



ST JOHN'S SMITH SQUARE

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# 2018/19 SEASON

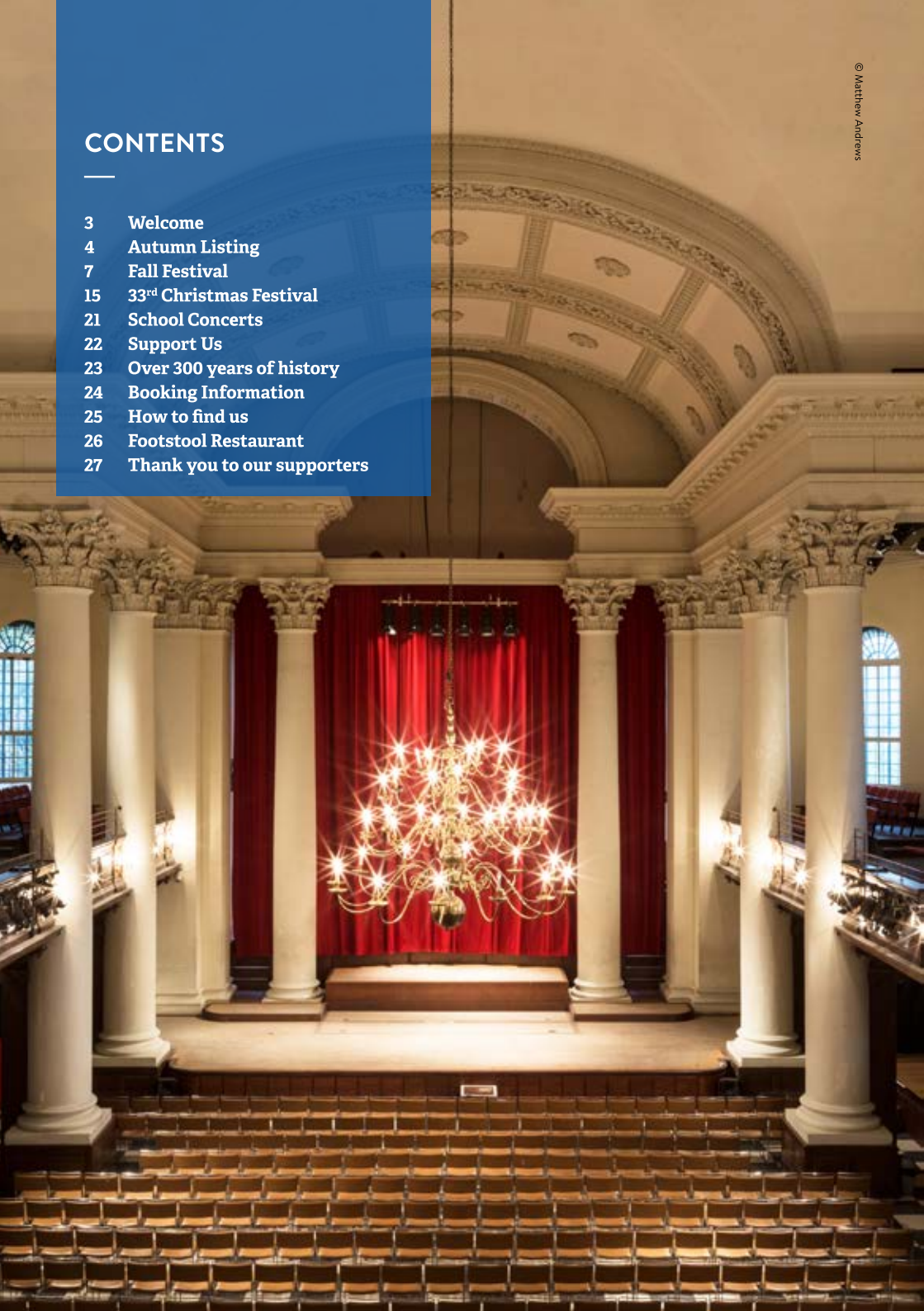
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Autumn Edition

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# 2018/19 SEASON

## WELCOME TO ST JOHN'S SMITH SQUARE

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With our 2018/19 programme we continue our core mission to provide a home for Baroque music within the UK's only concert hall dating from the Baroque period whilst equally championing new music. International artists sit comfortably alongside emerging talent as St John's Smith Square continues to provide a vital and unique central London home for the best in community music.

Festival programming remains a key feature in St John's Smith Square's season. All year, we have given focus to some of the finest composers and iconic works from across the pond in our Americana '18 series. In October, we host our 'Fall Festival'; a week-long series of concerts featuring a unique mix of well-known and rarely heard works performed by UK and American talent. In December, we host the 33<sup>rd</sup> Christmas Festival, curated by Stephen Layton, featuring a host of concerts from some of the most outstanding choirs and ensembles, many with a great tradition of performing in St John's Smith Square at this time of the year, and the highlight of many people's musical calendars.

We continue to 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 young artists.

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. If you want to explore the architectural highlights of this building, then do join us for Open House in September, which this year has a more contemporary tone as we celebrate Contemporary Music for All (CoMA) at 25. All are invited to enjoy open rehearsals whilst taking in the architectural magnificence of St John's Smith Square.

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.



**Richard Heason**  
Director

Richard Heason © Amy Ryan



# SEPTEMBER

THURSDAY LUNCHTIME CONCERTS

## THE FIDELIO TRIO

**Mary Dullea** PIANO  
**Adi Tal** CELLO  
**Darragh Morgan** VIOLIN

Fauré *Piano Trio in D Minor*  
*Op. 120*  
Schoenberg arr. Steuermann  
*Verklärte Nacht*

[fideliotrio.com](http://fideliotrio.com)

**Thu 6 September 1.05pm**  
£10, YF

THURSDAY LUNCHTIME CONCERTS

## ACROSS THE PYRENEES: FRENCH AND SPANISH MUSIC FOR SAXOPHONE

**Jonathan Radford** SAXOPHONE  
**Kaoli Ono** PIANO

Milhaud *Scaramouche for alto saxophone and piano*  
Albeniz *Suite Española Op. 47*  
*No. 5 Asturias No. 3 Sevilla*  
Maurice *Tableaux de Provence*  
*de Falla Siete Canciones Populares Españolas*

Artists selected in conjunction with The Musicians' Company

[jonathanradfordsaxophone.com](http://jonathanradfordsaxophone.com)  
[wcom.org.uk](http://wcom.org.uk)

**Thu 13 September 1.05pm**  
£10, YF

## BAMPTON CLASSICAL OPERA

CHROMA

**Aoife O'Sullivan** SOPRANO  
**Jenny Stafford** SOPRANO  
**Kate Howden** MEZZO SOPRANO  
**Benjamin Durrant** TENOR  
**Bradley Smith** TENOR  
**Nicholas Merryweather** BARITONE  
**Alistair Ollerenshaw** BARITONE  
**Harry Sever** CONDUCTOR  
**Jeremy Gray** DIRECTOR  
**Louise Bakker** ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR

