



Mayfield Festival
of Music and the Arts



Tunbridge Wells
International Music Competition
at Mayfield Festival

in association with  *Mayfield School*
Mayfield

Autumn 2018

Newsletter

TW Music Competition Winners' Concerts

Lunchtime Concerts at St Martin-in-the-Fields, Trafalgar Square at 1.00pm – 1.45pm given by this year's winners of the Tunbridge Wells International Music Competition at Mayfield Festival:

Monday 5 November - Toby Hughes Double Bass and outright winner of the competition and awarded the audience prize with Daniel King Smith piano

Tuesday 6 November – Ryan Drucker winner of the piano section

Friday 9 November – Matt Glendening Clarinet winner of the wind section with Joanna Smith, piano

These lunchtime concerts are free.

Clarinet Concert

Monday 12 November, 7.30pm (no interval)

Mayfield School Concert Hall

Matt Glendening, clarinet (Wind Section winner, 2018 Tunbridge Wells International Music Competition) with Joanna Smith, piano

Ticket Price: £8, over-65s £5, under-18s free

Contact: Andrew Lewis, alewis@mayfieldgirls.org for tickets

Matt Glendening, charismatic winner of the wind section at this year's Tunbridge Wells International Music Competition, returns to Mayfield School with accompanist Joanna Smith to give a varied concert of Finzi, Brahms, Penderecki, Bassi and Ravel. This is sure to be an evening of exciting clarinet playing from an engaging and stylish musician. Not to be missed!

Baroque Showcase

Sunday 18 November 7.30pm

St Dunstan's Church, Mayfield

Mayfield Festival Choir, directed by Jeremy Summerly, will be performing with the Mayfield Baroque Orchestra and soloists from the London Conservatoires. The "Baroque Showcase" programme includes pieces by Carissimi, Scarlatti, Vivaldi and Zelenka.

Jeremy Summerly's Preview of the Baroque Showcase

"Carissimi's Jephthe is the first great oratorio, written at a time when the church was concerned that opera was taking great music away from the church. The solution was to set Bible stories to music and do away with expensive sets and costumes: hey presto, oratorio was born, and at its best it is every bit as colourful as opera. In particular, the closing chorus of Carissimi's Jephthe is iconically tear-jerking.

"Alessandro Scarlatti was Sicilian, yet he studied in Rome with Carissimi and was moreover the father of two accomplished composers. Scarlatti was for a short time the Director of Music at the church in Rome where Palestrina had served over a century earlier, and Scarlatti's church music is no less accomplished than the operas for which he is justly famous.

"Vivaldi and Zelenka (Italian and Czech respectively) were two of J S Bach's more glittering contemporaries. But it's difficult for your posthumous reputation if you're always compared to Bach. Vivaldi had to wait until the second half of the 20th century to have his real worth recognised, and Zelenka is, to a certain extent, still doing so. But the music of both composers is captivating, and every compellingly predictable gesture from the Italian is matched by a beguilingly idiosyncratic one from the Czech master.

"Join us on this journey from the early to the late Baroque with its colourful patchwork of sounds manufactured by choir, vocal soloists, and period instrumentalists."

Ticket cost £24 (centre), £20 (centre rear) and £10 (sides) (under-18s half price), available from 5 October 2017: a) online at <http://www.mayfieldfestivalchoir.org>; b) in person from Lambert & Foster, High Street, Mayfield; c) by phone from 0333 666 3366 (This is a general booking line operated for us by TicketSource. Please be sure to say that you are booking tickets for Mayfield Festival Choir – Baroque Showcase. A postage fee of £1.50 will be applied to each order.)

Would you like to sing with us? We would love to hear from anyone who has experience of choral music and is keen to be part of a friendly but ambitious choir. Contact the membership secretary through the website <http://www.mayfieldfestivalchoir.org/join-the-choir>

Forthcoming services at St Dunstan's

Feast of All Souls - *Wednesday 7 November 7.30pm - Faure Requiem.*

Candlelit Advent Procession and Carols - *Sunday 2 December at 6.00pm.*

Poetic Readings and Carols by Candlelight - *Wednesday 19 December at 6.00pm.*

The Brahms Violin Sonatas

Saturday 2 February 2019 7.30pm

Mayfield School Concert Hall

Amalia Hall (violin) Sergio De Simone (piano)

Ticket Price: £10 inc the pre-concert talk, under-18s free.

Amalia and Sergio will perform all three of Brahms Violin Sonatas and give a pre-concert talk about the works at 6.45pm. Apart from winning the 2016 Tunbridge Wells International Music Competition, Amalia opened the 2018 Mayfield Festival with a spell-binding performance of Mendelssohn's Violin Concerto. Amalia now travels the world giving chamber, solo and concert performances and combines this with her post as Concertmaster of Orchestra Wellington.

Sergio is the Head of Piano Department at Trinity College in London and has had many collaborations with Amalia over the past five years including a number of recitals in Italy. As well as this performance of the Brahms Sonatas, Amalia and Simon will be giving two further performances this spring in the UK.

