



ST JOHN'S SMITH SQUARE

2024 SEASON

Spring/ Summer Edition

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2024 SEASON

WELCOME TO ST JOHN'S SMITH SQUARE

After a busy and fabulous Autumn/Winter season culminating in our 38th Christmas Festival, we are delighted to present our new Spring/Summer 2024 season brochure. We have a full programme on offer this season, which should delight and inspire in many ways. We start the year with Southbank Sinfonia performing with Britten Sinfonia in a programme for woodwind, brass, and percussion in January, followed shortly thereafter by an epic musical voyage through the cosmos, *Interstellar at 10*, performed by Roger Sayer on 20th January 2024.

The Spring/Summer season will see a broad repertoire on show, from folk music to jazz and classical to film music. We are holding two more of our acclaimed #Concert Lab series in February and April with our inspiring Southbank Sinfonia players. We are also continuing with our Thursday Lunchtime Concerts, which showcase the exceptional talent of internationally renowned musicians alongside those of emerging artists. The season will also see St John's host the return of the popular Easter Festival and the London Festival of Baroque Music.

In other news, we are developing a new, combined website that will showcase all of our concerts and activities together for the first time and offer a vastly improved customer experience. Our website will be launched in June and alongside this we will reveal a new name and brand for our organisation which we are hugely looking forward to sharing with you. Within the venue we are currently refurbishing the kitchen, to be able to offer an improved and varied menu in our Footstool Café, which is closed and will reopen in early February.

None of this would be possible without the support, loyalty and goodwill of our audiences, patrons and friends for which we are enormously grateful. I very much look forward to seeing you at one of our concerts soon.

Rosie Fraser

Chief Executive,
Southbank Sinfonia at St John's Smith Square



Rosie Fraser

THURSDAY LUNCHTIME CONCERT SERIES

ALL CONCERTS AT 1.05PM

St John's Smith Square believes in championing emerging talent, and our Thursday Lunchtime Concert Series provides an invaluable platform for up-and-coming soloists and ensembles to perform.

Tickets £10; £6 for members of our **Young Friends Scheme**, a free scheme for those aged 30 and under.

18 January

SOUTHBANK SINFONIA STRINGS

Hear Southbank Sinfonia strings, joined by members from Britten Sinfonia, in this lunchtime concert featuring works by Purcell, Bartók, and more.

25 January

DUO AINA

Varinia Oyola-Rebaza VIOLA, **Ana Gogava** PIANO

Programme to include works by Bruch, Schumann, Britten, and more.



1 February

HUGH MACKAY AND JUNYAN CHEN

Hugh Mackay CELLO, **Junyan Chen** PIANO

Programme to include works by Shostakovich and Fazil Say.

15 February

KYLE HUTCHINGS PIANO

Programme to include works by Mozart and Schubert.

22 February

TONDO DUO: CLASSICAL REBELLION

Sophia Elger SAXOPHONE, **Declan Hickey** GUITAR

Programme to include works by Piazzolla, Greg Caffrey, Jack Gionis, and more.

29 February

ACADEMY WIND ENSEMBLE

Students of the Royal Academy of Music, **Fraser Gordon** CONDUCTOR

Programme to feature Strauss' *Der Rosenkavalier Suite*.



7 March, 11 April, 2 May

SOUTHBANK SINFONIA

Hear musicians from Southbank Sinfonia's 2023/24 Fellowship perform chamber works.



21 March

ENSEMBLE RENARD

Ellie Blamires FLUTE, **Francesca Cox** OBOE, **James Gilbert** CLARINET,
George Strivens HORN, **Patrick Bolton** BASSOON

Programme to include works by Imogen Holst, Bartók, Birtwistle, and more.

28 March

ROGER SAYER ORGAN

Programme to include works by J.S. Bach, Alfred Hollins, and Marcel Dupré.

4 April

SASHA SAYALONI GUITAR

Programme to include works by John Dowland, Schubert, and more.



18 April

BERKELEY BRASS FROM THE ROYAL ACADEMY OF MUSIC

Thomas Thornton, **James Kelly**, **Reuben Anelay** TRUMPET
Samuel Dawes, **Felix Rockhill**, **Cameron Bahmaie** TROMBONE
Jude Smith TUBA, **Munro Ashton** PERCUSSION/ TIMPANI

Programme to include works by J.S. Bach and Jean-Philippe Rameau

16 May

SOUTHBANK SINFONIA ALUMNI

Hear Southbank Sinfonia alumni perform chamber works.

23 May

MELLOR-REDSHAW DUO

Andy Mellor CLARINET, **Holly Redshaw** BASSOON
Programme to include works by Rossini, Poulenc, Beethoven, Gershwin, and more.



30 May

SIMON HOGAN ORGAN

Programme to include works by J.S. Bach, Stanford, Dupré, and more.

6 June

22 STRINGS

Ilhem Ben Khalfa, Alexander Casson VIOLINS,
Aleksandra Lipke, Lorena Cantó Woltèche VIOLAS,
Paul Lee, Reyan Murtadha CELLOS

Programme to feature Tchaikovsky's *Souvenir de Florence*

13 June

RIEKO MAKITA PIANO

Programme to include works by Chopin, Liszt, Ravel, and more.



20 June

PICTURES AT AN EXHIBITION WITH THE BERKELEY ENSEMBLE

Berkeley Ensemble, Southbank Sinfonia, Laura Snowden GUITAR

Programme to include works by Malcolm Arnold, Mussorgsky, and more.

27 June

STUDENTS FROM THE ROYAL ACADEMY OF MUSIC

Hear students from the Royal Academy of Music perform in this lunchtime concert.