Isouard *Cinderella (Cendrillon)*

Pre-concert talk: 6.00pm

[bamptonopera.org](http://bamptonopera.org)

**Tue 18 September 7.00pm**  
£38, £28, £18

THURSDAY LUNCHTIME CONCERTS

## LUKE HSU & JÂMS COLEMAN

**Luke Hsu** VIOLIN  
**Jâms Coleman** PIANO

Franck *Sonata in A for cello and piano*  
Ravel *Violin Sonata in G*

Artists selected in conjunction with The Musicians' Company

[hsuviolin.com](http://hsuviolin.com)  
[wcom.org.uk](http://wcom.org.uk)

**Thu 20 September 1.05pm**  
£10, YF



## COMA AT 25 SLAP ON

*CoMA at 25*

**Steve Dummer, Txemi Etxebarria, Stuart Hazelton, Janet Oates, Gregory Rose**  
CONDUCTORS

Including works by: Georgina Bowden, Howard Cheeseman, Adam Gorb, Howard Jones, Zoë Martlew, Cathy Milliken, Janet Oates, Naomi Pinnock, James Saunders, Howard Skempton, Judith Weir.

Open rehearsals 9.00am – 12.00pm are free to attend as part of Open House London

[coma.org](http://coma.org)

**Sat 22 September 1.00pm**  
£12 (£8)

## COMACHORD

*CoMA at 25*

Diana Burrell *Four Temperaments*  
Tansy Davies *Feather and Groove*  
Andrew Toovey *Acrobats*  
Joanna Lee *Whippoorwill*  
Nigel Osborne *I am Swimming*

Nexus:  
Pre-concert discussion with Tom Service 7.00pm

Open rehearsals 3.30pm – 6.00pm are free to attend as part of Open House London

[coma.org](http://coma.org)

**Sat 22 September 8.00pm**  
£12 (£8)



Villiers Quartet

## THURSDAY LUNCHTIME CONCERTS

### PETER WRIGHT

*Organ Series*  
*Americana '18* 

Simon Preston *Alleluyas*  
Bach *Alla Breve in D BWV589*  
Searle Wright *Prelude on 'Brother James's Air'*  
Vierne *Symphony No. 4 in G minor Op. 32*

Thu 27 September 1.05pm  
£10, YF

### WARREN MAILLEY-SMITH

Piano

Beethoven *Sonata in Bb Op. 22*  
Chopin *Nocturne in Db Op. 27 No. 2 • Waltz in Ab Op. 42*  
Ravel *Sonatine*  
Schubert *Sonata in Bb D960*  
Verdi transc. Liszt *Rigoletto Paraphrase*

Pre-concert talk: 6.00pm

warrenmailley-smith.com

Fri 28 September 7.30pm  
£25, £18, £12

### LGT YOUNG SOLOISTS MAKE LONDON DEBUT

LGT Young Soloists  
Alexander Gilman CONDUCTOR

Atterberg *Suite No. 3 Op. 19 No. 1 for violin, viola and string orchestra*  
Holst *St Paul's Suite for string orchestra*  
Ravel *Tzigane for violin and string orchestra*  
Bruch *Romanze Op. 85 for viola and string orchestra*  
Piazzolla *Le Grand Tango for violin and string orchestra*  
Giovanni Sollima *Violoncelles, vibrez!*  
Bottesini *Gran Duo Concertante for violin, double bass and string orchestra*

lgtyoungsoloists.com

Tue 2 October 7.30pm  
£20 (£10)

### VILLIERS QUARTET

*Americana '18* 

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

Wynton Marsalis *String Quartet No. 1 'At the Octoroon Balls'*  
Delius *Late Swallows (original version)*  
Barber *Dover Beach (with baritone)*  
Dvořák *String Quartet No. 14 in Ab Op. 105*

villiersquartet.com

Sun 23 September 3.00pm  
£16 (£10), YF



# OCTOBER

Young Musicians Symphony Orchestra



## YOUNG MUSICIANS SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

**Ronan O'Hora** PIANO  
**James Blair** CONDUCTOR

Tchaikovsky *Romeo and Juliet*  
*Fantasy Overture*  
Grieg *Piano Concerto in A minor*  
Op. 16  
Rimsky-Korsakov *Scheherazade*  
Op. 35

[ymso.org.uk](http://ymso.org.uk)

**Wed 3 October 7.30pm**

£20, £15, £10 (20% off)

### THURSDAY LUNCHTIME CONCERTS

## MICHAEL BUTTEN

Guitar

Legnani *Fantasia in A Op. 19*  
Bach *Violin Sonata No. 3*  
*BWV1005*  
Gerhard *Fantasia*  
Dowland *Praeludium* • *Fantasia* •  
*Lachrimae Pavane*

Artist selected in conjunction  
with The Musicians' Company

[michaelbutten.co.uk](http://michaelbutten.co.uk)  
[wcom.org.uk](http://wcom.org.uk)

**Thu 4 October 1.05pm**

£10, YF

## OUTLAWS AND OUTSIDERS

*Americana '18* 

**April Fredrick** SOPRANO  
**Will Vann** PIANO

Copland *Twelve Poems of*  
*Emily Dickinson*  
Dominick Argento *'The Diary',*  
*'Rome' & 'War' from the Diary of*  
*Virginia Woolf*  
Ives *The Circus Band* • *Down*  
*East* • *They are There*  
Bernstein *Two Love Songs* •  
*Extinguish My Eyes* • *When My*  
*Soul Touches Yours* • *Piccola*  
*Seranata for Voice and Piano*  
André Previn *Sallie Chisum*  
*Remembers Billy the Kid*  
Eric McElroy *A Dead Man's*  
*Embers*

Pre-concert talk: 6.30pm

[aprilfredrick.com](http://aprilfredrick.com)  
[williamvann.com](http://williamvann.com)

**Thu 4 October 7.30pm**

£20, £15, £10, YF

## ENFIELD PRE-CONTEST FESTIVAL

Enfield Citadel Salvation  
Army Band  
James Fountain SOLOIST  
Major Martin Cordner GUEST  
CONDUCTOR  
Don Jenkins BANDMASTER

[enfieldband.org.uk](http://enfieldband.org.uk)

**Fri 5 October 7.45pm**

£10

## COME & SING VERDI REQUIEM

Three Choirs Festival Singers  
Philharmonia Orchestra  
Hye-Youn Lee SOPRANO  
Olivia Ray MEZZO SOPRANO  
Mark Wilde TENOR  
Dominic Barrand BASS-BARITONE  
Adrian Partington CONDUCTOR

*Verdi Requiem*

Singer passes available from  
[3choirs.org](http://3choirs.org)

