



ST JOHN'S SMITH SQUARE

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# 2023/24 SEASON

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**Autumn Edition**

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# 2023/24 SEASON

## WELCOME TO ST JOHN'S SMITH SQUARE

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A beacon for the future of classical music, St John's Smith Square champions emerging talent and creative exploration, whilst supporting returning performers, to provide uplifting and memorable musical experiences.

This season features an array of events – from an immersive planetarium-style concert to our Jazz in the Crypt series and much-loved Christmas Festival. We will also be hosting our Thursday Lunchtime Concert Series, showcasing up-and-coming musicians.

We are looking to become more embedded within our local community and provide a broad variety of events to cater for different needs. These range from 'Teatime Treats for Silver Sunday' to relaxed performances for young children and families. If you think we could support your organisation through our range of activities, please do get in touch.

As the UK's only concert hall dating from the Baroque period, it is our great responsibility to ensure a bold future for classical music in this remarkable setting, and we need to make St John's Smith Square a concert hall fit for the 21st century. This is an exciting time for us as we embark on our journey to repair and refurbish the building, alongside fully embedding Southbank Sinfonia in the heart of its new home.

We hope you find much to enjoy in the coming season and look forward to seeing you here at St John's Smith Square.

**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.

Running throughout the season, our Thursday Lunchtime Concerts offer something for everyone; from chamber masterpieces with the award-winning Kleio Quartet, to organ recitals, and a re-imagining of Mozart by musicians from Southbank Sinfonia.

All concerts start at 1.05pm. Tickets £10; £6 for members of our **Young Friends Scheme**, a free scheme for those aged 30 and under. Become a **Friend** or **Patron** and receive complimentary tickets to this series.

14 September

### HERRMANN QUINTET

**Ilhem Ben Khalfa** VIOLIN, **Sophie Hinson** VIOLIN, **Jules Baeten** CLARINET,  
**Aleksandra Lipke** VIOLA, **Rebecca Bradley** CELLO

Programme to include works by Mozart and Bernard Herrmann.



21 September

### KLEIO QUARTET

**Yume Fujise** VIOLIN, **Katherine Yoon** VIOLIN,  
**Jenny Lewisohn** VIOLA, **Eliza Millett** CELLO

Programme to include works by Beethoven and Verdi.

28 September

### ROGER SAYER ORGAN

Programme to include works by Widor, Handel, Vivaldi, and more.

12 October

### AZURI PIANO TRIO

**Doris Kuo** VIOLIN, **Idlir Shyti** CELLO, **Dominika Blatt** PIANO

Programme to include works by Rachmaninoff and Brahms.

19 October

### NATRIO ENSEMBLE

**Joe Skypala** TRUMPET, **Nick Budd** TRUMPET, **Will Thomas** TRUMPET

Programme to include works by Mozart and Bruckner, and newly commissioned works.







26 October

**POLINA SOSNINA** ORGAN

Programme to include works by J.S. Bach, Franck, Shostakovich, and more.



2 November

**SOUTHBANK SINFONIA: THROUGH THE LOOKING GLASS**

Musicians from Southbank Sinfonia perform works by Joby Talbot, Missy Mazzoli, Caroline Shaw, and Haydn.

9 November

**HALCYON QUARTET**

Programme to include works by Grażyna Bacewicz and Schubert.



16 November

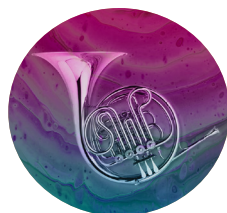
**CHARLES ANDREWS** ORGAN

Programme to include works by Bach, Krebs, Franck, Widor, and Rheinberger.

23 November

**SOUTHBANK SINFONIA:  
MOZART RE-IMAGINED**

Musicians from Southbank Sinfonia perform works by Jonathan Dove, Jonathan Harvey, and Mozart.



14 December

**SAMUEL ALI** ORGAN

Programme to feature Messiaen's *La Nativité du Seigneur*.

21 December

**IBEX BRASS**

Programme to feature core repertoire for brass quintet.



# CRYPT CLASSICS

COFFEE, CAKE, AND FREE MUSIC



Join musicians of the Royal College of Music in St John's Smith Square's crypt. Relax and listen to a free performance alongside a bite to eat and drink from our Footstool Cafe.