Tickets will be on sale from *1 November*- TicketSource - Online follow the link from our website www.mayfieldfestival.co.uk; or by phoning TicketSource on 0333 666 3366 quoting Mayfield Festival. Tickets may be purchased at Lambert & Fosters, High Street, Mayfield or by post – Mayfield Festival, The Old Palace, Mayfield, TN20 6PH (cheques made to Mayfield Festival plus SAE please).

Musical Soiree

Saturday 2 March

Manor Grange, Tunbridge Wells

Toby Hughes on double bass

Tickets £40pp (£35 for Friends of the Music Competition)

A fund raising soiree will be held in the lovely home of Mary Anderson and Harry Trusted, Manor Grange, Hurstwood Lane, Tunbridge Wells, TN4 8YA.

This recital is by the overall winner of The Tunbridge Wells International Music Competition 2018, Toby Hughes, who so excited the judges and the audience with the beautiful music he played on his double bass, which is so rarely heard as a solo instrument.

Toby also won the audience prize – not surprisingly as he takes double bass playing to new levels of resonance and vibrancy.

The format for the evening will be the same as we have enjoyed in previous years:

Champagne reception 7.00pm

then Toby Hughes recital

followed by cooked supper with wine/fruit juice.

Tickets from Kate Sander ksander2008@googlemail.com or 01892 527315.

Organ Concert Series

The Organ Trust is pleased to announce their next Series of 3 short Organ Recitals 'Young and Talented in Sussex'. The first of these will be on *Saturday, 26 January* at 6.00pm in St Dunstan's. Tickets £10 each (under-18s free) – includes a glass of wine and will be available from Burnetts.

Mayfield Festival Choir

The MFC produces two concerts a year under their musical director Jeremy Summerly. In 2019 the dates for their concerts are *Sunday 5 May* and *Sunday 17 November*. These will be performed at St Dunstan's church. More details about the concerts will follow. Please add these dates to your calendar now.

Bach Mass in B minor

Sunday 30 June 2019 7.30pm

St Dunstan's Church, Mayfield

Oxford Camerata and Mayfield Consort

Baroque Orchestra

Conductor Jeremy Summerly

Ticket Prices: £30, £20, £10 & £5 (under-18s half price)

Due to the successful collaboration between the two choirs at the 2018 Mayfield Festival they join forces again in this performance of Bach's Mass, considered by many as being the finest choral work ever written. It will be the first time this century that the Mass has been performed in Mayfield! Soloists will include Eloise Irving who is well known to us in Mayfield having given many outstanding performances at our concerts over the past eight years.

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Friends of Music in Mayfield

The 2018 AGM will be held in London House on *Monday 22 October* at 6.30pm. All are welcome.

Film on Friday

During the 2018 Festival we joined forces with Mayfield's **Film on Friday** to present Tales of Hoffmann and we have plans for further collaboration during the next festival.

In the meantime **Film on Friday** presents an exciting and diverse programme of films which have not been widely shown, if at all, in commercial cinemas. The season runs from September through to May each year.

Full details of their programme and joining details can be found on www.filmonfriday.org

IMPORTANT NEWS

2020 will mark the 50th Anniversary of Mayfield Festival. It will run from *Sunday 26 April to Sunday 10 May 2020*. We will be marking our anniversary in many ways so please make a note of the dates NOW!

One of the exciting projects for this anniversary festival is a composer competition and the winner will be commissioned to compose the five-movement Cantata of St Dunstan. We received 68 applicants from composers world-wide and we have now selected the three shortlisted candidates. The movements will be interspersed with liturgical settings. It will open with the Kyrie arranged by our Festival Director Jeremy Summerly from the plainchant attributed to St Dunstan. We are delighted that the Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis will be composed by the founder of the Festival, Kenneth Pont, and the other sections of the Mass setting will be composed as a congregational setting by our current choirmaster and organist Andrew Benians. A truly fitting work to celebrate this important anniversary.

Summary of Dates

October 2018

- Monday 22 AGM of Friends of Music in Mayfield London House

November 2018

- Monday 5 Toby Hughes St Martin-in-the-Fields
- Tuesday 6 Ryan Drucker St Martin-in-the-Fields
- Wednesday 7 Feast of All Souls- Faure *Requiem* St Dunstan's Church
- Friday 9 Matt Glendening St Martin-in-the-Fields
- Monday 12 Matt Glendening Mayfield School C Hall
- Sunday 18 Baroque Showcase St Dunstan's Church

December 2018

- Sunday 2 Candlelit Advent Procession and Carols St Dunstan's Church
- Wednesday 19 Poetic Readings and Carols by Candlelight St Dunstan's Church

January 2019

- Saturday 26 Organ 'Young and Talented in Sussex' St Dunstan's Church

February 2019

- Saturday 2 The Brahms Violin Sonatas Mayfield School C Hall

March 2019

- Saturday 2 Toby Hughes Musical Soiree Manor Grange, T Wells

May 2019

- Sunday 5 Mayfield Festival Choir St Dunstan's Church

June 2019

- Sunday 30 Bach Mass in B minor St Dunstan's Church

November 2019

- Sunday 17 Mayfield Festival Choir St Dunstan's Church

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- Sunday 26 April-
Sunday 10 May 50th Anniversary Mayfield Festival Mayfield
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