDUCTOR

Nystedt O Crux • Peace I leave with you • Komm, süsser Tod Sven-David Sandström Kyrie from Nordic Mass • Kom till mig Credo from Nordic Mass • Bleib bei uns • Hear my prayer Grieg Lyrisk Suite Stenhammar Tre Körvisor Langgaard 3 Rosengaardsviser Jersild 3 Romantiske Korsange Eriksson Nordisk Suite

camerata.dk

Sat 13 April 7.30pm £25, £20, £15, £10, YF

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HOLY WEEK

HOLY WEEK FESTIVAL 2019

Tenebrae & St John's Smith Square

Sun 14 – Sat 20 April

Returning for the third year, we are delighted to present our Holy Week Festival curated by Tenebrae and their artistic director Nigel Short.

St John's Smith Square proudly hosts workshops, ticketed concerts and free late-night liturgical events exploring a vast range of sacred music in celebration of Holy Week. Nigel Short and Tenebrae will perform a moving sequence of devotional settings and responses on Spy Wednesday, Maundy Thursday and Good Friday. The festival will also include opportunities to participate in workshops.

The 2019 festival will mark Sir James MacMillan's 60th birthday year by celebrating his extraordinary musical output. We are delighted to welcome a host of distinguished headline performers to this year's festival. Tenebrae and Britten Sinfonia collaborate for MacMillan's groundbreaking Seven Last Words from the Cross together with: The BBC Singers conducted by Sir James MacMillan, Polyphony and the Orchestra of the Age of Enlightenment, Brodsky Ouartet. Ex Cathedra, Marian Consort. The Tallis Scholars and the Choir of Clare College, Cambridge.

Holy Week Festival will be on sale from **Monday 19 November 2018**.



Sir James MacMillan © Hans van der Woerd

TALLIS SCHOLARS

Holy Week Festival

Inspired by the Sistine Chapel

Peter Phillips DIRECTOR

Palestrina 'Kyrie' from Missa Assumpta est Maria • 'Gloria' from Missa Ecce ego Johannes • 'Credo' from Missa Papae Marcelli • 'Sanctus' from Missa Confitebor tibi domine • 'Agnus Dei' from Missa Brevis Morales Regina caeli Festa Quam pulchra es Carpentras Lamentations Allegri Miserere Campkin Miserere Mei Josquin Inter natos mulierum

thetallisscholars.co.uk

Sun 14 April 7.30pm

BRODSKY QUARTET

Holy Week Festival

Haydn The Seven Last Words of our Saviour on the Cross Op. 51

brodskyquartet.co.uk

Mon 15 April 7.30pm

ETCETERA CIVIL SERVICE CHOIR

Holy Week Festival

civilservicechoir.org.uk

Tue 16 April 1.05pm

MARIAN CONSORT

Holy Week Festival

Rory McCleery CONDUCTOR

Gabriel Jackson Stabat Mater (London premiere)

marianconsort.co.uk

Tue 16 April 7.30pm

EX CATHEDRA CHOIR & BAROQUE ORCHESTRA

Holy Week Festival

Bach St Matthew Passion

excathedra.co.uk

Wed 17 April 7.00pm

TENEBRAE

"For purity and precision of tone, and flawless intonation, Nigel Short's chamber choir Tenebrae is pretty much unbeatable."

The Times



HOLY WEEK

LITURGICAL EVENT I

Holy Week Festival

Tenebrae Nigel Short CONDUCTOR Graham Buckle CLERIC-IN-RESIDENCE

Victoria Tenebrae Responsories for Maundy Thursday

Wed 17 April 10.15pm

NORTHERN RITES

Holy Week Festival Sansara

Tom Herring CONDUCTOR

sansarachoir.com

Thu 18 April 6.00pm

BBC SINGERS

Holy Week Festival

James MacMillan CONDUCTOR James MacMillan Stabat Mater bbc.co.uk/singers

Thu 18 April 7.30pm

LITURGICAL EVENT II

Holy Week Festival

Tenebrae Nigel Short CONDUCTOR Graham Buckle CLERIC-IN-RESIDENCE

James MacMillan Tenebrae Responsories for Good Friday

Thu 18 April 10.15pm

POLYPHONY

Holy Week Festival

Orchestra of the Age of Enlightenment Nick Pritchard EVANGELIST Neal Davies JESUS Rowan Pierce SOPRANO Helen Charlston ALTO Ruairi Bowen TENOR Ashley Riches BASS Stephen Layton CONDUCTOR Bach St John Passion

stephenlayton.com/polyphony

Fri 19 April 2.30pm

TENEBRAE

Holy Week Festival

Britten Sinfonia Nigel Short CONDUCTOR

James MacMillan Seven Last Words from the Cross

Pre-concert talk: 6.30pm with Sir James MacMillan and Nigel Short.