Thursday 5 October 11.00am

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Thursday 2 November 11.00am

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Thursday 30 November 11.00am

This season, musicians from the Junior Department of the Royal Academy of Music will also perform in our crypt for Junior Crypt Classics:

Sunday 19 November 12.00pm

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Sunday 26 November 12.00pm





# JAZZ

## IN THE CRYPT

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.

With drinks available to buy from our fully stocked bar throughout the evening, it's an event not to be missed.

Thursday 14 September 9.30pm

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Thursday 12 October 9.30pm

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Thursday 23 November 9.30pm

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Thursday 14 December 9.30pm

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Tickets: £15, YF £6. Duration: 1 hour.

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## OPEN HOUSE LONDON

### Discover St John's Smith Square

With its history and architectural significance, combined with its musical offerings, St John's Smith Square is a cherished institution in London's cultural landscape.

As part of Open House London, delve into the archives and learn about our history, listen to the renowned Klais organ, and enjoy a bite to eat in our Footstool Cafe.

**Tue 12 September 9.00am - 12.00pm** | Free Admission



## BAMPTON CLASSICAL OPERA

### At the Venice Fair

**CHROMA**  
**Bampton Classical Opera**  
**Thomas Blunt** CONDUCTOR  
**Jeremy Gray** STAGE DIRECTOR

### Salieri *At the Venice Fair*

Salieri's boisterous comic opera receives its London premiere in a colourful staged production by Bampton, acclaimed specialists in revitalising forgotten 18th century treasures.

Pre-concert talk - 6pm (free for ticket holders)

**Wed 13 September 7.00pm** | £42, £32, £20



## HERRMANN QUINTET

THURSDAY LUNCHTIME CONCERT

**Ilhem Ben Khalfa** VIOLIN  
**Sophie Hinson** VIOLIN  
**Jules Baeten** CLARINET  
**Aleksandra Lipke** VIOLA  
**Rebecca Bradley** CELLO

Mozart *Clarinet Quintet in A major, K. 581*  
Bernard Herrmann *Souvenir de Voyage*

**Thu 14 September 1.05pm** | £10, YF



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**Thu 14 September 3.00pm - 7.00pm** | Free Admission



## JAZZ IN THE CRYPT

**Luft & Mullov-Abbado play Brazilian Jazz Classics**

**Rob Luft** GUITAR  
**Misha Mullov-Abbado** BASS  
**Sam Watts** PIANO  
**Corrie Dick** DRUMS

Founded by guitarist Rob Luft and bassist Misha Mullov-Abbado, this ensemble features a dream squad of the UK's finest young contemporary jazz musicians, joyfully celebrating music of the Brazilian greats.

**Thu 14 September 9.30pm** | £15, YF



## BAROQUE ENCOUNTER - HANDEL'S TOLOMEO

**Carmen Lasok** SOPRANO  
**Glenn Kesby** COUNTER TENOR  
**Lucy Thomas** SOPRANO  
**John Lofthouse** BARITONE  
**Alexander Hutton** COUNTER TENOR  
**Asako Ogawa** CONDUCTOR  
**Christopher Tudor** DIRECTOR

Sat 16 September 7.00pm | £45, £35



## KLEIO QUARTET

THURSDAY LUNCHTIME CONCERT

**Yume Fujise** VIOLIN  
**Katherine Yoon** VIOLIN  
**Jenny Lewisohn** VIOLA  
**Eliza Millett** CELLO

Beethoven *String Quartet No.3 in D major*  
 Verdi *String Quartet in E minor*

The Kleio Quartet won the Carl Nielsen Chamber Music Competition 2023 and are fast establishing themselves internationally.

Thu 21 September 1.05pm | £10, YF



## ORCHESTRA VITAE

Life and Soul

**Orchestra Vitae**  
**Pablo Urbina** PRINCIPAL CONDUCTOR  
**Philip Keller** GUEST CONDUCTOR

Mozart *Overture to Don Giovanni*  
 David John Roche *Joy in the Face of Anger*  
 (World Premiere)  
 Jean Sibelius *Symphony No. 2 in D major*

Orchestra Vitae perform an evening of classical music which will touch your heart and soul.