**Sat 6 October 7.00pm**

£15, £12, £10

## CHORAL EUCHARIST: ST EDWARD THE CONFESSOR

Floreat  
Gilly French DIRECTOR  
Reverend Graham Buckle  
CELEBRANT

*Byrd Mass for four voices* • *Ave*  
*verum corpus*

**Mon 8 October 1.00pm**

Free admission, all welcome

# FALL FESTIVAL 2018

9 – 15 OCTOBER

## THE GREATEST AMERICAN MUSIC

### FEATURING

MADELEINE MITCHELL • NATHAN WILLIAMSON • KREUTZER QUARTET  
RODERICK CHADWICK • ENSEMBLE MIRAGE • JOEL SACHS  
SARAH GABRIEL • EAST LONDON BRASS BAND • ADDISON SINGERS  
KENSINGTON SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA • AND MORE



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Ensemble Mirage © Timothy Ellis



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In October 2018, we continue to immerse ourselves in the creativity and diversity of American music with a 7-day focus as part of our Americana '18 festival. We feature music ranging from William Billings, regarded as the first American choral composer, through to the works of the post-war, avant-garde composers John Cage and George Crumb.

We continue to mark the Leonard Bernstein centenary with performances of his works featured throughout the week, including a chance for you to take part and sing his Chichester Psalms conducted by our festival curator, David Wordsworth.

# OCTOBER

## KENSINGTON SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

*Americana '18* 

**Russell Keable** CONDUCTOR

Joan Tower *Fanfare for the Uncommon Woman No. 1* (1986)  
John Adams *Doctor Atomic Symphony*  
Bernstein *Divertimento*  
Schuman *Symphony No. 3*

Part of the Fall Festival

[kso.org.uk](http://kso.org.uk)

**Mon 15 October 7.30pm**

£19, £14 (£14)

## SALOMON ORCHESTRA

**Jonathan Bloxham** CONDUCTOR

R Strauss *An Alpine Symphony*

[salomonorchestra.org](http://salomonorchestra.org)

**Tue 16 October 7.30pm**

£17, £14 (£14)

## LONDON MOZART PLAYERS

*Piano Explored*

**Ruth Rogers** VIOLIN

**Sebastian Comberti** CELLO

**Howard Shelley** PIANO/DIRECTOR

Beethoven *Concerto for Violin, Cello and Piano in C Op. 56*

[londonmozartplayers.com](http://londonmozartplayers.com)

**Wed 17 October 1.05pm**

£15 (students £5)



Howard Shelley  
© Eric Richmond

## ALBERTO REYES

Piano

Chopin *Fantaisie in F minor Op. 49*  
Schumann *Fantaisie in C Op. 17*  
Verdi-Liszt *Reminiscences from Simon Boccanegra • I Lombardi: Salve Maria de Jérusalem • Aida: Danza Sacra e Duetto Finale • Don Carlos: Coro di Festa e Marcia Funebre*

[albertoreyes.com](http://albertoreyes.com)

**Wed 17 October 7.30pm**

£25, £20, £10 (£10)

THURSDAY LUNCHTIME CONCERTS

## OLIVER WASS

*Americana '18* 

Harp

Chertok *Around the Clock Suite*  
Gershwin *Prelude II from Three Preludes*  
Bernstein *Selection from Anniversaries*  
Salzedo *Jeux d'eau*  
Ravel *Jeux d'eau*  
de Falla *transc. M. Grandjany*  
*Spanish Dance No. 1*

[oliverwass.co.uk](http://oliverwass.co.uk)

**Thu 18 October 1.05pm**

£10, YF

## A MUSICAL OFFERING

The Bach Players

**Marion Moonen** FLUTE

**Nicolette Moonen** VIOLIN

**Reiko Ichise** VIOLA DA GAMBA

**Silas Wollston** HARPSICHORD

Buxtehude *Sonata No. 6 in D minor for violin, viola da gamba, and basso continuo*  
Telemann *Paris Quartet No. 6 in E minor for flute, violin, viola da gamba, and basso continuo*  
Bach *The Musical Offering BWV1079*

[thebachplayers.org.uk](http://thebachplayers.org.uk)

**Thu 18 October 7.30pm**

£16 (£10), YF

## THE LURE OF THE EAST PART 2

**Geoffrey Saba** PIANO

Debussy/Borwick *Prélude à l'après-midi d'un faune*  
Debussy *Preludes Book 1 • L'isle joyeuse*  
Krisna Setiawan *Ladrang Basa Priyo*  
Ravel *Sonatine*

[geoffreysaba.co.uk](http://geoffreysaba.co.uk)

**Fri 19 October 7.30pm**

£27, £22, £15





## JULIANA

**Nova Music Opera**  
**Nova Music Opera Ensemble**  
**Cheryl Enever** JULIANA  
**Rebecca Afonwy-Jones** KERSTIN  
**Samuel Pantcheff** JUAN  
**Richard Williams** DIRECTOR  
**George Vass** CONDUCTOR

Joseph Phibbs *Juliana*, a  
chamber opera in one act.  
Libretto by Laurie Slade

Pre-concert talk: 7.00pm

[novamusic.org.uk](http://novamusic.org.uk)

**Sun 21 October 8.00pm**  
£28, £25

### THURSDAY LUNCHTIME CONCERTS

## ANTHONY GRITTEN

*Organ Series*  
*Americana '18* 

Grunenwald *Diptyque Liturgique*  
James Hopkins *Deux Danses*  
Cage *ASLSP*  
Sessions *Chorale*

**Thu 25 October 1.05pm**  
£10, YF

## DANIEL CIOBANU

**Piano**

Enescu *Carillon nocturne*  
Mussorgsky *Pictures at an Exhibition*  
Prokofiev *Sonata No. 2 Op. 14 in D minor*  
Scriabin *3 Preludes Op. 11 No. 9, 10, 11*  
Stravinsky *transc. Agosti The Firebird Suite*

[danielpetricaciobanu.com](http://danielpetricaciobanu.com)

**Thu 25 October 7.30pm**  
£25, £20, £10 (£10)

## LOOPS 'N' ROUNDS: AMERICAN MUSIC FOR STRINGS

*Americana '18* 

**The Dmitri Ensemble**  
**Graham Ross** CONDUCTOR

Diamond *Rounds*  
Philip Glass *String Quartet No. 2 'Company'*  
Steve Reich *Triple Quartet*  
John Adams *Shaker Loops*

[dmitriensemble.co.uk](http://dmitriensemble.co.uk)

**Fri 26 October 7.30pm**  
£20 (£12)

## ANDREW ZOLINSKY

**Piano**

Takemitsu *Les yeux clos II*  
Debussy *Images, Book 2 • Estampes • Suite Pour le Piano*  
Jo Kondo *High window (London premiere)*  
Messiaen *Le Merle Bleu (Book 1 Catalogue d'oiseaux)*  
Somei Satoh *Hashi (London premiere)*  
Karen Tanaka *Crystalline 1*