4 July

MICHAEL RONAN & HARRY RYLANCE

Michael Ronan BASS-BARITONE, **Harry Rylance** PIANO,

Programme to include works by Brahms, Wagner, Liszt, and Mussorgsky.



11 July

SOUTHBANK SINFONIA- ANGHIARI FESTIVAL PREVIEW

Southbank Sinfonia

Southbank Sinfonia chamber groups perform ahead of the Anghiari Festival in Tuscany, Italy.



INTRODUCING OUR ORGANIST IN RESIDENCE, ROGER SAYER

An acclaimed organist and choral director, Roger Sayer is known for his versatility. Praised by film score composer Hans Zimmer for his “impeccable artistry,” Roger’s career has seen many highlights.

The winner of the St Albans International Organ Competition in 1989, his work has seen him perform as the organ soloist on the film soundtrack for *Interstellar*, give a live recital at Temple Church for the BBC, and become the first British organist to record the complete sonatas of Josef Rheinberger.

His other career highlights include founding the Rochester Cathedral Girls’ Choir and working as the accompanist and Deputy Chorus Director for the London Symphony Chorus.

Roger has recently been appointed Organist in Residence at St John’s Smith Square. Ahead of his performances at St John’s in the coming season (20 January, 28 March) we talked to him about his inspiration, working with Hans Zimmer, and his favourite organ pieces. Visit the ‘News’ section of our website to read the full interview.



Roger Sayer



SOUTHBANK SINFONIA STRINGS

Southbank Sinfonia
Musicians from **Britten Sinfonia**

Purcell (arr Britten) *Chacony in G minor*
Béla Bartók *Divertimento*
Danish trad. *Sønderho Bridal Trilogy*

Hear Southbank Sinfonia strings, joined by members from Britten Sinfonia, in this lunchtime concert.

Thu 18 January 1.05pm | £10, YF



SOUTHBANK SINFONIA & BRITTEN SINFONIA

Woodwind, brass, percussion and double bass players from Southbank Sinfonia and Britten Sinfonia
Nicholas Daniel CONDUCTOR

A landmark concert: Southbank Sinfonia performs side-by-side with Britten Sinfonia in a programme featuring works by Aaron Copland, Mozart, Stravinsky, Eleanor Alberga, and more.

Thu 18 January 7.00pm | £15, YF



INTERSTELLAR AT 10

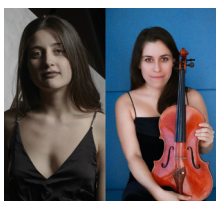
Roger Sayer ORGAN

Roger Sayer, organist on Hans Zimmer's Oscar nominated score for *Interstellar*, performs this iconic soundtrack on the majestic Smith

Square organ to celebrate the film's 10-year anniversary.

Experience Zimmer's epic score in all its grandeur.

Sat 20 January 7.00pm | £25, £20



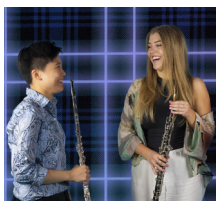
DUO AINA

THURSDAY LUNCHTIME CONCERT

Duo Aina
Varinia Oyola-Rebaza VIOLA
Ana Gogava PIANO

Bruch *Romance*
Rafael Junchaya *Yaraví*
Schumann *Marchenbilder*
Britten *Lacrymae*
Hummel *Fantasy*

Thu 25 January 1.05pm | £10, YF



SOUTHBANK SINFONIA

A Scottish Feast

Southbank Sinfonia
Gabriella Teychenné CONDUCTOR
Harriet Burns SOPRANO

Join Southbank Sinfonia to celebrate a one-of-a-kind Burns Night, with a mixed platter of Scottish delights.

Featuring works by Malcolm Arnold, Thea Musgrave, Maxwell Davies, and Mendelssohn.

Thu 25 January 7.00pm | £36, £26, £15, (£6 under 18s), YF



SCOTTISH FOLK NIGHT

Musicians from Southbank Sinfonia

Enjoy a selection of folk music, curated and performed by this year's Southbank Sinfonia fellowship.

Thu 25 January 9.30pm | £15, YF



MUSICAL CAROUSEL

All aboard the musical carousel! Come and try a range of instruments with Southbank Sinfonia.

This workshop is ideal for children aged 5 – 11 years, and instruments will be provided.

Sat 27 January 11.00am | Free, ticketed event

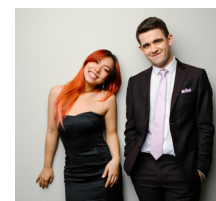


PANEL TALK: INCLUSIVE LANGUAGE AND MARKETING IN CLASSICAL MUSIC

Join our panel of experts, to share knowledge, generate ideas and have a targeted conversation about the importance of inclusive language and marketing in classical music. The

evening is aimed primarily at those looking to hire St John's Smith Square for a concert performance or those in the music industry. A complimentary drink will be served after the talk.

Wed 31 January 6.00pm | £10



HUGH MACKAY AND JUNYAN CHEN

THURSDAY LUNCHTIME CONCERT

Hugh Mackay CELLO
Junyan Chen PIANO

Fazil Say *Sonata for Cello and Piano "Four Cities"*

Shostakovich *Sonata for Cello and Piano in D minor*

Hear rising young artists from the Royal Academy of Music.

Thu 1 February 1.05pm | £10, YF



SOUTHBANK SINFONIA SIDE-BY-SIDE WITH CARDINAL VAUGHAN MEMORIAL SCHOOL

Southbank Sinfonia
Cardinal Vaughan Memorial School
Helen Harrison CONDUCTOR

Colossal melodies, expansive musical landscapes: Southbank Sinfonia and students from Cardinal Vaughan Memorial School join forces for Sibelius' epic Symphony No.2.