Pre-concert talk - 6.30pm (free for ticket holders)

Thu 21 September 7.30pm | £30, £20, YF



## KOREAN ARTS FESTIVAL

A Celebration of the 70th  
 Anniversary of the End of the  
 Korean War

**Korean Traditional Artists**  
**London Korean Music Academy**  
**St Margaret The Queen, Buxted Choir**

Korean Arts Festival perform our Culture and Arts and develop it with local UK communities.

Sat 23 September 6.30pm | £30, £20, £10



## ROGER SAYER

THURSDAY LUNCHTIME CONCERT

**Roger Sayer** ORGAN  
 Programme to include works by Widor, Handel, Vivaldi, and more.

Roger Sayer, international concert organist and the organ soloist from the film *Interstellar*, will put the instrument through its paces with this dazzling programme.

Thu 28 September 1.05pm | £10, YF



## TEATIME TREATS FOR SILVER SUNDAY

### Southbank Sinfonia

Join the musicians of Southbank Sinfonia for an informal live music performance, set in St John's Smith Square's Footstool Cafe.

As part of 'Silver Sunday', a national campaign to tackle loneliness and isolation in older people, we invite all generations to come together and listen to a variety of music. Tickets also include tea or coffee and a slice of cake.

Sun 1 October 3.00pm | £8



## CRYPT LATES

**A multi-instrumental vintage cabaret** Fun and skill with vintage sheet-music and a variety of instruments and some beautiful singing.

**Patricia Hammond**  
**Matt Redman**

Prepare to be entertained and beguiled.

Wed 4 October 9.30pm | £15, YF



## CRYPT CLASSICS

**with students from the**  
**Royal College of Music**

Our Crypt Classics series showcases phenomenal young performers from the Royal College of Music for a unique and intimate relaxed performance experience in St John's Smith Square's crypt.

Thu 5 October 11.00am | Free Admission



## LONDON MOZART PLAYERS - TASTING NOTES

**Wine with music**

**London Mozart Players (LMP)**  
STRING QUARTET

LMP's musical wine tasting, sharing stories behind the music and pairing each piece with a specially curated wine, accompanied by a formal tasting note.

Wed 11 October 7.00pm | £59 (£36 for under 30s)



## AZURI PIANO TRIO

THURSDAY LUNCHTIME CONCERT

**Doris Kuo** VIOLIN  
**Idlir Shyti** CELLO  
**Dominika Blatt** PIANO

*Brahms Piano Trio No.1 in B major, Op.8*



*Rachmaninoff Trio élégiaque No.1 in G minor*

The concert explores the chamber music works of both Rachmaninoff and Brahms in their youthful years.

Thu 12 October 1.05pm | £10, YF





## JAZZ IN THE CRYPT

**Richard Jones Quartet**

**Richard Jones** BASS TROMBONE  
**Andrew Chen** PIANO  
**Simon Spies** DRUMS  
**Murray Dare** BASS

Richard and his band of emerging jazz talent will be paying tribute to George Roberts by performing songs from his solo album *Meet Mr Roberts* and *The Great American Songbook*.

**Thu 12 October 9.30pm** | £15, YF



## SOUTHBANK SINFONIA

FAMILY EVENT

**Musical Zoo Family Workshop**

Join the musicians of Southbank Sinfonia and visit the musical zoo!

You'll have the chance to meet lots of different families of instruments and have a go at playing some of them too.

This workshop is suitable for children aged 5-11 years.

**Sat 14 October 11.00am** | £6



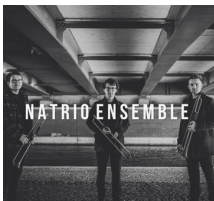
## 2023 ARTHUR RUBINSTEIN INT. PIANO COMPETITION - 1ST PRIZE WINNER

**Kevin Chen, Gold Medal**

**Kevin Chen** PIANO

Programme to include works by Chopin, Liszt, Scriabin, and Mendelssohn.