[andrewzolinsky.com](http://andrewzolinsky.com)

**Sun 28 October 3.00pm**  
£16 (£10), YF

## LONDON PHOENIX ORCHESTRA

**Lev Parikian** CONDUCTOR

Elgar *Cockaigne*  
de Falla *Nights in the Gardens of Spain*  
Rimsky-Korsakov *Scheherazade Op. 35*

[phoenixorchestra.org](http://phoenixorchestra.org)

**Tue 30 October 7.30pm**  
£17, £15 (£13)

# NOVEMBER

THURSDAY LUNCHTIME CONCERTS

## ALENA WALENTIN & JOSEPH HAVLAT

**Alena Walentin** FLUTE

**Joseph Havlat** PIANO

*Taktakishvili Sonata for flute and piano in C*

*Khachaturian arr. James Galway*

*Two Pieces for flute and piano*

*Prokofiev Flute Sonata in*

*D Op. 94*

Artists selected in conjunction  
with The Musicians' Company

[alenawalentin.com](http://alenawalentin.com)

[wcom.org.uk](http://wcom.org.uk)

**Thu 1 November 1.05pm**

£10, YF

## GABRIELI CONSORT & PLAYERS

**Anna Dennis** SOPRANO

**Mhairi Lawson** SOPRANO

**Rowan Pierce** SOPRANO

**Carolyn Sampson** SOPRANO

**Jeremy Budd** TENOR

**Charles Daniels** TENOR

**James Way** TENOR

**James Newby** BARITONE

**Ashley Riches** BARITONE

**Paul McCreesh** CONDUCTOR

Purcell *The Fairy Queen* Z629

[gabrieli.com](http://gabrieli.com)

**Thu 1 November 7.30pm**

£35, £28, £22, £15



Marsyas Trio

## ECHOES OF A DISTANT LAND

**Marsyas Trio**

**Helen Vidovich** FLUTE

**Val Welbanks** CELLO

**Zubin Kanga** PIANO

**Jessica Summers** SOPRANO

Haydn *Trio No. 30 in F Hob.XV/17*

• *Welsh Songs for voice and piano*  
*trio*

Hilary Tann *Llef for flute and cello*  
• *In the Theatre of Air for flute, cello and piano*

Ravel *Chansons madécasses for voice, flute, cello and piano*

Beethoven *26 Welsh Songs*

*WoO.155 for voice & piano trio*

[marsyastrio.com](http://marsyastrio.com)

**Sun 4 November 3.00pm**

£16 (£10), YF

## LBS BACHFEST: STEINITZ BACH PLAYERS 50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY CONCERT

**Steinitz Bach Players**

**Rowan Pierce** SOPRANO

**Anna Harvey** MEZZO SOPRANO

**Nick Pritchard** TENOR

**Benjamin Bevan** BASS

**Rachel Becket** FLUTE

**Anthony Robson** OBOE D'AMORE

**Ursula Paludan Monberg** HORN

**Jane Gordon** VIOLIN

**Rodolfo Richter** VIOLIN &

DIRECTOR

Bach *Cantata 'O ewigkeit, du Donnerwort'* BWV60 • *Concerto for two violins in D minor* BWV1043 • *Cantata 'Sußer Trost, mein Jesus kömmt'* BWV151 • *Brandenburg Concerto No. 1 in F* BWV1046

[bachlive.co.uk](http://bachlive.co.uk)

**Tue 6 November 7.30pm**

£35, £28, £22, £15



Christina McMaster © Carlos Lumiere

THURSDAY LUNCHTIME CONCERTS

## CHRISTINA MCMASTER

Piano

Debussy *Études for piano, Book 1*  
Bartók *No. 26 from 'for children'*  
vol.2 Sz.42 • No. 3 from 'for children'  
vol.1 Sz.42  
Ligeti *Musica Ricercata*

[christinamcmaster.com](http://christinamcmaster.com)

**Thu 8 November 1.05pm**  
£10, YF

## REMEMBRANCE

**The London Choral Sinfonia**

**Kim-Lillian Strebel** SOPRANO

**Anna Harvey** ALTO

**Nick Pritchard** TENOR

**Duncan Rock** BASS

**Michael Waldron** CONDUCTOR

Arvo Pärt *Cantus in Memoriam*

Benjamin Britten

Parry *Songs of Farewell*

Mozart *Requiem in D minor K626*

Pre-Concert Recital: 6.30pm

[thelcs.org](http://thelcs.org)

**Sat 10 November 7.30pm**

£35, £25, £15, £10

15% off when you book for  
10 Nov & 19 Dec before 1 Sep

## ARMISTICE DAY CONCERT

**Royal Orchestral Society**

**The London Chorus**

**Nicola Ilnatowicz** SOPRANO

**Peter Brooke** BARITONE

**Tim Hugh** CELLO

**Orlando Jopling** CONDUCTOR

Britten *Sinfonia da Requiem*

Elgar *Cello Concerto in E minor*

Op. 85

Vaughan Williams *Dona Nobis*

*Pacem*

[royalorchestralsociety.org.uk](http://royalorchestralsociety.org.uk)

**Sun 11 November 5.00pm**

£20, £16, £10

## LONDON MOZART PLAYERS

*Piano Explored*

**Paul Archibald** TRUMPET

**Howard Shelley** PIANO/DIRECTOR

Haydn *Piano Concerto in*

*D Hob.XVIII:11*

Shostakovich *Concerto No. 1 in*

*C minor for Piano, Trumpet and*

*Strings Op. 35*

[londonmozartplayers.com](http://londonmozartplayers.com)

**Wed 14 November 1.05pm**

£15 (students £5)

## SCENES FROM THE OPERA

*Pianograms*

**Mark Bebbington** PIANO

Scarlatti *Sonata in F# K318 •*

*Sonata in B minor K87 • Sonata*

*in D K492*

Schubert *Sonata in Bb D960*

Verdi *transc. Liszt Danza sacra e*

*duetto finale d'Aida • Rigoletto*

*Paraphrase de Concert*

Wagner *transc. Liszt Isolde's*

*Liebested*

Donizetti *transc. Liszt*

*Réminiscences de Lucia di*

*Lammermoor*

[markbebbington.co.uk](http://markbebbington.co.uk)

**Wed 14 November 7.30pm**

£18, £12, £10 (50%)

3 for 2 when booking for the  
Pianograms series

# NOVEMBER

THURSDAY LUNCHTIME CONCERTS

## KOSMOS ENSEMBLE

**Harriet MacKenzie** VIOLIN

**Meg Hamilton** VIOLA

**Miloš Milivojević** ACCORDION

Wild Gypsy fiddling, Jewish and Greek music and tango, alongside interpretations of Japanese, Polish and Sephardic songs, new arrangements by and for the ensemble, and with references to classical composers including Bach, Brahms and Sarasate.

