## **THAMES CONCERTS**



## www.thamesconcerts.com

President: Howard Shelley OBE Artistic Director: Benjamin Costello

All concerts take place at St Andrew's Church, Surbiton

#### Saturday 3rd October 2015, 7.30pm

#### Amy Dickson (saxophone) Catherine Milledge (piano)

The twice Grammy-nominated, Brit Award-winning saxophonist.

"Mesmerising" - The Telegraph

#### Saturday 7th November 2015, 7.30pm The Magnard Ensemble (wind quintet)

Talented young graduates from the Royal Academy of Music.

#### Saturday 5th December 2015, 7.30pm Juice Vocal Ensemble

Award-winning experimental vocal trio with their unique takes on the festive season. "These three are feisty and will take on anything... astonishing." – BBC Music Magazine

### Saturday 9th January 2016, 7.30pm Laura Snowden and Tom Ellis (guitar duo)

Renowned young duo, and joint winners of the first Ligita International Guitar Duo Competition. "An exceptional range of colour and sonority" – Classical Guitar Magazine

## Saturday 30th January 2016, 7.30pm Benjamin Sheen (organ)

One of the UK's brightest young organists, touring internationally and based at St Thomas, Fifth Avenue. "The brilliant organist Benjamin Sheen" – New York Times

## Saturday 27th February 2016, 7.30pm Ashley Fripp (piano)

This formidable young pianist performs Scarlatti, Beethoven, Brahms and Mussorgsky. "Disarmingly precocious" – New York Times

Free Saturday morning concerts at 10.30am on 17th October, 19th December and 20th February

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## Amy Dickson (saxophone) Catherine Milledge (piano)

Amy and Catherine perform a wide programme of works embracing an international variety of styles in music by CPE Bach, Brahms, Milhaud, Gershwin, Piazzolla, Rachmaninoff, Rodney Bennett, Mark Anthony Turnage, and Graham Fitkin.

Tickets on the door £15 (or at a discount via Ticketweb)



Saturday 7th November 2015, 7.30pm

#### The Magnard Ensemble

These talented young performers all have impressive solo careers. They perform major wind quintet works by Mozart, Ibert, Danzi, Barber and Szervanszky.

(pre-performance talk 6.45pm)
Tickets on the door £15

(or at a discount via Ticketweb)

Saturday 5th December 2015, 7.30pm

#### Juice Vocal Ensemble

Juice are Kerry Andrew, Sarah Dacey and Anna Snow. They perform a tantalizing mixture of classical and contemporary works including wintery pop ballads, mysterious folk songs, and chilling medieval lullabies, alongside more familiar seasonal works.

(pre-performance talk 6.45pm)
Tickets on the door £15
(or at a discount via Ticketweb)

Saturday 9th January 2016, 7.30pm

#### Laura Snowden and Tom Ellis (guitar duo)

Prize-winning young performers Laura and Tom perform an intimate mix of solo and duet repertoire, ranging from Dowland (Fantasias) and Bach, to Ravel (Ma mère l'Oye), Albéniz and beyond.

Tickets on the door £12 (or at a discount via Ticketweb)



Pre-performance talks are given before the concerts on 7th November and 5th December

by some of the performers in conversation with the Artistic Director of Thames Concerts. Starting at 6.45pm, and lasting around 25 minutes, these informal talks serve as a brief

introduction to the works being performed, and offer insight into the rehearsal process.

Audience refreshments are available from 6.30pm onwards.

Saturday 30th January 2016, 7.30pm

#### Benjamin Sheen (organ)

Ben performs an eclectic mix of famous works for organ by Bach, Liszt and others, alongside his own vibrant transcriptions.

Tickets on the door £10 (or at a discount via Ticketweb)



Saturday 27th February 2016, 7.30pm

#### Ashlev Fripp (piano)

Ashley performs Scarlatti's Sonatas in Cm (K.129), A (K.208) and A (K.212), Beethoven's Sonata in Ab (Op.110), Brahms' Vier Klavierstücke (Op.119) and Mussorgsky's Pictures at an Exhibition. Ashley gives his recital on a Kawai concert grand, kindly donated by Kawai UK Ltd.

Tickets on the door £14 (or at a discount via Ticketweb)

## **HOW TO BOOK**

## ticketweb

Tickets for all concerts may be purchased in advance from Ticketweb at around a 10% discount. On-line and by 'phone: www.ticketweb.co.uk / 08444 771 000.

Tickets are not sent out for events. Audience members should bring email confirmation/I.D. to the event.

In person: on the door at each event from 6.30pm (full price cash/cheque).

For all concerts admission is free to under-16s and full-time students (subject to availability). Identification may be requested but tickets are not required.

An individual great value season ticket gaining entry to all concerts costs just £60 and can be purchased directly from Thames Concerts info@thamesconcerts.com.

St Andrew's Church is wheelchair accessible and accompanying carers are admitted free (carer tickets not required).

It is not necessary to book tickets for the morning concerts on 17th October, 19th December and 20th February, as admission is free, but voluntary donations are gratefully accepted.

## Saturday morning concerts

Thames Concerts is proud to introduce these short concerts, showcasing local up-and-coming talent. Admission is free (no ticket required), and the concerts last for around 50 minutes.

Full programme details may be viewed at **thamesconcerts.com**.

Saturday 17th October, 10.30am
Talented young musicians from Surbiton High School

Saturday 19th December, 10.30am Prize-winning local harpist Mary Reid

Saturday 20th February, 10.30am Kingston University post-graduate musicians

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- · Advance notice of concert dates and performers;
- Invitation to any annual series launch;
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- Opportunity to observe masterclasses (free of charge);
- Opportunity to have reserved seating at concerts;
- Your name listed in programmes (unless anonymity preferred).

Those who wish to make a larger donation are very welcome. A donation of  $\mathfrak{L}100$  or more will recognise you as a **Patron**.

Thames Concerts is forging strong links with the local business community, and is able to offer generous, tailored sponsorship packages to businesses that wish to support the series. For more information please email **info@thamesconcerts.com** or visit the website at **thamesconcerts.com**.

All events in the series are held at St Andrew's Church, Maple Road, Surbiton, KT6 4DS, an outstanding building with an excellent organ and acoustics.

The church is highly accessible, close to Surbiton railway station and bus routes (71, 281, 465, K1, K2, K3, K4), and with good provision for eating and drinking close by. In addition to on-street parking, there are car parks nearby at Waitrose, Sainsbury's, and St Philip's Road.



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