

CELEBRITY CONCERT

Fujita Piano Trio

HaydnC major Trio Hob XV:27SmetanaG minor Trio Op 15SchubertTrio No2 in E flat minorD929



The Fujita sisters from Japan have been playing chamber music together since early childhood. They made a highly acclaimed debut at the Wigmore Hall in March 1999.

Concert engagements have taken the Trio to more than 100 venues in the UK. Overseas, they have played in Canada, France, Italy, Ireland, Romania, Egypt, Morocco and Turkey, and they have won numerous awards and prizes, both as a Trio and individually.

This concert is supported by a Friend of the Celebrity Concerts

Tickets £15 from Chester Visitor Information Centre; by telephone: 0333 666 3366; or online: www.ticketsource.co.uk/chestermusicsociety

Wednesday 18 October 2017, 7.30pm St Mary's Creative Space SHOWCASE CONCERT Fiona McLaughlin flute

Fiona Mancey-Jones (née McLaughlin) took her music degree at Dartington

Marija Scott piano

College of Arts in Devon. She has performed as a soloist and chamber musician at many venues, including the Worcester Three Choirs Festival, Eaton House for the Duke of Westminster, The Crown Prince of Abu Dhabi's Sea Palace, Castle Howard, and venues in York, Wakefield, Leeds and Harrogate.

Lithuania-born pianist Marija Scott has established herself as a versatile and sought after collaborative pianist and teacher. She is a

graduate of the Lithuanian Academy of Music, where she gained a Master's degree in performance, accompaniment and teaching.





Wednesday 8 November 2017, 7.30pm St Mary's Creative Space

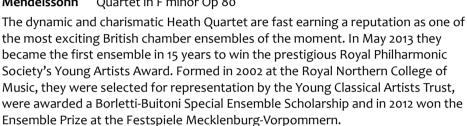
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The Heath String Quartet

Quartet Op 76 No 2 (Fifths) Haydn Widmann Quartet No 3 (Hunting)

Tippett Quartet No 2

Mendelssohn Quartet in F minor Op 80



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Sunday 12 November 2017, 10.00am The King's School, Chester **COMPETITION**

Chester Young Musician Competition

Chester Music Society's annual prize competition for instrumentalists aged 13 to 18. For a prospectus and application form telephone

01244 678589 or email info@chestermusicsociety.org.uk

Admission (public and competitors' supporters): £5 at the door.

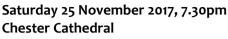


Wednesday 15 November 2017, 7.30pm St Mary's Creative Space

SHOWCASE CONCERT

Matt Baker and Friends

An evening of entertainment including the Quartz Youth Theatre performing an Operetta of 'THE PRIORESS TALE' by Helen Newall and Matt Baker.



CHOIR

A Gala Night at the Opera

Linda Richardson soprano
Nicholas Hardy tenor
Daniel Shelvey baritone
Chester Music Society Choir
Liverpool Sinfonia
Graham Jordan Ellis conductor

Following its great success in 2013, join us again for another rousing selection of arias,



duets and choruses from the best-known and loved operas, including Mozart Magic Flute, Verdi Aida, Verdi Nabucco, Bizet Carmen and many more. Hum along to some of the most popular music ever written.

Tickets £7 £14 £20 From Cathedral Ticket Desk: 01244 500959, www.chestercathedral.com/events/ Concessions and group discounts available.

Wednesday 29 November 2017, 7.30pm St Mary's Creative Space

SHOWCASE CONCERT

A Christmas Evening with Caldy Valley Voices

and Bishop's High School Bellringers

Will Hay conductor

Caldy Valley Voices are a community choir of over 50 singers. We are a mixed voice ensemble of all abilities, with ages ranging from 18 years of age upwards. Our repertoire covers a wide range of genre from pop to classical.

Derek Jackson MBE director

Bishops' High School bellringers are drawn from students at the school. Each Christmas the team rings at city centre hotels and since its formation has donated at least £1,000 each year



to local children's charities. The group toured in the United States in 2006 and again last year at venues including St. Patrick's Cathedral and the United Nations HQ.