[kosmosensemble.com](http://kosmosensemble.com)

**Thu 15 November 1.05pm**

£10, YF

## PETER SHEPPARD- SKÆRVED & MICHAEL HERSCH

*Americana '18* 

**Peter Sheppard-Skærved** VIOLIN

**Michael Hersch** COMPOSER/PIANO

Michael Hersch *Zwischen Leben und Tod* '22 Pieces after Images by Peter Weiss' (European premiere)

[michaelhersch.com](http://michaelhersch.com)

[peter-sheppard-skaerved.com](http://peter-sheppard-skaerved.com)

**Thu 15 November 7.30pm**

£18 (£10), YF

## FULHAM SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

**Marc Dooley** CONDUCTOR

[fso.org.uk](http://fso.org.uk)

**Sat 17 November 7.30pm**

£12 (£10)

## THE QUEEN SYMPHONY

**Kew Wind Orchestra**

**Hampton Choral Society**

**Matthew Willis** CONDUCTOR

**Richard Harker** CONDUCTOR

*Grainger Marching Song of Democracy*

*Stravinsky Symphony of Psalms*

*Tolga Kashif* arr. Erik Somers *The Queen Symphony*

[kewwindorchestra.org.uk](http://kewwindorchestra.org.uk)

[hamptonchoral.org.uk](http://hamptonchoral.org.uk)

**Sun 18 November 6.00pm**

£15, £10 (£10 for under 16s only)

## LA NUOVA MUSICA

**Holst Singers**

**Lucy Crowe** SOPRANO

**Ben Hulett** TENOR

**William Berger** TENOR

**David Bates** CONDUCTOR

*Edmund Finnis Eldest Night* (world premiere)

*Haydn Die Schöpfung* (The Creation)

[lanuovamusica.co.uk](http://lanuovamusica.co.uk)

**Mon 19 November 7.30pm**

£45, £35, £25, £15



La Nuova Musica © Nick Rutter



## PERGOLESI, ANOTHER STABAT MATER

**Le Concert de l'Hostel Dieu**  
**Heather Newhouse** SOPRANO  
**Anthea Pichanick** CONTRALTO  
**Sebastian Monty** TENOR  
**Romain Bockler** BARITONE  
**Guillaume Olry** BASS  
**Reynier Guerrero** VIOLIN  
**Gabriel Ferry** VIOLIN  
**Cécile Désier** VIOLA  
**Benoit Morel** CELLO  
**Pierre Bats** BASSOON  
**Etienne Galletier** THEORBO  
**Franck-Emmanuel Comte** ORGAN  
 & DIRECTOR

*Pergolesi Stabat Mater*  
 Traditional Neapolitan choral  
 polyphony and instrumental  
 tarantellas

[concert-hosteldieu.com](http://concert-hosteldieu.com)

**Tue 20 November 7.30pm**

£25, £20, £15, £10

## YOUNG MUSICIANS SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

**Rustam Khanmurzin** PIANO  
**James Blair** CONDUCTOR

Verdi *Force of Destiny Overture*  
 Tchaikovsky *Piano Concerto No. 1*  
 in Bb minor Op. 23  
 Mahler *Symphony No. 1 in D*

[ymso.org.uk](http://ymso.org.uk)

**Wed 21 November 7.30pm**

£20, £15, £10 (20% off)

### THURSDAY LUNCHTIME CONCERTS

## JAMES ORFORD

*Organ Series*  
*Americana '18*

Dupré *'Le monde dans l'attente  
 du Sauveur'* from *Symphonie  
 Passion Op. 23*  
 Vivaldi arr. James Orford  
*Concerto in G minor Op. 3 No. 2*  
 Duruflé *'Sicilienne'* from *Suite  
 Op. 5*  
 Reger *Variations and Fugue on  
 "God Save the King"*  
 Vierne *'Romance'* from *Symphony  
 No. 4 in G minor Op. 28*  
 Stephen Montague *Behold a  
 Pale Horse*

**Thu 22 November 1.05pm**

£10, ¥F

## ORA SINGERS

*Americana '18*

**Suzi Digby** CONDUCTOR

Eric Whitacre *Sainte-Chapelle*  
 Byrd *Kyrie from Mass for 5 Voices*  
 ♦ *Agnus Dei from Mass for 5*  
*Voices*

Roxanna Panufnik *Kyrie after*  
*Byrd*

Francis Pott *Laudate Dominum*

Morten Lauridsen *I will lift up*  
*mine eyes*

Tallis *O Sacrum Convivium*

Stucky *'O Sacrum Convivium'*  
*from Three Motets in Memoriam*  
*of Thomas Tallis*

Hildegard von Bingen *Plainchant*

Dominick DiOrio *O Virtus*

*Sapientiae*

Owain Park *Upheld by stillness*

Ola Gjeilo *Sanctus*

Palestrina *Fratres ego enim*  
*accepi*

Paola Prestini *Reflection on*  
*Palestrina's Fratres ego enim*  
*accepi*

Nico Muhly *I cannot attain*  
*unto it*

Plainchant *Pater Noster*

Bernstein *The Lord's Prayer*

Tavener *The Lord's Prayer*

Bruce Adolphe *Pater Noster*

Charlotte Bray *Agnus Dei*

René Clausen *Tonight eternity*  
*alone*

[orasingers.com](http://orasingers.com)

**Thu 22 November 7.30pm**

£25 (£15)



# NOVEMBER



Kensington Symphony Orchestra

## SWINGING SATURDAY WITH LIANE CARROLL & CLAIRE MARTIN

**Liane Carroll** SINGER & PIANO  
**Claire Martin** PIANO  
**Martin Shaw** TRUMPET

[jbgbevents.com](http://jbgbevents.com)  
[clairemartinjazz.co.uk](http://clairemartinjazz.co.uk)  
[lianecarroll.com](http://lianecarroll.com)

**Sat 24 November 7.30pm**  
£35, £25, £20, £15

## SWINGING SUNDAY WITH JOE STILGOE & HIS MIGHTY BIG BAND

**Mighty Big Band**  
**Joe Stilgoe**

[jbgbevents.com](http://jbgbevents.com)  
[joestilgoe.com](http://joestilgoe.com)

**Sun 25 November 7.30pm**  
£35, £25, £20, £15

## KENSINGTON SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

**Russell Keable** CONDUCTOR

Holst 'Ballet music' from  
*The Perfect Fool*  
Rachmaninoff *Symphonic Dances*  
Vaughan Williams *Job: A Masque for Dancing*

[kso.org.uk](http://kso.org.uk)

**Mon 26 November 7.30pm**  
£19, £14 (£14)

## VOICES FOUNDATION

**Voices Foundation Chorus**  
**Charles MacDougall** CONDUCTOR

*A folksong patchwork for children's voices*  
David Bruce *New Work*  
(world premiere)

[voices.org.uk](http://voices.org.uk)