Thu 1 February 7.00pm | £20, £18, (£6 under 18s), YF



JAZZ IN THE CRYPT

LATE NIGHT EVENT

The Nick Willsher Quartet

Nick Willsher SAXOPHONE, COMPOSER
Jonny Mansfield VIBRAPHONE
Lorenzo Morabito DOUBLE BASS
Jonah Evans DRUMS

Nick Willsher has brought together some of London's finest musicians and improvisers. Combining influences from modern folk with European jazz, the music promises a broad mix of sound worlds.

Thu 1 February 9.30pm | £15, YF



A SEA SYMPHONY

Academy of St Mary-le-Bow Cantus Ensemble
Covent Garden Chorus
Constanza Chorus
Jessica Cale SOPRANO
Harry Thatcher BARITONE
Alex Fryer CONDUCTOR

The Academy of St Mary-le-Bow and massed choirs come together to perform Vaughan Williams' epic *Sea Symphony*.

Sat 3 February 7.30pm | £30, £18



SOUTHBANK SINFONIA

#ConcertLab: The Collectors

Southbank Sinfonia
Joy Becker GUEST LEADER
Rob Harbron CONCERTINA
Sam Sweeney FIDDLE
Matt Belcher CREATIVE DIRECTOR

Classical and folk music collide in a performance buzzing with spontaneity and invention! Grab a drink, sit close to the players and share in intimate re-imaginings of ancient folk tunes.

Thu 8 February 7.00pm | £20, £15, (£6 under 18s)



SALOMON ORCHESTRA

Salomon Orchestra
Fenella Humphreys VIOLIN
Philip Hesketh CONDUCTOR

Philip Hesketh conducts Salomon Orchestra's first concert of 2024, featuring Fenella Humphreys in Korngold's Violin Concerto.

Sun 11 February 4.30pm | £22 (unreserved seating), £20 (concessions)



THE PURCELL SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

Rhapsody in Blue Centenary Concert

The Purcell School Symphony Orchestra
The Orion Orchestra
Benji Lock PIANO
Nicholas Daniel CONDUCTOR

A new "Experiment in Modern Music" as Purcell School and Orion Orchestra celebrate the 100th birthday of Rhapsody in Blue. New short works by Joseph Phibbs, Edward Tait, Eleanor Alberga, and Antonia Zdrag complete the programme.

Mon 12 February 7.30pm | £20, £10, (£6 under 18s), YF



CRYPT LATES

Music by candlelight

Enjoy an intimate, candle-lit Valentine's Day in our atmospheric crypt, complete with live chamber music and a fully-stocked bar.

Wed 14 February 9.30pm | £15, YF



KYLE HUTCHINGS

THURSDAY LUNCHTIME CONCERT

Kyle Hutchings PIANO

Mozart *Adagio in B Minor, K.450*
 Schubert *Piano Sonata in B flat, D 960*

Mozart's haunting *Adagio in B minor* is paired with Schubert's final completed work, his great *Sonata in B flat*.

Thu 15 February 1.05pm | £10, YF



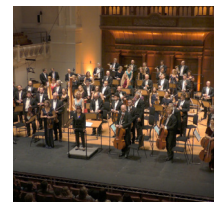
LONDON MOZART PLAYERS - TASTING NOTES: HEART STRINGS

A unique event which combines wine tasting with live music.

London Mozart Players (LMP)
 STRING QUARTET

Do something different for Valentines (or Pal-entines!) day and treat your loved ones to a special evening of wine tastings paired with romantic strings music, set in the intimate surroundings of St John's Smith Square.

Fri 16 February 7.00pm | £59, (£36 under 30s)



NATIONAL SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

Beethoven - The Symphonies Nos 4 and 5

National Symphony Orchestra
Rimma Shushanskaya CONDUCTOR

Rimma Shushanskaya, Principal Associate Conductor of the National Symphony starts the complete cycle of Beethoven symphonies in 2024.

Sun 18 February 7.30pm | £25, £15, YF



TONDO DUO: CLASSICAL REBELLION

THURSDAY LUNCHTIME CONCERT

Sophia Elger SAXOPHONE
Declan Hickey GUITAR

Classical Rebellion is a program filled with electricity, vitality, and spirit.

This theme refers to classically trained composers influenced by jazz and folk. Enjoy music by Astor Piazzolla, Greg Caffrey, and more.

Thu 22 February 1.05pm | £10, YF



LONDON PHOENIX ORCHESTRA

Centenary Spring Concert

Gershwin *Let 'Em Eat Cake Overture*
Sibelius *Symphony No. 6*
Bartók *Dance Suite*
Gershwin *Rhapsody in Blue*

London Phoenix Orchestra presents a varied programme to celebrate its 100th year.

Tue 27 February 7.30pm | £25, £20, (concessions £18)



CRYPT LATES

A multi-instrumental vintage cabaret

Patricia Hammond
Matt Redman

Patricia and Matt bring to vivid life the

popular music of a hundred years ago. Encompassing songs that might surprise you, in styles you may not have expected. Patricia's beautiful and versatile voice has been described by the Telegraph as "soft", "cushioned", and "caressing".

Wed 28 February 9.30pm | £15, YF



ACADEMY WIND ENSEMBLE

THURSDAY LUNCHTIME CONCERT

Students of the Royal Academy of Music
Fraser Gordon, Head of Woodwind
CONDUCTOR

Strauss, arr. Nigel Shore
Der Rosenkavalier Suite, Op.59

The Royal Academy of Music Wind Ensemble performs music from Richard Strauss' *Der Rosenkavalier*.

Thu 29 February 1.05pm | £10, YF



SOUTHBANK SINFONIA FELLOWSHIP

THURSDAY LUNCHTIME CONCERT

Musicians from Southbank Sinfonia

Hear musicians from Southbank Sinfonia's 2023/24 Fellowship perform chamber works.