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CHESTER MUSIC SOCIETY

Wednesday 13 December 2017, 7.30pm St Mary's Creative Space

CELEBRITY CONCERT

Early Music Group Passacaglia

Annabel Knight Recorders and Baroque Flute

Oliver Webber Baroque Violin

Reiko Ichise Viola da Gamba

Robin Bigwood Harpsichord

Taro Takeuchi Baroque Guitar

Christmas at the Tuileries:

Telemann Paris Quartet in D major **Corelli** Concerto Grosso Op 6 no 8

M-R de Lalande Noels en Trio

C Balbastre Premiere Suite de Noels

Chedeville Sonata in G from Il Pastor Fido

And more....

'The best historically informed performances and recordings recreate the spirit as well as the sound of the music, and the now well-established group Passacaglia do just that, combining the two to make a performance of irrepressible joy' **Gramophone**

Passacaglia are a UK-based professional ensemble specialising in music from the baroque era, played in authentic style on recorders, flutes, violin, viola da gamba and harpsichord.

Their repertoire encompasses music by all the greatest composers of the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries including JS Bach, Handel, Rameau, Couperin, Telemann and Vivaldi – and a good



helping of music by lesser-known (but equally interesting and significant!) composers.

Tickets £18, including buffet, from Chester Visitor Information Centre; by telephone: 0333 666 3366; or online: www.ticketsource.co.uk/chestermusicsociety

Wednesday 20 December 2017, 7.30pm Thursday 21 December 2017, 7.30pm Chester Cathedral

CHOIR

Christmas Crackers

Join the Choir and Chester Philharmonic Orchestra to celebrate a family Christmas of carols and seasonal music, with readings and introductions by BBC Radio 4 presenter Rev Richard Coles.

Rev Richard Coles presenter Chester Music Society Choir Chester Philharmonic Orchestra Graham Jordan Ellis conductor

Tickets £8, £16

From Cathedral Ticket Desk: 01244 500959, www.chestercathedral.com/events/ Concessions and group discounts available.



Matthew Scott clarinet

Daniel King-Smith piano

Poulenc Sonata for clarinet and piano Horovitz Sonatina for clarinet and piano Weinberg Sonata for clarinet and piano, Op

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Prokofiev Sonata in D major, Op 94 **Debussy** Première Rhapsody

Chabod Variations on the Nutcracker Ballet

Matthew Scott graduated with a 1st Class honours degree from the Royal Academy of Music in 2013, followed by an MA with Distinction and DipRAM in 2015. He was generously supported by The Countess of Munster Musical Trust and The Greenbank Scholarship.

Daniel King–Smith studied at the Royal Academy of Music under Piers Lane and Michael Dusseck.

Tickets £15 from Chester Visitor Information Centre; by

telephone: 0333 666 3366; or online: www.ticketsource.co.uk/chestermusicsociety







Wednesday 17 January 2018, 7.30pm St Mary's Creative Space

SHOWCASE CONCERT

A Recital by the

winners and runners-up of the Young Musician competition held on 12 November2017. Come and hear some of the finest young performers in Chester and district, and support them when they receive their awards from the Society Chairman.

Tickets £5 at the door



Last year's performers

Wednesday 7 February 2018, 7.30pm St Mary's Creative Space

SHOWCASE CONCERT

Wrexham County Youth Choir



Tim Jones conductor

Returning by popular request, these highly acclaimed young performers gave outstanding performances in November 2016.

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Wednesday 14 February 2018, 7.30pm St Mary's Creative Space

CELEBRITY CONCERT

Jack Liebeck violin Katya Apekishiva piano

Schubert

Grand Duo Sonata

in A

Debussy Sonata

Debussy Claire de Lune **Fauré** Sonata No1

"His playing is virtually flawless in its technical ease, scintillating articulateness and purity of tone." **Gramophone**

A renowned soloist and chamber musician, Jack Liebeck has performed with all the major British orchestras under conductors such as



Andrew Litton, Leonard Slatkin, Karl-Heinz Steffens and Sir Mark Elder. Further afield he has played with Royal Stockholm Philharmonic, Swedish Radio, Oslo Philharmonic, Belgian National, among many others.