**Sun 15 October 7.00pm** | £35, £25, £15, YF



## NATRIO ENSEMBLE

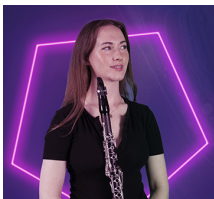
THURSDAY LUNCHTIME CONCERT

**Joe Skypala** TRUMPET  
**Nick Budd** TRUMPET  
**Will Thomas** TRUMPET

Natrio aims to take the listener on a

journey through the styles and times of music, from rustic fanfares on the natural trumpet, to the joys of Mozart and Mendelssohn and lush harmonies of Bruckner.

**Thu 19 October 1.05pm** | £10, YF



## SOUTHBANK SINFONIA

**French Fantasies**

**Southbank Sinfonia**  
**Simon Over** CONDUCTOR

*Poulenc Sinfonietta*  
*Ravel Le Tombeau de Couperin*

Farrenc *Symphony No.2*

Exquisite French music, wine and cheese! Seated around our large cabaret tables, enjoy an unforgettable concert experience.

**Thu 19 October 7.00pm** | £36 (wine and cheese included), £15, YF, £6 for under 18s - (gallery seat, no wine and cheese)



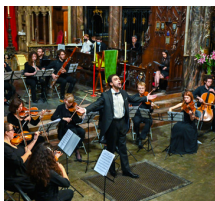
## THE PRESENT AGE

**A tribute to Leslie Condon**

**The International Staff Band of The Salvation Army** (Conductor Dr Stephen Cobb) and **The International Staff Songsters of The Salvation Army**

(Conductor Dorothy Nancekievill) present a musical tribute to Leslie Condon.

**Fri 20 October 7.45pm** | £25, £20, £10



## ARAM KHACHATURIAN 120TH ANNIVERSARY CONCERT

**Orchestral and solo pieces for piano, violin, oboe and vocal**

Programme to include the orchestral suite from *Khachatriana*, medley of parts from *Gayane*, *Masquerade* and *Spartacus* ballets, as well as vocal-instrumental and choral pieces.

**Klingen Chamber Orchestra**  
**Klingen Choir**  
**Sipan Olah** CONDUCTOR

**Sat 21 October 7.00pm** | £30, £20, £15



## THE PARKHOUSE AWARD PRESENTS THE PADDINGTON TRIO

**Tuulia Hero** VIOLIN  
**Patrick Moriarty** CELLO  
**Stephanie Tang** PIANO

Experience the unique and versatile talent of the Paddington Trio in an exciting programme of contrasting piano trios by Sam Perkin, Mozart, Arvo Pärt, and Shostakovich.

**Tue 24 October 7.30pm** | £15, £10 (concession), £5 (students)



## POLINA SOSNINA

THURSDAY LUNCHTIME CONCERT

**Polina Sosnina** ORGAN

Programme to include works by J.S. Bach, Duruflé, Mendelssohn, Franck, and Shostakovich.

Polina Sosnina is the Organist and Director of the Junior Choir at St Martin-in-the-Fields.

**Thu 26 October 1.05pm** | £10, YF



## RECONNECTION WORLD TOUR: DANIEL VERSTAPPEN

**A magical piano-experience**

**Daniel Verstappen** PIANO  
**Marina Barskaya** VIOLA

Part of the world tour of Belgian-International pianist & composer, traversing the iconic concert halls, Carnegie Hall New York & Sydney Opera House.

**Sun 29 October 7.00pm** | £30, £25, £15, £10 (concession), YF



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Thu 2 November 11.00am | Free Admission



## SOUTHBANK SINFONIA

THURSDAY LUNCHTIME CONCERT

Through the Looking Glass

Southbank Sinfonia

Broken phrases, ghostly melodies, and

shadowy sound worlds. Musicians from Southbank Sinfonia perform a lunchtime concert featuring works by Joby Talbot, Missy Mazzioli, Caroline Shaw, and Haydn.

Thu 2 November 1.05pm | £10, YF



## BEETHOVEN AND MENDELSSOHN

London Mozart Players and  
Isata Kanneh-Mason

Isata Kanneh-Mason PIANO  
Jonathan Bloxham CONDUCTOR  
Ruth Rogers LEADER

London Mozart Players (LMP)

LMP play Beethoven's Symphony No.5 and Mendelssohn's Piano Concerto No.1 with Isata Kanneh-Mason.