**Wed 28 November 7.00pm**  
£10 (£5)

## EUROPEAN UNION BAROQUE ORCHESTRA

**Constellatio Felix – Sun, Stars and Planets**  
**Lars Ulrik Mortensen**  
HARPSICHORD/DIRECTOR

*Lully Suite from Phaeton 'Sun'*  
*Zelenka Allegro from Simphonie à 8 concertanti ZWV189*  
*Handel Concerto Grosso in A minor Op. 6 No. 4 HWV322*  
*Muffat Concerto Grosso XII in G 'Propitia Sydera' (Lucky Stars)*  
*Pisendel Imitation des Caractères de la Danse (after JF Rebel)*  
*Telemann Violin Concerto in Bb TWV51:B1 'concerto grosso per il Sig.r Pisendel'*  
*Rameau Suite des Planètes (including Entrées for Jupiter, Venus and Mercury)*

[euobo.eu](http://euobo.eu)

**Fri 30 November 7.30pm**  
£20, £14, £12, YF

# DECEMBER

## GLORY OF CHRISTMAS

**Choir of Christ's College Cambridge**  
**Thames Chamber Orchestra**  
**Keith Marshall** CONDUCTOR

Bach 'Christians be Joyful' from

Christmas Oratorio

Adam O Holy Night

Paul Janz A Christmas Prayer

(from the trenches) • There's a Song in the Air

Handel *Worthy is the Lamb*

John Rutter *Candlelight Carol*

Poston *Jesus Christ the Apple Tree*

Trad. *Past 3 O'Clock* • *Masters in this Hall*

Trad. arr. Roy Marshall *Silent Night*

[oralecancertrust.org](http://oralecancertrust.org)

**Mon 3 December 7.30pm**

£45, £25, £15, £10

## A WESTMINSTER CHRISTMAS

**The Parliament Choir**  
**Simon Over** CONDUCTOR

*Choral Works, Festive Readings and Audience Carols*

[parliamentchoir.org.uk](http://parliamentchoir.org.uk)

**Wed 5 December 7.30pm**

£15, £10, £5

THURSDAY LUNCHTIME CONCERTS

## MARTIN JAMES BARTLETT

*Americana '18* 

**Piano**

Programme to include:  
Copland *Variations*

[martinjamesbartlett.com](http://martinjamesbartlett.com)

**Thu 6 December 1.05pm**

£10, YF

## ORCHESTRA OF ST JOHN'S

**OSJ Voices**

**Hannah Davey** SOPRANO

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**John Lubbock** CONDUCTOR

*Handel Messiah*

[osj.org.uk](http://osj.org.uk)

**Thu 6 December 7.30pm**

£26, £20, £15, £10

Box Office **020 7222 1061**



# DECEMBER



London Mozart Players  
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## CITY OF LONDON CHOIR

### 33<sup>rd</sup> Christmas Festival

**Carols by Candlelight**  
**Royal Philharmonic Brass**  
**Hilary Davan Wetton** CONDUCTOR

*Carols and seasonal music by Vaughan Williams, Taverner, Cecilia MacDowell, Willcocks, John Rutter and many more.*

[cityoflondonchoir.org](http://cityoflondonchoir.org)

**Sat 8 December 6.30pm**

£32, £27, £22, £15 (20% off)  
(Children under 16 50% off)

## THE CHOIR OF CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL, OXFORD

### 33<sup>rd</sup> Christmas Festival

**Steven Grahl** CONDUCTOR

[chhchoir.org](http://chhchoir.org)

**Mon 10 December 7.30pm**

£25, £20, £15, £10

## THE BRABANT ENSEMBLE

### 33<sup>rd</sup> Christmas Festival

**Mater Inviolata:**  
**European Music for the**  
**Christ-Child and His Mother**

**Stephen Rice** DIRECTOR

*Lassus Alma redemptoris*  
*mater A 6*

*Josquin Ave Maria...virgo serena*  
*de Févin Missa Ave Maria: Kyrie ♦*

*Missa Ave Maria: Gloria*  
*Crecquillon Verbum caro*

*factum est*

*Vaet Pastores, quidnam vidistis?*

♦ *Reges terrae*

*la Rue Magnificat sexti toni ♦*

*Missa Nunqua fue pena mayor:*

*Sanctus ♦ Missa Inviolata:*

*Agnus Dei*

*Clemens non Papa Angelus*

*Domini ad pastores A5 ♦ Ab*

*oriente venerunt magi*

*Mouton Nesciens mater*

[brabantensemble.com](http://brabantensemble.com)

**Tue 11 December 7.30pm**

£30, £24, £18, £10

## LONDON MOZART PLAYERS

### Piano Explored

**Simon Blendis** VIOLIN  
**Judith Busbridge** VIOLA  
**Howard Shelley** PIANO/DIRECTOR

*Finzi Eclogue Op. 10*  
*Mozart Sinfonia Concertante for*  
*Violin and Viola K364*

[londonmozartplayers.com](http://londonmozartplayers.com)

**Wed 12 December 1.05pm**

£15 (students £5)



## THE ENGLISH CONCERT

*33<sup>rd</sup> Christmas Festival*

### Il Santissimo Natale

**Cecilia Osmond** SOPRANO

**Rebecca Outram** SOPRANO

**Helen Charlston** ALTO

**Nick Pritchard** TENOR

**Marcus Farnsworth** BARITONE

**Laurence Cummings** CONDUCTOR

*Scarlatti Missa para o Santissimo  
Natal*

*Gabrieli O magnum mysterium*

*Gallus Omnes Saba*

*Bach Cantata 'Selig ist der Mann'*

*BWV57 ♦ Cantata 'Ich feue mich*

*in dir' BWV133*

[englishconcert.co.uk](http://englishconcert.co.uk)

**Wed 12 December 7.30pm**

£35, £28, £22, £14

### THURSDAY LUNCHTIME CONCERTS

## JAMES GOUGH

### *Organ Series*

*Richard Purvis Fanfare*

*McNeil Robinson When in God*

*our music is glorified*

*Bach Trio Sonata No. 5 in C*

*BWV529*

*John Weaver Passacaglia on a*

*theme by John Dunstable*

*'Agincourt'*

*Judith Bingham St. Bride, assisted*

*by angels*

*Messiaen Dieu parmi nous*

**Thu 13 December 1.05pm**

£10, YF

## EX CATHEDRA

*33<sup>rd</sup> Christmas Festival*

### Christmas Music by Candlelight

**Alexander Mason** ORGAN

**Jeffrey Skidmore** CONDUCTOR

*A varied anthology programme*

*from Hildegard to Esenvalds*

[excathedra.co.uk](http://excathedra.co.uk)