Katya Apekisheva is one of Europe's most renowned pianists, in demand internationally as both a soloist and as a chamber musician. Since becoming a prizewinner in the Leeds International and Scottish Piano Competitions and collecting awards such as the London Philharmonic Soloist of the Year and the Terence Judd Award she has been marked out as a pianist of exceptional gifts, performing with many



of the world's leading orchestras, including the London Philharmonic, The Philharmonia, the Halle Orchestra, the Moscow Philharmonic, the Jerusalem Symphony, the English Chamber Orchestra and the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra, working with conductors such as Sir Simon Rattle, David Shallon, Jan Latham-Koenig and Alexander Lazarev.

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Saturday 24 February 2018, 10.00am The King's School, Chester

CHOIR

Open Day

Come and sing Elijah.
Singers in all voice parts and of every level of ability are invited to join the choir for a full day of relaxation, learning and performing Mendelssohn's Elijah.



Telephone o151 336 5088 or see www.chestermusicsociety.org.uk for more information.

Wednesday 7 March 2018, 7.30pm St Mary's Creative Space

SHOWCASE CONCERT

Queen's Young Voices

Margaret Corlett conductor

A return visit by a talented group of youngsters from Chester's Queen's School..



Chester Youth Symphony Orchestra

Jan Modelski conductor

Chester Youth Symphony Orchestra has been set up to give Chester's young players of every orchestral instrument the chance to play in a full symphony orchestra. The aim is to make the experience fun and friendly whilst also achieving a



high level of professionalism, therefore developing musical skills and experience. The repertoire this evening will include Rachmaninov's Piano Concerto No. 2 with pianist Josh Kelly.



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Wednesday 14 March 2018, 7.30pm St Mary's Creative Space

CELEBRITY CONCERT

Charles Owen piano

Bach Goldberg Variations: Introductory talk and complete performance

Charles Owen is recognised as one of the finest British pianists of his generation with an extensive series of performances and recordings to his name.

Charles has appeared at London's Barbican and Queen Elizabeth Hall and regularly gives recitals at the Wigmore Hall and Kings Place. Internationally he has performed at the Lincoln Center, Weill/Carnegie Hall, the



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Brahms Saal in Vienna's Musikverein, the Paris Musée d'Orsay, and the Moscow Conservatoire.

His chamber music partners include Adrian Brendel, Nicholas Daniel, Augustin Hadelich, Chloë Hanslip, Julian Rachlin and Mark Padmore as well as the Carducci, Elias, Takács and Vertavo Quartets. In addition he has an established piano duo partnership with Katya Apekisheva (who is performing with us on 14 February – see page 7) with whom he has recorded the duo versions of Stravinsky's Rite of Spring and Petrushka.

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Saturday 17 March 2018, 7.30pm Chester Cathedral

CHOIR

An Evening with Mozart

Mozart Solemn Vespers

Mozart Piano Concerto in A major K488

Mozart Requiem
Susanna Fairburn soprano
Margaret McDonald contralto

Ben Thapa tenor

Brian Bannatyne-Scott bass

John Gough piano

Chester Music Society Choir

Liverpool Sinfonia

Graham Jordan Ellis conductor

The Solemn Vespers were written in 1780 for Salzburg

Cathedral, and provide an appropriate opening to a celebration of the genius of Mozart in this programme of his greatest music.

The choir is delighted to welcome back Chester pianist John Gough to perform the great Concerto No 23. The *A major Concerto* was written in 1786 and has become one of Mozart's most popular compositions.

Secretly commissioned by member of the aristocracy in Vienna, the Requiem was Mozart's last composition, and was left unfinished on his death in December 1791. It was completed by Franz Süssmayr in 1792.

Tickets £7 £14 £20 From Cathedral Ticket Desk: 01244 500959, www.chestercathedral.com/events/ Concessions and group discounts available.