Thu 7 March 1.05pm | £10, YF



FULHAM SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

Mussorgsky, Elgar, & Bonis

Fulham Symphony Orchestra
Madeleine Pickering VIOLIN
Marc Dooley CONDUCTOR
Tom Evans LEADER

Mel Bonis *Le Songe de Cléopâtre*
Elgar *Violin Concerto*
Rubinstein *Moses - Overture to Tableau 8*
Mussorgsky (arr. Maurice Ravel)
Pictures at an Exhibition

Sat 9 March 7.30pm | £14, (£12 concessions, £9 under 16s)



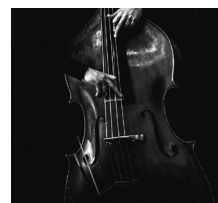
ST PAUL'S GIRLS' SCHOOL SPRING CONCERT

Instrumentalists and singers from St Paul's Girls' School
Symphony Orchestra, Paulina Voices,
Chamber Orchestra, Concert Band

Joseph McHardy, Heidi Pegler,
Hilary Sturt, Matthew Dickinson
CONDUCTORS

Musicians from St Paul's Girls' School present an evening of music by Purcell, Holst and Rachmaninoff.

Sun 10 March 6.00pm | £15, £12, (£10, £8 children)



JAZZ IN THE CRYPT

LATE NIGHT EVENT

The Lauren Breen Quartet

Jazz up the night with some smooth tunes and good vibes! Join us for a relaxed evening of jazz favourites in

the atmospheric crypt of St John's Smith Square. Expect a collection of original lyrical and storytelling contemporary jazz inspired by the sounds/playing of Charles Mingus, Cannonball Adderley and Phil Woods.

Wed 13 March 9.30pm | £15, YF



LONDON ORIANA CHOIR

Celebrating the choir's Golden Anniversary

David Drummond CONDUCTOR

London Oriana Choir
Beth Nielsen-Chapman SOLOIST
Dominic Ellis-Peckham CONDUCTOR

Celebrating the choir's 50th anniversary with special guests and a world premiere from Cecilia McDowall.

Fri 15 March 7.00pm | £70, £40, £25



SOUTHBANK SINFONIA

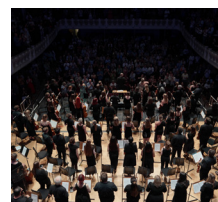
FAMILY CONCERT

The Enchanted Forest

Southbank Sinfonia
Adam Gibbs CONDUCTOR

This family concert celebrates the magical adventures and natural wonders found in the forest. Featuring fairy tales, birdsong and music by Beethoven, Ravel and Lili Boulanger.

Sat 16 March 11.30am | £6



AMATI ORCHESTRA

Amati Orchestra
Antonina Suhanova PIANO
Leo Patsalides CONDUCTOR

Dukas' *The Sorcerer's Apprentice* opens the evening, followed by a

Rachmaninoff's Piano Concerto No. 3. Richard Strauss' epic tone poem, *Also sprach Zarathustra*, brings the evening to a dramatic ending.

Sat 16 March 7.30pm | £24, £22, (£23, £21 concessions, £10 under 18s)



BRAHMS: EIN DEUTSCHES REQUIEM

Civil Service Choir
Kensington Philharmonic Orchestra

Betty Makharinsky SOPRANO
Patrick Keefe BARITONE
Claudio Di Meo CONDUCTOR
Stephen Hall CONDUCTOR/ CHORUS MASTER

The power of a full-scale performance of Brahms' majestic, deeply moving Requiem with shorter choral works by other German-speaking composers.

Sun 17 March 7.00pm | £24, £20, £15



KENSINGTON SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

Dohányi, Mahler, Boulanger and Stravinsky

Kensington Symphony Orchestra
Paul Hoskins CONDUCTOR

KSO plays Dohnányi – *Symphonic Minutes*, Mahler – *Rückert-Lieder*, Boulanger – *D'un matin de printemps*, and Stravinsky – *Symphony in Three Movements*.

Mon 18 March 7.30pm | £28, £22



ENSEMBLE RENARD

THURSDAY LUNCHTIME CONCERT

Ellie Blamires FLUTE
Francesca Cox OBOE
James Gilbert CLARINET
George Strivens HORN
Patrick Bolton BASSOON

Ensemble Renard embark on a journey exploring historical influences on the modern day wind quintet.

Thu 21 March 1.05pm | £10, YF



WIMBLEDON HIGH SCHOOL

A Capella
Concert Orchestra
Sinfonia
Big Band
Canto

Join students from Wimbledon High as they perform a range of French music, including Faure's stunning Requiem and the epic finale from Saint Saens' Organ Symphony No. 3.

Thu 21 March 7.30pm | £35, £25, £20, YF



GOLDSMITHS CHORAL UNION

Parisian Spring

Affinity Chamber Orchestra
Goldsmiths Choral Union
Rosamond Thomas MEZZO-SOPRANO
Alex Bower-Brown BARITONE
Lily Platts SOPRANO

Richard Gowers ORGAN
Jack Apperley CONDUCTOR

Fauré Requiem
Boulanger Pie Jesu
Durufle Requiem

Fri 22 March 7.30pm | £36, £28, £20, YF



EASTER FESTIVAL

26 - 29 March 2024

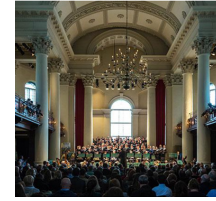
As Easter heralds the arrival of spring and marks the promise of new beginnings, join us as choral music fills St John's Smith Square. Since its rebirth as one of London's treasured concert halls in 1969, St John's has welcomed some of the world's leading choirs to perform in its renowned acoustics. This Easter Festival is no exception.