Fri 3 November 7.30pm | £35, £25, £15, YF



## 1885 SINGERS AND ORCHESTRA

Elijah

1885 Singers  
1885 Orchestra  
Alison Hunka CONDUCTOR

Aoife Miskelly SOPRANO  
Rebecca Afonwy Jones MEZZO SOPRANO  
Mark LeBrocq TENOR  
Ashley Riches BARITONE

Felix Mendelssohn's magnificent oratorio telling the story of the prophet Elijah.

Sat 4 November 7.00pm | £30, £20, £10



## NATIONAL SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

Orchestral Fireworks: Great works  
by Beethoven and Haydn

National Symphony Orchestra  
Mathilde Milwidsky VIOLIN  
Rimma Sushanskaya CONDUCTOR

Beethoven's elegant Romances for violin are contrasted by the energetic symphonies of Beethoven and Haydn.

Sun 5 November 7.30pm | £25, £15





## HALCYON QUARTET

THURSDAY LUNCHTIME CONCERT

Grażyna Bacewicz *Quartet No.3*  
Schubert *Quartet No.13 in A minor*  
"Rosamunde Quartet" *D. 804*

In a programme spanning 123 years, the Halcyon Quartet will be performing a lunchtime concert of music that celebrates reflecting on the past and embracing the present.

Thu 9 November 1.05pm | £10, YF



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FAMILY EVENT

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This workshop is suitable for children aged 5–11 years.

Sat 11 November 11.00am | £6



## CHARLES ANDREWS

THURSDAY LUNCHTIME CONCERT

### Charles Andrews ORGAN

Programme to include works by Bach, Krebs, Franck, Widor, and Rheinberger.

Charles Andrews is Liturgical Organist of the Temple Church, London and Professor of Organ and Organ Co-ordinator at the Royal College of Music.

Thu 16 November 1.05pm | £10, YF



## HANDEL: MESSIAH

Platinum Consort  
Platinum Chorists  
Platinum 415  
Scott Inglis-Kidger CONDUCTOR

Handel *Messiah*

Platinum Consort returns for their annual *Messiah* featuring top consort singers, choristers and period band.

Sat 18 November 7.30pm | £50, £35, £15



## JUNIOR CRYPT CLASSICS

with students from the Junior Department of the Royal Academy of Music

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Sun 19 November 12.00pm | Free Admission



## CIVIL SERVICE CHOIR - CELEBRATING WILL TODD CHORAL JAZZ

**Will Todd** *Mass in Blue* and other choral jazz

The ground-breaking *Mass in Blue*, stellar jazz musicians, and the composer talking about his music.

**Civil Service Choir**  
**Tom Green Jazz Orchestra**

This concert is part of the EFG London Jazz Festival.

**Sun 19 November 7.00pm** | £30, £23, £15



## THE PURCELL SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

**The Purcell Symphony Orchestra**  
**Hana McDowell** VIOLIN  
**Ekaterina Chunikhina** OBOE  
**Paul Mann** CONDUCTOR

Laila Arafah, Daniel Fardon, Bartók, Brahms, and Martinů.

Programme to include works by

Conducted by Paul Mann, the Purcell Symphony Orchestra performs traditional repertoire alongside an intriguing twist of new flavours.

**Mon 20 November 7.30pm** | £20, £10, (£5 under 18s), YF



## SOUTHBANK SINFONIA

THURSDAY LUNCHTIME CONCERTS

**Mozart Re-Imagined**

Delicate harmonies, graceful melodies, and visionary masterpieces! Enjoy this lunchtime concert inspired by the music of Mozart.

**Jonathan Dove** *Figures in the Garden*  
**Jonathan Harvey** *Serenade in Homage to Mozart*  
**Mozart** *Serenade in E flat*

**Thu 23 November 1.05pm** | £10, YF



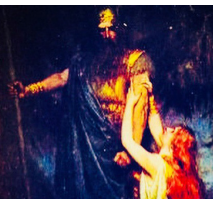
## JAZZ IN THE CRYPT

**Jazz Trio from the Vortex Collective**

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.