Saturday 7 April 2018 (Provisional Date) Abbey Gate College WORKSHOP

Chamber Music Workshop

The Society's annual training day for amateur instrumentalists – mainly, but not exclusively, string players – performing chamber music in groups with professional tuition will be held again

in 2018. For more information telephone 01606 882007, or see our website: www.chestermusicsociety.org.uk

Wednesday 25 April 2018, 7.30pm St Mary's Creative Space SHOWCASE CONCERT

Chester Schools Concert Band

Tony Bowen-Lewis conductor

The Chester Schools Concert Band celebrates its 32nd birthday in October 2017. During these years it has performed at many concert venues in Great Britain



Down the Salt Mine!

and overseas – from the Alps to the Arctic – and raised thousands of pounds for charity. The band has forty members aged between eleven and eighteen drawn from eleven schools in the Chester district with a wide-ranging repertoire that includes modern, film and classical music.

Tickets £5 at the door

Wednesday 9 May 2018, 7.30pm St Mary's Creative Space SHOWCASE CONCERT

Gala concert: Jonathan Guy clarinet Leanne Cody piano

Originally from Wrexham, North Wales, Jonathan Guy is a clarinettist based in Manchester. He regularly performs chamber recitals with Leanne Cody as Duo Vivo and with the award winning Solem String Quartet and is a co-founder of the innovative young chamber orchestra New Sinfonia who are the Orchestra in Residence at the North Wales International Music Festival.

Pianist Leanne Cody was an RNCM Gold Medal winner in 2014 and has given regular solo recitals in Manchester and London, including Wigmore Hall, Purcell Rooms, St. Martin-in-the-Fields and Bridgewater Hall. For the past three years she has performed for BBC Radio 3.

Tickets £15, including light refreshments, must be reserved in advance: Tel.01928 787496 or clubinfo@chestermusicsociety.org.uk







Saturday 12 May 2018, 7.30pm Chester Cathedral

CHOIR

Music for Kings Queens and Princes

Purcell Funeral Music for Queen Mary

Parry I was Glad

Parry Blest Pair of Sirens

Attwood I was Glad
Mealor Ubi Caritas
Britten Jubilate Deo
Dyson Confortare
Walton Crown Imperial
Elgar Orb and Sceptre

Howells Behold, O God our defender **Vaughan Williams** All people that on earth do dwell

Join the choir for a Spring celebration of the best of English music through the ages, including rousing settings of two popular compositions by William Walton and Edward Elgar.

Chester Music Society Choir His Majesty's Brass Consort Graham Eccles organ Graham Jordan Ellis conductor

Tickets £7 £14

From Cathedral Ticket Desk: 01244 500959, www.chestercathedral.com/events/Concessions and group discounts available.







CELEBRITY CONCERTS

Ticket prices are shown with each concert in the body of this brochure.

Tickets may be purchased at the door or in advance by telephoning

Ticket Source: 0333 666 3366 (£1.50 fee per booking); online:

www.ticketsource.co.uk/chestermusicsociety; or in person at Chester Town Hall Visitor Information Centre.

For general enquiries: 01244 678589.

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Tickets may be purchased: in person at Chester Cathedral Reception Desk; by telephone o1244 500959; or online: www.chestercathedral.com/events/. Payment is by cash or debit/credit card (£1 fee for all card bookings). Tickets are also available on the door on concert night subject to availability.

For information about prices, concessions and group discounts email choirtickets@chestermusicsociety.org.uk.

SHOWCASE CONCERTS

Ticket prices are shown with each concert in the body of this brochure. **Tickets** may be purchased at the door. Tickets for the Gala Concert on 9 May 2018 are sold separately: information from 01928 787496 or email clubinfo@chestermusicsociety.org.uk.

VENUES

Choir concerts are in Chester Cathedral, St Werburgh Street, CH1 2HU. All other performances are in St Mary's Creative Space, CH1 2DW, (formerly St Mary's Centre) which is located at the top of St Mary's Hill, at the back of the Castle car park on the left.

PARKING

For St Mary's: evening parking (currently free) is available in the Chester Castle car park off the Grosvenor Roundabout. (CH1 1SF)

For the Cathedral: evening parking (currently free) is available in the Delamere Street (CH2 2AY) and Princess Street (Market) (CH1 2HH) car parks. Be sure to observe the notices in the car parks.

MEMBERSHIP: SAVINGS AND DISCOUNTS

By becoming a Member of the Society you will be entitled to purchase season tickets for both Celebrity and Club events at a substantial saving. You will also receive a monthly email concerning forthcoming events, and our annual newsletter. You will find a membership and season ticket application form on page 15.