Having performed at St John's Smith Square for over ten years, the Civil Service Choir opens the Festival with a free lunchtime concert featuring two much-loved short mass settings by Schubert and Haydn. The day culminates with a performance of Mozart's *Requiem*, a work of solemnity and transcendence, by Southbank Sinfonia and award-winning chamber choir, The Purcell Singers.

Our Organist in Residence, Roger Sayer, marks Maundy Thursday with a performance of Marcel Dupré's *Symphonie-Passion*, a dramatic work tracing the birth, death, and resurrection of Christ.

As well as hosting international artists such as Polyphony and the Orchestra of the Age of Enlightenment, St John's Smith Square also champions emerging talent, and this Easter Festival sees the National Youth Choir perform Fauré's ethereal *Requiem*.

We look forward to welcoming you to our 2024 Easter Festival.



THE CIVIL SERVICE CHOIR

The Civil Service Choir and Orchestra Consort
Stephen Hall CONDUCTOR

The Civil Service Choir has been performing in St John's Smith Square for over ten years.

Schubert *Mass No.2 in G major, D.167*
Haydn *Missa brevis Sancti Joannis de Deo (Little Organ Mass) Hob. XXII:7*

They return with two charming short mass settings by Schubert and Haydn.

Tue 26 March 1.05pm | Free ticketed event



MOZART REQUIEM

The Purcell Singers
Southbank Sinfonia
Mark Ford CONDUCTOR
Jonathan Schranz CONDUCTOR

Rheinberger *Stabat Mater*
Whitacre *When David Heard*
Andrew O Nata Lux
Nystedt *Immortal Bach*
Mozart *Requiem*

Tue 26 March 7.30pm | £35, £25, £18, YF



ROGER SAYER

THURSDAY LUNCHTIME CONCERT

Roger Sayer ORGAN

Marcel Dupré *Symphonie-Passion: i Le Monde dans l'attente du Sauveur ii Nativité iii Crucifixion iv Résurrection*

Alfred Hollins *Concert-Overture in C minor*
J.S. Bach *Prelude and Fugue in E flat BWV 552*

Hear Roger Sayer, St John's Smith Square's Organist in Residence.

Thu 28 March 1.05pm | £10, YF



FAURÉ REQUIEM

National Youth Choir
Southbank Sinfonia alumni

Fauré Requiem

spirituality and ethereal beauty, the composer's most famous work offers a uniquely serene and tranquil view of death, bringing joy rather than sadness in its peace-filled conclusion.

The National Youth Choir performs Fauré's *Requiem*. With its deep

Thu 28 March 7.30pm | £25, £15, YF



POLYPHONY & THE ORCHESTRA OF THE AGE OF ENLIGHTENMENT

J.S. Bach *St John Passion*

Rowan Pierce SOPRANO
Iestyn Davies COUNTERTENOR
Ruairi Bowen TENOR
Ashley Riches BASS
Stephen Layton CONDUCTOR

Polyphony
Orchestra of the Age of Enlightenment
James Gilchrist EVANGELIST
Neal Davies CHRIST

Fri 29 March 2.30pm | £65, £50, £30



SASHA SAVALONI
THURSDAY LUNCHTIME CONCERT

Sasha Savaloni GUITAR

Classical guitarist Sasha Savaloni is the winner of two of the most prestigious guitar competitions in Europe: the Sevilla International

Guitar Competition (2018) and the New Elizabethan Award (2022).

Hear Sasha perform works by John Dowland, Schubert, Stuart MacRae, and Phillip Houghton.

Thu 4 April 1.05pm | £10, YF



LONDON MOZART PLAYERS - TASTING NOTES

A unique event which combines wine tasting with live music

London Mozart Players (LMP)
STRING QUARTET

Tasting Notes has been described by

audiences as "The best way to experience classical music". Join LMP for a musical wine tasting evening where a wine expert and LMP's First Violinist will explain how the music and wine were paired. As the music plays, sit back, listen and enjoy the accompanying wine..

Thu 4 April 7.00pm | £59, (£36 under 30s)



HERTFORDSHIRE COUNTY YOUTH ORCHESTRA

Opera Gala

Hertfordshire County Youth Orchestra
Peter Stark CONDUCTOR

Programme to include a gala of well loved operatic arias, orchestral interludes and overtures by Verdi (*La Forza del Destino*), and Wagner (*Tristan and Isolde*).

Fri 5 April 7.00pm | £30, £20, (under 16s free)



SOUTHBANK SINFONIA FELLOWSHIP
THURSDAY LUNCHTIME CONCERT

Musicians from Southbank Sinfonia

Hear musicians from Southbank Sinfonia's 2023/24 Fellowship perform chamber works.

Thu 11 April 1.05pm | £10, YF



BUCKINGHAMSHIRE COUNTY YOUTH GROUPS

Buckinghamshire County Youth Orchestra
Tom Horn CONDUCTOR
Buckinghamshire County Youth Choir
Edwin Pitt Mansfield CONDUCTOR
Buckinghamshire Youth Wind Ensemble
Ed Hodgson CONDUCTOR

This concert is a celebration of Buckinghamshire's finest young musicians, with repertoire displaying wonderful range, depth, and virtuosity.

Sat 13 April 7.00pm | £25, £20, (£12 students & children)



BERKELEY BRASS
THURSDAY LUNCHTIME CONCERT

Thomas Thornton, James Kelly, Reuben Anelay TRUMPET
Samuel Dawes, Felix Rockhill, Cameron Bahmaie TROMBONE
Jude Smith TUBA
Munro Ashton PERCUSSION/ TIMPANI

Berkeley Brass from the Royal Academy of Music presents an all-baroque programme including selections from Bach's joyful Easter Oratorio.