**Fleur de Wit** VOCALS  
**Chris Rooney** GUITAR  
**Ted Mitchell** SAXOPHONE

**Thu 23 November 9.30pm** | £15, YF



## THE LONDON OPERA COMPANY

**Die Walküre**

**Katherine Taylor Jones** ♦  
**Carolyn Dobbins**

**Peter Selwyn** CONDUCTOR ♦  
**Cara McHardy** ♦ **Harriet Williams** ♦  
**Gwenneth Ann Rand** ♦ **Ben Thapa** ♦  
**Simon Thorpe** ♦ **Simon Wilding** ♦

*Die Walküre* concert performance of Wagner's tale of love and betrayal by the London Opera Company.

**Sat 25 November 4.00pm** | £65, £55, £45



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Sun 26 November 12.00pm | Free Admission

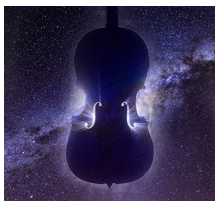


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Thu 30 November 11.00am | Free Admission



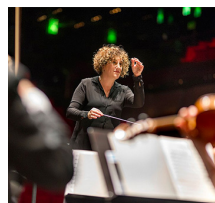
## SOUTHBANK SINFONIA

#ConcertLab: The Night Sky

Southbank Sinfonia  
Olivia Clarke CONDUCTOR  
Matt Belcher CREATIVE DIRECTOR

Experience a sonic journey into the cosmos like no other. As the concert hall becomes a planetarium, lie down amongst the orchestra and listen to live music themed around astronomy, whilst gazing at ceiling projections of our awe-inspiring universe.

Thu 30 November 7.00pm | £25 (lie in the orchestra), £15 (normal seat)



## ROYAL ORCHESTRAL SOCIETY

American Rhapsodies

Royal Orchestral Society  
Rebecca Miller CONDUCTOR

Royal Orchestral Society celebrates the appointment of Rebecca Miller as Principal Conductor with a concert of American music

Sun 3 December 7.00pm | £20, £16



## THE PARLIAMENT CHOIR

A Westminster Christmas

The Parliament Choir  
Simon Over CONDUCTOR  
Nicholas O'Neill ORGAN

Programme to feature a selection of Christmas music, including excerpts from the *Messiah*.

Start off your Festive Season with an evening of Christmas music from the Parliament Choir.

Wed 6 December 7.30pm | £30, £20, £15





## ST JOHN'S SMITH SQUARE

“Just to come across it in that quiet square is an event. To enter it, to enjoy its spaces, to listen to fine music within its walls is an experience not to be matched in conventional concert halls.”

*Sir Hugh Casson*





38<sup>th</sup>  
**CHRISTMAS  
FESTIVAL**

8 - 23 December 2023


Now in its 38th year, our beloved and critically acclaimed Christmas Festival continues to showcase the UK's finest choirs, ensembles, and solo musicians.

The Festival comprises several returning ensembles, including **The Gesualdo Six**, praised for their impeccable musicianship; early music British vocal ensemble, **The Tallis Scholars**; the **Choir of Christ Church Cathedral, Oxford**; **Southbank Sinfonia**, and more.

Handel's *Messiah* with **Polyphony and the Orchestra of the Age of Enlightenment** is part of our annual tradition, and this year we look forward to welcoming esteemed soloists: countertenor Hugh Cutting, soprano Anna Dennis, tenor James Gilchrist, and bass Neal Davies. They will also be performing Bach's *Christmas Oratorio*.

As well as celebrating traditions, we also look forward to welcoming ensembles making their Christmas Festival debut. This year sees us collaborate with Carrot Productions – world leaders in orchestra and film events for families – to bring the timeless classic *The Snowman* to St John's Smith Square.

We look forward to seeing you at our Christmas Festival.





## SOUTHBANK SINFONIA & LONDON CONCERT CHOIR

**Schubert and Mendelssohn**

**Southbank Sinfonia  
London Concert Choir**  
**Mark Forkgen** CONDUCTOR

Embrace the festive season with Southbank Sinfonia and the London Concert Choir, in a performance of works by Schubert and Mendelssohn.