**Thu 13 December 7.30pm**

£35, £28, £22, £14

## THE GESUALDO SIX

*33<sup>rd</sup> Christmas Festival*

### There is no rose

**Owain Park** DIRECTOR

*Trad. arr. Lawson Veni, veni,  
Emmanuel*

*Anon. (Plainchant) Rorate Caeli ♦  
Laetentur caeli*

*Praetorius Nun Komm, der  
Heiden Heiland à 6*

*Harvey The Annunciation*

*Trad. German harm. Praetorius*

*Es Ist ein' Ros' Entsprungen*

*Owain Park On the Infancy of  
our Saviour*

*Tallis Videte Miraculum*

*Cheryl Frances-Hoad The*

*Promised Light of Life*

*Byrd Vigilate*

*Trad. arr. Brian Kay Gaudete*

*Taverner Audivi vocem de caelo*

*Arvo Pärt Morning Star*

*Anon. There is no rose*

*Trad. Coventry Carol*

*Handl Canite tuba*

*Gabrieli Hodie Christus natus est*

*Praetorius arr. Bach In dulci jubilo*

*Jonathan Rathbone The Oxen*

[thegesualdosix.co.uk](http://thegesualdosix.co.uk)

**Fri 14 December 7.30pm**

£25, £20, £15, £10, YF

# DECEMBER



Choir of New College Oxford © Nick Rutter

## NATIONAL YOUTH MUSIC THEATRE

### 33<sup>rd</sup> Christmas Festival

**A Christmas Celebration  
Chorus, Alumni & Orchestra**

*A seasonal selection of readings,  
music and staged extracts*

[nymt.org.uk](http://nymt.org.uk)

**Sat 15 December 7.30pm**

£30, £25, £20, £15

## AM AHL & THE NIGHT VISITORS

### 33<sup>rd</sup> Christmas Festival

*Americana '18* 

**Bampton Classical Opera**  
**Emma Stannard** MOTHER (WINNER  
OF BAMP TON CLASSICAL OPERA  
YOUNG SINGERS COMPETITION 2017)

**Anthony Kraus** CONDUCTOR

**Jeremy Gray** DIRECTOR

*Menotti Amahl and the Night  
Visitors*

[bamptonopera.org](http://bamptonopera.org)

**Sun 16 December 3.00pm**

£25 (£6 children under 11)

## A NEW COLLEGE CHRISTMAS

### 33<sup>rd</sup> Christmas Festival

**Choir of New College Oxford**  
**Timothy Wakerell** ORGAN  
**Joseph Laming** ORGAN  
**Charles Maxtone-Smith** ORGAN  
**Robert Quinney** CONDUCTOR

*Plainchant Conditor alme siderum  
Marlow Advent Responsory  
Byrd Rorate caeli desuper  
Daquin Noël VI 'sur les Jeux  
d'anches et en duo' • Noël X 'en  
Grand Jeu et en duo' • Noël Suisse  
Trad. Basque Gabriel's message  
Victoria O magnum mysterium  
Praetorius Es ist ein Ros  
entsprungen • Quem pastores  
laudavere à 11*

*Howells A spotless rose • Sing  
lullaby*

*Parsons Ave Maria  
Toby Young The swete roose  
HK Andrews Before Dawn  
Gardner A Gallery Carol •  
Tomorrow shall be my dancing  
day • The holly and the ivy  
Trad. arr. Willcocks Of the  
Father's heart begotten  
Trad. Harm. Wood Ding dong!  
Merrily on high*

[newcollegechoir.com](http://newcollegechoir.com)

**Mon 17 December 7.30pm**

£25, £20, £15, £10



## LES SURPRISES

### 33<sup>rd</sup> Christmas Festival

**Baroque Christmas  
Around the World**  
**Louis-Noël Bestion de  
Camboulas** DIRECTOR

*Noëls, Motets and Sonatas by  
Charpentier, Delalande,  
Campra, Corrette, Amiot,  
Pedrini, Marin, Sanz, Araujo  
and Torrejon y Velasco.*

[les-surprises.fr](http://les-surprises.fr)

**Tue 18 December 7.30pm**

£25, £20, £15, £10





Clare College Cambridge © Nick Rutter

## LONDON CHORAL SINFONIA

### 33<sup>rd</sup> Christmas Festival

#### Christmas Fantasia

**Michael Waldron** CONDUCTOR

Holst *Christmas Day*

Rowley *Christmas Suite for Orchestra*

Elgar *Three Carols*

Warlock *Benedicamus Domino* •

*Corpus Christi Carol* • *Balulalow*

• *As I sat under a sycamore tree*

Fletcher arr. Owain Park *Ring Out Wild Bells*

Christopher Rathbone *Two Carols*

Trad. arr. West *Silent Night*

Darke *In the Bleak Midwinter*

Vaughan Williams *Fantasia on Christmas Carols*

Adam arr. Pappenheim *O Holy Night*

Pre-Concert Recital: 6.30pm

thelcs.org

#### Wed 19 December 7.30pm

£35, £25, £15, £10

15% off when you book for 10 Nov & 19 Dec before 1 Sep

## WINTER'S NIGHT

### 33<sup>rd</sup> Christmas Festival

#### Choir of Clare College, Cambridge

**Graham Ross** DIRECTOR

Anon. Medieval *Qui creavit celum*

*(The Song of the Nuns of Chester)*

Morales *O magnum mysterium*

Trad. English *There is no rose of swych vertu* • *Past 3 O'Clock*

Praetorius arr. Vulpius *Es ist ein*

*Ros entsprungen*

Howells *A spotless rose*

Ned Rorem *Canticle of the Lamb*

Trad. French *Entre le boeuf et*

*l'ane gris*

Jonathan Rathbone *The Oxen*

Trad. English arr. Vaughan

Williams *O little town of*

*Bethlehem*

Trad. Basque arr. Jim Clements

*Gabriel's Message*

Tavener *Nowell! Nowell! Out of*

*your sleep*

Judith Weir *Illuminare, Jerusalem*

Trad. arr. Stuart Nicholson *Ding*

*dong! Merrily on high*

Medieval attrib. Alcock *Nowell!*

*Nowell! Out of your sleep*

Parry *Welcome Yule!*

Cheryl Frances-Hoad *Good Day,*

*Sir Christmas!*

John Harbison *O magnum*

*mysterium*

Sally Beamish *In the stillness*

Barber *Twelfth Night*

John Rutter *Dormi, Jesu*

Roxanna Panufnik *Sleep, little*

*Jesus, sleep*

Alexander L'Estrange *Lute-book*

*lullaby*

Goss arr. Willcocks *See amid the*

*winter's snow*

Trad. Austrian arr. Graham Ross

*Still, still, still*

Holst arr. Ola Gjeilo *In the bleak*

*midwinter*

Berlin arr. Jeremy Davies

*White Christmas*

Pierpoint arr. Ben Parry

*Jingle Bells*

clarecollegechoir.com

#### Thu 20 December 7.30pm

£38, £28, £15, £10

# DECEMBER



## THE TALLIS SCHOLARS

### 33<sup>rd</sup> Christmas Festival

**Peter Phillips** DIRECTOR

H Praetorius *Magnificat V*  
Byrd *Nunc dimittis* ♦ *Tribue domine* ♦ *Laudibus in sanctis* ♦  
*Laetentur caeli*