Thu 18 April 1.05pm | £10, YF



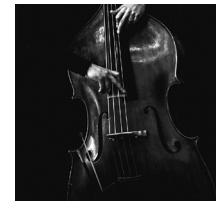
SOUTHBANK SINFONIA

The Modernists

Southbank Sinfonia
Philippa Boyle SOPRANO
Lee Reynolds CONDUCTOR

Schoenberg (arr. Reynolds) *Erwartung*
Mahler (arr. Reynolds) *Adagio from Symphony No.10*
Debussy (arr. Reynolds) *Suite from Pelléas et Mélisande*

Thu 18 April 7.00pm | £15, (£6 under 18s), YF



JAZZ IN THE CRYPT
LATE NIGHT EVENT

The Harry Baker Trio

Jazz up the night with some smooth tunes and good vibes! Join us for a relaxed evening of jazz favourites in

the atmospheric crypt of St John's Smith Square.

Thu 18 April 9.30pm | £15, YF



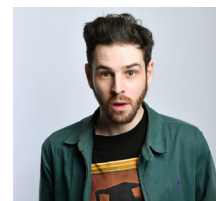
CITY OF LONDON SINFONIA

Transformed Lives

City of London Sinfonia
Alexandra Wood DIRECTOR, VIOLIN

A programme of heavenly music inspired by lifechanging moments in the lives of some of the most famous composers, including Mahler's *Adagietto* from his *Symphony No.5*, and Schoenberg's *Transfigured Night*.

Sat 20 April 7.00pm | £25, £20, £15 (£20, £15, £10 concessions)



CRYPT LATES - COMEDY NIGHT

Joe Jacobs COMEDIAN

Experience an eclectic fusion of hip hop and comedy with London's own Joe Jacobs - seen on Channel 4, BBC Radio 4, and stages including *The Comedy Store*. Catch his viral humor and rap stylings that captivate millions online. A must-see act!

Wed 24 April 9.30pm | £15, YF



SOUTHBANK SINFONIA

#ConcertLab

Southbank Sinfonia
Matt Belcher CREATIVE DIRECTOR

Art forms and ideas collide in #ConcertLab, a series that explores how we might experience concerts differently. Southbank Sinfonia is working on a brand new #ConcertLab experience... Save the date!

Thu 25 April 7.00pm | Pricing to be confirmed



CHAMBER MUSIC: EVA OERTLE FLUTE & VESSELIN STANEV PIANO

Schumann, Brahms, Chaminade

Eva Oertle FLUTE
Vesselin Stanev PIANO

Featuring works by Clara Schumann, Fanny Mendelssohn, Brahms, Chaminade, and more.

Fri 26 April 7.30pm | £30, £20, £10, YF



CHOIR OF CLARE COLLEGE, CAMBRIDGE

Monteverdi Vespers of 1610

The Choir of Clare College, Cambridge
The English Cornett and Sackbut Ensemble
Graham Ross CONDUCTOR

The Choir of Clare College Cambridge are thrilled to present Monteverdi's Vespers at St John's Smith Square.

Sat 27 April 7.30pm | £35, £25, £15, YF



RACHMANINOFF IN 40 FINGERS

A performance from the award-winning MultiPiano Ensemble

Tomer Lev
Berenika Glixman
Nimrod Haftel-Meiri
Lior Lifshitz

Rachmaninoff's complete original multi-hand piano music in one concert - with the superb MultiPiano Ensemble!

Sun 28 April 3.30pm & 7.30pm | £32, £22, £15, (£29, £19, £10 concessions), YF



SOUTHBANK SINFONIA PERFORMS WITH THE ACADEMY OF ST MARTIN IN THE FIELDS

Southbank Sinfonia
Academy of St Martin in the Fields

Don't miss Southbank Sinfonia's annual collaboration with the Academy of St Martin in the Fields.

Wed 1 May 7.00pm | £36, £26, £15, (£6 under 18s), YF



SOUTHBANK SINFONIA FELLOWSHIP

THURSDAY LUNCHTIME CONCERT

Musicians from Southbank Sinfonia

Hear musicians from Southbank Sinfonia's 2023/24 Fellowship perform chamber works.

Thu 2 May 1.05pm | £10, YF



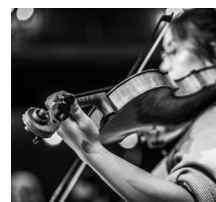
COVENT GARDEN CHAMBER ORCHESTRA

Covent Garden Chamber Orchestra
Juan Carlos Fernandez-Nieto PIANO
Dominic Grier CONDUCTOR

Rachmaninoff *Rhapsody on a theme of Paganini*
 Mahler *Symphony No. 5*

Join Covent Garden Chamber Orchestra for their annual return to St John's as they expand to enjoy this large and exciting programme.

Sat 4 May 7.30pm | £25, £20, £15, YF



SOUTHBANK SINFONIA ALUMNI

THURSDAY LUNCHTIME CONCERT

Hear Southbank Sinfonia alumni perform chamber works as part of London Festival of Baroque Music.

Thu 16 May 1.05pm | £10, YF

LONDON FESTIVAL OF BAROQUE MUSIC



13 - 19 May 2024

This year we are delighted to introduce one of Spain's most innovative and energetic Period instrument ensembles, Forma Antiqua, who bring the colour and passion of Baroque Spain to LFBM in their concert *De sópitu: The music that belongs to us*. We also present a collaboration with the Early Opera Company, performing Handel's love duets, and invite you to 'Come and Play' with Southbank Sinfonia players in a celebration of Baroque music for all. Full LFBM programme details will be announced shortly. Building on our ethos of supporting emerging talent, we are currently planning a reimagined and revitalised LFBM programme for 2025, which will showcase amongst others some of our exceptional Southbank Sinfonia alumni who have gone on to specialise in Baroque music and form their own acclaimed ensembles.