**Fri 8 December 7.30pm** | £36, £26, £15, YF, (£6 under 18s)



## SOUTHBANK SINFONIA - THE SNOWMAN

**Film screening with live soundtrack**

*Christmas Overture*  
*Fun Guide to the Orchestra*  
*The Bear and the Piano*  
*Snowman Waltz*  
*The Snowman*

Experience the enchantment and wonder of the timeless classic, *The Snowman*, like never before.

Recommended ages 3+

**Sat 9 December 2.00pm** | £32, £24, £15 (under 2s free)



## THE CHRISTMAS STORY

**The World Premiere of Gabriel  
Jackson's *The Christmas Story***

**Choir of Merton College Oxford  
Girl Choristers of Merton College  
Oxford**  
**Oxford Contemporary Sinfonia**

**Benjamin Nicholas** CONDUCTOR

Gabriel Jackson's vivid account of the Christmas story receives its world premiere.

**Sat 9 December 7.30pm** | £30, £20, £10



## SOUTHBANK SINFONIA - THE SNOWMAN

**Relaxed Performance with  
BSL interpreter**

*Christmas Overture*  
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*The Bear and the Piano*  
*Snowman Waltz*  
*The Snowman*

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Recommended ages 3+

**Sun 10 December 11.00am** | £32, £24, £15 (under 2s free)



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*Snowman Waltz*  
*The Snowman*

Experience the enchantment and wonder of the timeless classic, *The Snowman*, like never before.

Recommended ages 3+

**Sun 10 December 2.00pm** | £32, £24, £15 (under 2s free)

# CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL



## SOUTHBANK SINFONIA - THE SNOWMAN

Film screening with live soundtrack

Christmas Overture  
Fun Guide to the Orchestra  
The Bear and the Piano  
Snowman Waltz  
The Snowman

Experience the enchantment and wonder of the timeless classic, *The Snowman*, like never before.

Recommended ages 3+

**Sun 10 December 4.00pm** | £32, £24, £15 (under 2s free)



## THE GESUALDO SIX - THERE IS NO ROSE

A sequence of festive works by English composers.

The Gesualdo Six

**There is no rose** reaches across the ages, from the eternal beauty of the Tudor church right up to the twenty-first century, featuring well-loved (and lesser-known) carols by English composers.

**Tue 12 December 7.30pm** | £35, £25, £18, YF



## A BAROQUE HANUKKAH

Vocal and instrumental music by Salomone Rossi and his contemporaries

Vache Baroque Singers  
La Vaghezza  
Jonathan Darbourne DIRECTOR

A Hanukkah celebration to mark 400 years of Salomone Rossi's *The Songs of Solomon*.

**Wed 13 December 7.30pm** | £30, £20, £10, YF



## SAMUEL ALI

THURSDAY LUNCHTIME CONCERT

Samuel Ali ORGAN

Messiaen *La Nativité du Seigneur*

Messiaen's mystical and timeless masterpiece: nine meditations on scenes from the story of Christ's birth.

**Thu 14 December 1.05pm** | £10, YF



## JAZZ IN THE CRYPT

The Hot Club of Jupiter

Kit Massey VIOLIN, PIANO, VOCALS  
Sam Dunn GUITAR  
Nick Walsh BASS

The Hot Club of Jupiter play hot jazz in the style of Django Reinhardt and Stephane Grappelli.

**Thu 14 December 9.30pm** | £15, YF





## A BABE IS BORN

**Advent & Christmas at New College**

**Choir of New College Oxford**  
**Robert Quinney** DIRECTOR  
**Donal McCann, Marcus McDevitt**  
ORGANISTS

Join New College Choir for a seasonal celebration of traditional and contemporary music, ranging from quiet reflection to boisterous merriment.

**Fri 15 December 7.30pm** | £35, £25, £15, (£15 under 16s)



## NATIONAL YOUTH MUSIC THEATRE

**A Christmas Celebration**

**National Youth Music Theatre**  
**Chorus & Orchestra**

Join National Youth Music Theatre for a festive selection of readings, music and staged extracts.

**Sat 16 December 7.00pm** | £35, £25, £15



## JAZZICAL CHRISTMAS EXTRAVAGANZA

**A selection of classical, jazz and Christmas favourites**

**Camerata Tchaikovsky**

Works by Vivaldi, Bach, Gershwin, as well as jazz arrangements of world famous Christmas tunes. Not to be missed!