SEASON TICKETS AND MEMBERSHIP

PURCHASE SEASON TICKETS

A season ticket for the **Celebrity Concerts** will enable you to attend all six concerts for the price of four, and allow you to reserve numbered seats in advance. Just fill in the application form opposite. More information from

0151 648 3258, 01244 678589 or celebtickets@chestermusicsociety.org.uk

A Showcase season ticket entitles you to attend all 7 concerts for the price of 4. Gala concert tickets (9 May: page 11) are sold separately. If you buy season tickets for both the Showcase Concerts Series and Celebrity Concerts Series you can save nearly 40 percent on the cost of all 13 concerts. Just fill in the form opposite and post it to Philip Josling.

FRIENDS OF CELEBRITY CONCERTS

Become a Friend of the Celebrity Concerts and give support while enjoying special benefits. Subscription: minimum £30 single, £40 per couple. For full information on the benefits of becoming a Friend telephone 01244 678589.

For any of the above benefits please complete the application form opposite.

PAYMENT

Payment against the application form on page 15 is preferred by cheque, but if you wish to pay by electronic transfer please telephone o151 648 3258 to obtain our account information.

LEGACIES

Please remember Chester Music Society in your will. To discuss legacy donations telephone 01244 381995 or go to www.cafonline.org on the web.

GIFT AID

If you pay UK tax at the standard or higher rate, by declaring Gift Aid you will enable the Society to recover additional income from the Government at no additional cost to yourself. If you would like the Society to benefit in this way please sign the Gift Aid declaration on page 15.

DATA PROTECTION

Information about Society members is kept for administrative purposes only. We maintain a mailing list of members which we use from time to time to send you details of our activities and those of other local arts organisations. We do not pass your details to third parties.

APPLICATION FORM

	Price	No.	Cost £
SOCIETY SUBSCRIPTION	£11		
SHOWCASE Series Season Tickets: (7 concerts)	£20		
CELEBRITY Series Season Tickets: (6 concerts)	£49		
CHOIR (To Sing) (Students in Full Time Education: half price)	£102 £51		
FRIEND OF CELEBRITY CONCERTS (£30 single/£40 couple)			
VOLUNTARY DONATION			
TOTAL (Including Society Subscription from Line 1 above)			

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Signed			

Please fill in this form and send it with your cheque, made payable to Chester Music Society, to:

Philip Josling, 10 Cestrian Drive, Thingwall, Wirral, CH61 9PL

(from whom extra copies of this form are available on request: 0151 648 3258)

GENERAL INFORMATION

WHEELCHAIR ACCESS



All venues are accessible by wheelchair. Please make your needs known when booking tickets so that we can ensure you (and your companion if necessary) are provided with appropriate seating.

JOIN THE CHOIR

The choir meets for rehearsal at 7.30 pm every Thursday during the season at The Queen's School, City Walls Road, Chester, CH1 2NN. New members in all voice parts are welcome to attend rehearsals with a view to taking the audition in September or January. More information from: 0151 336 5088, or e-mail

choirmembers@chestermusicsociety.org.uk. For choir concert ticket information email choirtickets@chestermusicsociety.org.uk.

SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP

For General Membership enquiries contact the Society Membership Secretary: 0151 648 3258 or email membership@chestermusicsociety.org.uk

MORE INFORMATION

For more information on any of our activities:

Telephone 01244 383455 or email info@chestermusicsociety.org.uk or visit our web site: www.chestermusicsociety.org.uk

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Other useful web sites include:

Cheshire West and Chester Council: www.visitchester.com

Chester Cathedral: www.chestercathedral.com Chester 360: www.chester360.co.uk/whats-on/

Concert Diary: www.concert-diary.com

Gerontius: www.gerontius.net

Music in Chester: www.musicinchester.co.uk

Storyhouse (Chester Performs): www.storyhouse.com

St Mary's Creative Space: www.stmaryscreativespace.co.uk/

Where Can We Go: www.wherecanwego.com/ Classical Events: www.classicalevents.co.uk