MELLOR-REDSHAW DUO

THURSDAY LUNCHTIME CONCERT

Andy Mellor CLARINET
Holly Redshaw BASSOON

In a programme featuring repertoire that spans the 18th to 20th centuries, the Mellor-Redshaw Duo bring

together influences from operatic arias to modern jazz to create an exciting look at the range of characters the clarinet and bassoon are able to inhabit.

Thu 23 May 1.05pm | £10, YF



PETER HULSEN ORCHESTRAL SONG AWARD

Southbank Sinfonia

The live final of the biennial Peter Hulsen Orchestral Song Award showcases an array of outstanding emerging vocal talents ready to embark into the music profession.

The winning singer, judged by an expert panel, will become an Associate Artist of Southbank Sinfonia. There will also be the opportunity to cast your own vote in the Audience Award.

Thu 23 May 7.00pm | Pricing to be confirmed



PONTE LONDON ORCHESTRA

Tieshan Liu and Yu Mao *The Dance of Yao People*
Rachmaninoff *Piano Concerto No.2*
Berlioz *Symphonie Fantastique*

Annual Summer Concert by Hong Kong professional musicians in the UK

Sun 26 May 3.30pm | £25, £15, (£10, £8, £6 for Young Friends)



SIMON HOGAN

THURSDAY LUNCHTIME CONCERT

Simon Hogan ORGAN

Simon Hogan is the Sub-Organist and Assistant Director of Music at Southwark Cathedral. In this concert he performs works by J.S. Bach,

Stanford, Dupré and more.

Thu 30 May 1.05pm | £10, YF



JAZZ CONCERT: ROB LUFT AND MISHA MULLOV-ABBADO WITH SOUTHBANK SINFONIA

Southbank Sinfonia
Rob Luft
ELECTRIC GUITAR/ CO- DIRECTOR
Misha Mullov-Abbado
DOUBLE BASS/ CO- DIRECTOR
Corrie Dick DRUMS

Southbank Sinfonia team up with London's most prominent jazz instrumentalists for a classical fusion.

Thu 30 May 7.00pm | £20, £18, (£6 under 18s), YF



CRYPT LATES

Musicians from Southbank Sinfonia

Join musicians from Southbank Sinfonia for a performance of varied repertoire in our intimate and atmospheric crypt.

Thu 30 May 9.30pm | £15, YF



SALOMON ORCHESTRA

Salomon Orchestra's 60th Birthday Concert

Salomon Orchestra
Michael Oren CONDUCTOR
Martyn Brabbins CONDUCTOR

Salomon Orchestra celebrates its 60th anniversary with the first symphonies of Elgar and Ben-Haim.

Sat 1 June 7.30pm | £22, £20



22 STRINGS

THURSDAY LUNCHTIME CONCERT

Ilhem Ben Khalfa, Alexander Casson
VIOLINS,
Aleksandra Lipke, Lorena Cantó
Woltèche VIOLAS,
Paul Lee, Reyan Murtadha CELLOS

Tchaikovsky *Souvenir de Florence*

Thu 6 June 1.05pm | £10, YF



VOX ANIMA LONDON

A Festival of Church Music

Quint Harris, Kevin McBeth,
Andy Waggoner CONDUCTORS
Sarah MacDonald
GUEST CONDUCTOR, COMPOSER

Bringing wondrous Church Choral Music into the concert setting. Our Festival Choir celebrates today's outstanding composers as well as significant voices from Britain's rich history, including Parry's *I Was Glad*.

Wed 12 June 7.00pm | £25, £15



RIEKO MAKITA

THURSDAY LUNCHTIME CONCERT

Rieko Makita PIANO

Rieko Makita presents 'Night visions', an evocative piano recital inspired by night, dreams, and mystery.

Thu 13 June 1.05pm | £10, YF



A NIGHT AT THE MOVIES

Southbank Sinfonia
Peter Davison CONDUCTOR

Return to the worlds of your favourite films in this epic concert from Southbank Sinfonia. An ebullient brass fanfare announces

the arrival of John Williams' theme for *Star Wars*, before the orchestra takes a journey through the works of Bernard Hermann, Ennio Morricone, Joe Hisaishi, and more.

Thu 13 June 7.00pm | £36, £26, £15 (£6 under 18s), YF



THE MUSICAL FLYING MACHINE

Southbank Sinfonia Family Concert

Bring the whole family along on a magical musical adventure! Featuring a full orchestra, enjoy live classical music that will inspire and fuel the imagination.

Sat 15 June 11.30am | £6



A NIGHT AT THE MOVIES - RELAXED PERFORMANCE

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Peter Davison CONDUCTOR

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Sat 15 June 1.00pm | £15



ROYAL ORCHESTRAL SOCIETY

Royal Orchestral Society
Ben Goldschneider HORN
Rebecca Miller CONDUCTOR

Havrylets *Chorale for Strings*
Glière *Chorale for Strings*
Shostakovich *Symphony No.5*

A concert showcasing two ukrainian composers, followed by Shostakovich's ever popular 5th symphony.

Sun 16 June 7.00pm | £22, £18, (£10 under 25/ over 65)



CRYPT LATES

A Night at the Musicals with Georgi Mottram

Georgi Mottram SINGER

From the most heartwarming, showstopping and epic numbers from musical theatre and some of the most stunning classical crossover songs, with a sprinkle of opera, this promises to be an enchanting and memorable evening.

Wed 19 June 9.30pm | £15, YF



PICTURES AT AN EXHIBITION WITH THE BERKELEY ENSEMBLE

THURSDAY LUNCHTIME CONCERT

Berkeley Ensemble
Southbank Sinfonia
Laura Snowden GUITAR

A lunchtime concert featuring a string quartet arrangement of Mussorgsky's *Pictures at an Exhibition*.