tenebrae-choir.com

Fri 19 April 8.00pm



LITURGICAL EVENT III

Holy Week Festival

Tenebrae Nigel Short CONDUCTOR Graham Buckle CLERIC-IN-RESIDENCE

Victoria Tenebrae Responsories for Holy Saturday

Fri 19 April 10.15pm

SIGLO DE ORO

Holy Week Festival

Patrick Allies CONDUCTOR

Popule Meus: Italian Polyphony for Holy Week

siglodeoro.co.uk

Sat 20 April 1.05pm

THE CHOIR OF CLARE COLLEGE, CAMBRIDGE

Holy Week Festival

Graham Ross DIRECTOR Eleanor Carter & Ashley Chow ORGAN

The full, final Sacrifice: A Lenten sequence

clarecollegechoir.com

Sat 20 April 7.30pm

SCHOOL CONCERTS



WYCOMBE ABBEY SCHOOL

Symphony Orchestra Chamber Orchestra Sinfonia Maria Calderbank CELLO Angela Ng VIOLIN Lawrence Tubb, Nicholas Hadwen, Sarah McClure CONDUCTORS

Stravinsky Pulcinella Suite Bruch Violin Concerto No. 1 (1st movement) Elgar Cello Concerto (1st movement) • Serenade for Strings

Thu 14 February 7.00pm

£20, £15, £10

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Paulina Voices Cantamus Middle School Choir Senior Choir Chamber Orchestra Symphony Orchestra Leigh O'Hara, Heidi Pegler, Hilary Sturt CONDUCTORS

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Choir and Orchestra of Latymer Upper School Ethan Gillespie TRUMPET Jonathan Geoghegan & Tony Henwood CONDUCTORS

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The magnificent church of St John the Evangelist was designed by architect Thomas Archer as part of the 'Commission for Building Fifty New Churches' of 1710. St John's was the most elaborate of all, with construction lasting 14 years, from 1714 to 1728, and costing the princely sum of £40,875 (approximately £5.2m today).

For over 200 years, St John's served as a parish church, though not without incident. In 1742 a major fire led to extensive restoration and modification to Archer's design. In 1815 the church was struck by lightning, causing subsidence to the towers, and in the early twentieth century it was the target of a Suffragette bomb plot. Ironically, in 1928, the church hosted Emmeline Pankhurst's funeral.

Perhaps heralding the future musical life of St John's, in September 1901 Edith Hockey and Robert Britten were married here. Twelve years later, they had a son, Benjamin, who as an adult would record here with the Wandsworth School Boys' Choir.

Perhaps the most dramatic night in St John's history was 10 May 1941, the final night of the Blitz, when a direct hit from an incendiary bomb gutted the church. After the war it lay as a ruin and there was talk of turning the site into a car park. This galvanised the local people, under the leadership of Lady Parker of Waddington, to raise the funds to buy the site and commission Marshall Sisson to lead the restoration to Archer's original designs. When the work was completed in 1969, St John's Smith Square was re-born as one of the finest concert halls in London.

Our grand opening concert was given by Joan Sutherland and Richard Bonynge (who returned in 1989 for our 20th birthday gala). There have been many other highlights over the years – the UK premiere of Karlheinz Stockhausen's Stimmung (with Stockhausen himself on sound projection): world premieres of works by Boulez, Birtwistle, Copland and Tippett by the London Sinfonietta; William Walton conducting his own 70th birthday concert; Pierre Boulez and Daniel Barenboim conducting the BBC Symphony Orchestra; an 84-year-old Sir Adrian Boult conducting the English National Orchestra; and Morton Feldman performing alongside Harrison Birtwistle and John Tilbury for BBC Radio.

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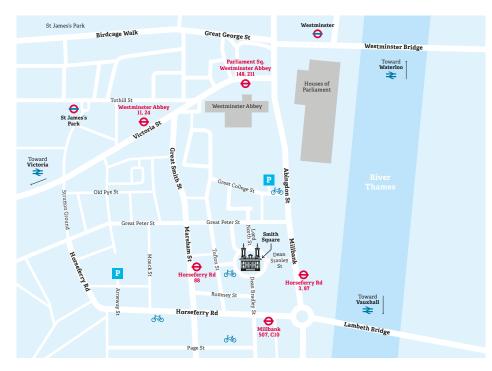
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Legend has it the church of St John's was

dubbed 'Queen Anne's Footstool' after

architect Thomas Archer asked Queen

Anne for her view on how it should look.

Kicking over her footstool she replied "like

upturned footstool. The restaurant keeps

The Footstool Restaurant takes à la carte

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