



ST JOHN'S SMITH SQUARE

VAUGHAN WILLIAMS & FRIENDS

A weekend of concerts & talks 7-9 October 2016



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*“The art of music
above all the other arts
is the expression of the
soul of a nation.”*

Vaughan Williams

James Gilchrist TENOR
Anna Tilbrook PIANO
Tom Norris VIOLIN
Ellie Fagg VIOLIN
Philip Dukes VIOLA
Louisa Tuck CELLO
Graham Mitchell DOUBLE BASS
Holst Singers
Benjamin Nicholas CONDUCTOR

A glorious three-day celebration of British Music. Following the huge success of weekends at St John's Smith Square devoted to Schubert and Schumann, Anna Tilbrook curates a fascinating exploration of music by Ralph Vaughan Williams and his contemporaries.

Featuring James Gilchrist, the Holst Singers, Philip Dukes and members of Ensemble Elata, the six concerts feature Vaughan Williams' masterpieces including ***On Wenlock Edge, Songs of Travel, Four Hymns, Piano Quintet*** and ***Mass in G minor*** alongside such impassioned works as Parry's ***I was Glad***, Howells' ***Requiem***, Elgar's ***Piano Quintet***, Butterworth's ***A Shropshire Lad*** and Gurney's rarely heard but deeply moving ***Ludlow and Teme***.

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Festival Pass:

£40 (£30), Young Friend £20

Individual tickets

Concerts 1–5: £16 (£12), Young Friend £5
Concert 6: £14 (£10), Young Friend £5

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A WEEKEND OF CONCERTS & TALKS

Benjamin Nicholas @ KT Bruce
Holt Singers @ Marc Gascoigne



CONCERT 1: HOLT SINGERS

Benjamin Nicholas CONDUCTOR

Parry *I was Glad*
Stanford *Beati quorum via* Op. 38 No. 3
W Lloyd Webber *Gloria from Missa
Santae Mariae Magdalenae*
Howells *Requiem*
Holst *Nunc Dimittis* H127
Vaughan Williams *Lord, thou hast been
our refuge 'Psalm 90'*
Vaughan Williams *Mass in G minor*

Fri 7 October 7.30pm

CONCERT 2: SONGS OF TRAVEL

Vaughan Williams *Songs of Travel*
Elgar *Salut d'amour* Op. 12
Bridge *Oh that it were so*
Rebecca Clarke *Passacaglia*
Quilter *Go lovely Rose* Op. 24 No. 3
Bantock *Hebrew Melody*
Gurney *Ludlow and Teme*

Sat 8 October 1.00pm

CONCERT 3: THE FOLK CONNECTION

Quilter *Three Pastoral Songs* Op. 22
Grainger *Molly on the Shore*
Vaughan Williams *Along the Field*
(*Eight songs for voice and violin*)
Vaughan Williams *Six studies in English*
Folksong for viola, cello and piano
Vaughan Williams *Songs: Winter's
Willow • Linden Lea*
Rebecca Clarke *I'll bid my heart be still*
Grainger *Handel in the Strand*

Sat 8 October 4.00pm

CONCERT 4: THE SPIRITUAL REALM

Vaughan Williams *Rhosymedre*
Finzi *Till Earth Outwears* Op. 19
Elgar *Chanson de matin* Op. 15 No. 1 •
Chanson de nuit Op. 15 No. 2
Vaughan Williams *Four Hymns*
for tenor, viola and piano
Vaughan Williams *Songs: Orpheus
with his Lute • Sky above the roof •
Silent Noon*
Vaughan Williams *Piano Quintet*

Pre-concert talk at 6.30pm:

Richard Morrison, Chief Music Critic
of *The Times*, explores 'Vaughan
Williams: A Surprising Englishman'.

Sat 8 October 7.30pm

CONCERT 5: THE SHADOW OF WAR PART I

Bliss *Elegiac Sonnet*
Ireland *The Darkened Valley*
Butterworth *Six Songs from
'A Shropshire Lad'*
Elgar *Piano Quintet Op. 84*

Sun 9 October 11.30am

SUNDAY AT ST JOHN'S

CONCERT 6: THE SHADOW OF WAR PART II

Ireland *Songs: The Soldier • Blow out,
you Bugles • Spring Sorrow*
Elgar *Sospiri Op. 70*
Gurney *Songs: Severn Meadows • Lights
Out • Sleep • In Flanders • By a Bierside*
Howells *Elegy*
Vaughan Williams *On Wenlock Edge*

Pre-concert talk at 2.15pm:

James Gilchrist and Richard Morrison,
Chief Music Critic of *The Times*, discuss
'First World War Poets and Composers'.

Sun 9 October 3.00pm

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