Thu 20 June 1.05pm | £10, YF



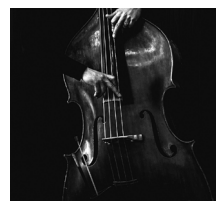
SOUTHBANK SINFONIA SIDE-BY-SIDE WITH THE BERKELEY ENSEMBLE

Southbank Sinfonia
Berkeley Ensemble

Stravinsky *Dumbarton Oaks*
Hindemith *Kammermusik No. 1*

A series of chamber collaborations between Southbank Sinfonia and the Berkeley Ensemble.

Thu 20 June 7.00pm | £15, (£6 under 18s), YF



JAZZ IN THE CRYPT

LATE NIGHT EVENT

Emma Rawicz SAXOPHONE
David Preston GUITAR

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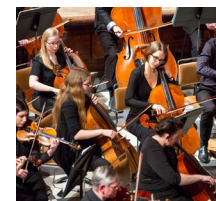


THE BAR CHORAL SOCIETY

The Bar Choral Society
Greg Morris MUSICAL DIRECTOR
The Temple Philharmonia
Grace Davidson SOPRANO

Mendelssohn *Psalm 42 "Wie der Hirsch schreit nach frischem Wasser, so schreit meine Seele, Gott, zu Dir."*
Puccini *Messa di Gloria*

Fri 21 June 7.15pm | £30, £20, £10



FULHAM SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

Fulham Symphony Orchestra
Rolf Hind PIANO
Marc Dooley CONDUCTOR
Tom Evans LEADER

Bushra El-Turk *Tmesis*
Bartók *Piano Concerto No. 2*

Sibelius Symphony No. 2

A thrilling fusion of Western and Eastern sounds, a virtuosic concerto, and an epic symphony evoking majestic landscapes.

Sat 22 June 7.30pm | £14, (£12 concessions, £9 under 16s)



TEATIME TREATS

Southbank Sinfonia

Join the musicians of Southbank Sinfonia for 'Teatime Treats' – an informal live music performance, with the chance for audience

participation, set in St John's Smith Square's Footstool Café.

Tickets also include tea or coffee and a slice of cake.

Sun 23 June 3.00pm | £6



CARNE TRUST CHAMBER MUSIC COMPETITION

Presented by Trinity Laban Conservatoire of Music and Dance

The Trinity Laban Carne Trust Chamber Music Competition celebrates the incredible wealth of chamber music happening at

London's creative conservatoire. Join us as student ensembles compete for the prize, generously supported by The Carne Trust.

Mon 24 June 7.00pm | £15, £10



STUDENTS FROM THE ROYAL ACADEMY OF MUSIC

THURSDAY LUNCHTIME CONCERT

Hear students from the Royal Academy of Music perform in this lunchtime concert.

Thu 27 June 1.05pm | £10, YF



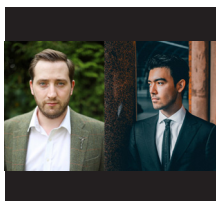
HAYDN: THE CREATION

All Saints Chorus & Orchestra
Lucy Farrimond SOPRANO
Bene't Coldstream TENOR
Alistair Kirk BASS
Jonathon Strange LEADER
Jon Cullen CONDUCTOR

Haydn *The Creation*

Haydn's late masterpiece recounting the Creation story as depicted in the Book of Genesis.

Sun 30 June 7.00pm | £30, £20, £10



MICHAEL RONAN & HARRY RYLANCE

THURSDAY LUNCHTIME CONCERT

Michael Ronan BASS-BARITONE
Harry Rylance PIANO

Melodies of Transcendence: A journey through Brahms, Wagner/Liszt, and Mussorgsky's odes to death and eternity.

Thu 4 July 1.05pm | £10, YF



SOUTHBANK SINFONIA - ANGHIARI FESTIVAL PREVIEW CONCERT

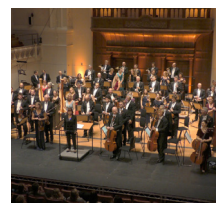
THURSDAY LUNCHTIME CONCERT

Southbank Sinfonia

Enjoy a programme of chamber music that radiates the warmth of the

Italian sun! Join us for an Anghiari Festival preview concert.

Thu 11 July 1.05pm | £10, YF



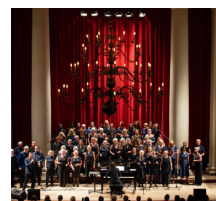
NATIONAL SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

National Symphony Orchestra
Rimma Sushanskaya CONDUCTOR

Beethoven Symphony No. 6 in F major, "Pastoral"
Beethoven Symphony No. 8 in F major

Rimma Sushanskaya, Principal Associate Conductor of the National Symphony, continues her complete cycle of Beethoven symphonies in 2024.

Sun 21 July 7.30pm | £25, £15, YF



MYCOOL SINGERS AND FRIENDS IN CONCERT

MyCool Singers
Mike King Collective (MKC)
Dartford Township Choir
Breathe Harmony NHS Choir
Mike King MUSIC DIRECTOR

From jazz to soul, this uplifting choir event directed by UK vocal coach (The Voice) and musical director, Mike King, features five fantastic choirs raising money and awareness for the MyCool Music Foundation

Sat 17 August 7.30pm | £20, £16, £12



BOOKING INFORMATION

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230 dining | 500 standing | 324 theatre style

THE CRYPT

This elegant and intimate setting provides a unique and alternative space for smaller receptions, parties and meetings. An ideal location for music, cabaret, and comedy nights.

180 capacity