**Sun 17 December 7.00pm** | £30, £20, £10



## CHOIR OF CLARE COLLEGE, CAMBRIDGE

**O Magnum Mysterium**

**The Choir of Clare College, Cambridge**  
**Graham Ross** CONDUCTOR  
**Daniel Blaze, Evie Perfect**  
ORGANISTS

The Choir of Clare College, Cambridge, returns to St John's Smith Square for their annual performance at the Christmas Festival, performing a festive programme stretching from the richness of Renaissance polyphony to modern masterpieces.

**Mon 18 December 7.30pm** | £45, £35, £15



## LONDON CHORAL SINFONIA - A CHRISTMAS GLORIA

**An evening of Christmas classics including John Rutter's Gloria**

**The Choir and Orchestra of the London Choral Sinfonia**  
**Michael Waldron** CONDUCTOR

Celebrate Christmas with John Rutter's uplifting and joyful *Gloria*, which takes centre-stage at this year's concert, alongside LCS festive favourites audience carols.

**Tue 19 December 7.30pm** | £45, £25, £15, YF

# CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL



## CHRISTMAS WITH CHRIST CHURCH

**Advent & Christmas at New College**

**The Choir of Christ Church Cathedral, Oxford**  
**Steven Grahl** DIRECTOR

The Choir of Christ Church Cathedral, Oxford, performs Christmas music to celebrate the festive season.

**Wed 20 December 7.30pm** | £30, £20, £10



## IBEX BRASS

THURSDAY LUNCHTIME CONCERT

Ibex Brass is an award-winning ensemble made up of some of the UK and Europe's leading young musicians.

In this lunchtime concert, five musicians from the Ibex Brass Ensemble will perform core repertoire for brass quintet.

**Thu 21 December 1.05pm** | £10, YF



## THE TALLIS SCHOLARS: CELEBRATING 50 YEARS

**While Shepherds Watched**

**The Tallis Scholars**  
**Peter Philips** DIRECTOR

This programme takes a slightly different look at the Christmas story, viewing it from the perspective of the shepherds who came to worship at the crib. Their story is told here by Clemens, Obrecht, Philips, Croce, de Christo and Victoria.

**Thu 21 December 7.30pm** | £45, £35, £25



## POLYPHONY & THE ORCHESTRA OF THE AGE OF ENLIGHTENMENT

J.S. Bach *Christmas Oratorio: Parts 1, 2, and 3*  
Corelli *Christmas Concerto*

**Polyphony**  
**Orchestra of the Age of Enlightenment**

**Stephen Layton** CONDUCTOR  
**Anna Dennis** SOPRANO  
**Hugh Cutting** COUNTERTENOR  
**James Gilchrist** TENOR  
**Neal Davies** BASS

**Fri 22 December 7.30pm** | £65, £50, £30



## POLYPHONY & THE ORCHESTRA OF THE AGE OF ENLIGHTENMENT

**Handel's Messiah**

**Polyphony**  
**Orchestra of the Age of Enlightenment**  
**Stephen Layton** CONDUCTOR

**Anna Dennis** SOPRANO  
**Hugh Cutting** COUNTERTENOR  
**James Gilchrist** TENOR  
**Neal Davies** BASS

**Sat 23 December 7.30pm** | £65, £50, £30

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## THE HALL

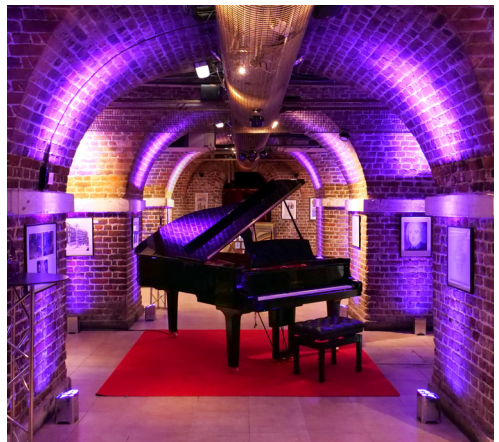
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180 capacity







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