Arvo Pärt *Virgencita*

John Rutter *Hymn to the Creator of Light*

Victoria *Magnificat for double choir*

[thetallisscholars.co.uk](http://thetallisscholars.co.uk)

**Fri 21 December 7.30pm**

£35, £28, £22, £14

## CHRISTMAS ORATORIO

### 33<sup>rd</sup> Christmas Festival

**The Choir of Trinity College Cambridge**

**Age of Enlightenment**

**Katherine Watson** SOPRANO

**Helen Charlston** MEZZO SOPRANO

**Gwilym Bowen** TENOR

**Matthew Brook** BASS

**Stephen Layton** CONDUCTOR

Bach *Christmas Oratorio*  
*Parts 1, 2, 3 & 6*

[trinitycollegechoir.com](http://trinitycollegechoir.com)

**Sat 22 December 7.30pm**

£39, £32, £24, £15



Polyphony © Simon van Boxtel

## HANDEL MESSIAH

### 33<sup>rd</sup> Christmas Festival

**Polyphony**

**Orchestra of the**

**Age of Enlightenment**

**Katherine Watson** SOPRANO

**Helen Charlston** MEZZO SOPRANO

**Gwilym Bowen** TENOR

**Matthew Brook** BASS

**Stephen Layton** CONDUCTOR

*Handel Messiah*

[stephenlayton.com/polyphony](http://stephenlayton.com/polyphony)

**Sun 23 December 7.30pm**

£65, £55, £40, £25

## STRAUSS GALA

**Orchestra of St John's**

**Christopher Turner** TENOR

**Iiona Domnich** SOPRANO

**John Lubbock** CONDUCTOR

Wonderful waltzes and polkas mostly by Johann Strauss Junior. Plus well-known songs from Strauss and Léhar.

[osj.org.uk](http://osj.org.uk)

**Mon 31 December 2.00pm**

£26, £20, £15, £10

# SCHOOL CONCERTS



## BUCKINGHAMSHIRE MUSIC TRUST

**Buckinghamshire County Youth Orchestra**  
**Buckinghamshire Youth Wind Ensemble**  
**David Childs** EUPHONIUM  
**Tom Horn & Ed Hodgson** CONDUCTORS

Rimsky-Korsakov *Scheherazade Op. 35*  
Eric Whitacre *Equus*  
Samuel Haza *Fantasy on a Japanese Folk Song*  
Philip Wilby *Concerto for Euphonium*  
Holst *Suite No. 2 in F Op. 28 No. 2*

[bucksmusic.org](http://bucksmusic.org)

**Sat 1 September**  
£15, £12, £10

## THE MUSIC SCHOLARS OF ETON COLLEGE

**Eton College Music Scholars**  
**Tim Johnson** CONDUCTOR

[etoncollege.com](http://etoncollege.com)

**Fri 21 September 7.30pm**  
£5

## WESTMINSTER SCHOOL

**Symphony Orchestra**  
**Tim Garrard** CONDUCTOR

Márquez *Danzón No. 2*  
Shostakovich *Symphony No. 5 in D minor Op. 47*

[westminster.org.uk](http://westminster.org.uk)

**Mon 12 November 7.00pm**  
£10, £5

## SCHOLA CANTORUM OF CARDINAL VAUGHAN MEMORIAL SCHOOL

**St James's Baroque**  
**Scott Price** CONDUCTOR

Handel *Messiah HWV56*

[scholacantorum.co.uk](http://scholacantorum.co.uk)

**Sat 1 December 7.30pm**  
£16, £12 (£12, £8)



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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 Bonyng (who returned in 1989 for our 20<sup>th</sup> 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 70<sup>th</sup> 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.

We've also hosted the Menuhin School Concert, featuring students Nigel Kennedy and Melvin Tan; a 21-year-old Simon Rattle with the Salomon Orchestra; Plácido Domingo, Teresa Berganza and Ileana Cotrubaş recording Bizet's *Carmen* with Claudio Abbado and the London Symphony Orchestra; Philip Glass giving a chamber organ recital, and Lutosławski conducting the Philharmonia in the London premiere of his second Symphony.

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### POST

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#### Autumn

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Parties of ten or more qualify for a 10% discount.

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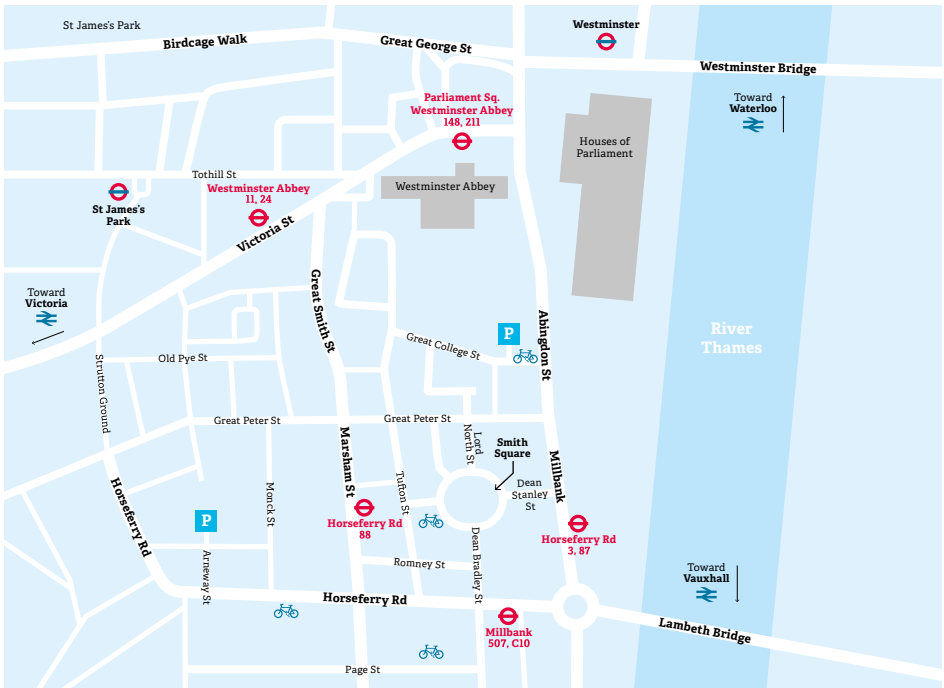
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Legend has it the church of St John's was dubbed 'Queen Anne's Footstool' after architect Thomas Archer asked Queen Anne for her view on how it should look. Kicking over her footstool she replied "like that!" The four towers are said to mimic the upturned footstool. The restaurant keeps this charming nickname alive.

The Footstool Restaurant takes à la carte reservations for lunchtime and evening service, buffet bookings for groups of ten or more, and caters for private events.

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