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### **CONCERTS**

### Marmen Quartet with Jâms Coleman

Johannes Marmen - Violin Laia Valentin Braun - Violin Jâms Coleman - Piano Bryony Gibson-Cornish - Viola Sinéad O'Halloran - Cello

## Friday 27th January

Formed in 2013 at the Royal College of Music, the prize-winning Marmen Quartet is fast building a reputation for the vitality and vigour of their performances. Joined by Jâms Coleman, graduate and Fellow at The Royal Academy of Music, their debut concert at Champs Hill will include **Mozart's** String Quartet K.428; from New Zealand, **Salina Fisher's** composition written over the pandemic, and specially commissioned for the quartet, HEAL; **Rebecca Clarke**'s beautiful Dumka (a thought) for violin, viola and piano; and **Franck**'s Piano Quintet in F minor, considered to be one of his best compositions! We look forward to welcoming them here.

# 6.45pm Doors Open / Wine 7.30pm Concert

Suggested donation £20 per ticket.

# Students from the Yehudi Menuhin School Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> February

We last hosted a concert for these musically gifted students back in 2019, and are delighted that they are able to join us once again. As always, their music and talent promises to captivate and delight our audience.

# 6.45pm Doors Open / Wine7.30pm Concert

Suggested donation £20 per ticket.

## Roderick Williams - Baritone lain Burnside - Piano Friday 24th February

Roderick Williams returns to Champs Hill, this time alongside internationally acclaimed pianist Iain Burnside, with his programme *Tell me the truth about love*. This features songs by **Quilter**, **Purcell**, **Fauré**, **Rachmaninov**, **Debussy**, **Schumann**, **Finzi** and **Britten**, amongst others, which have been selected specially for this concert. We are certain that this will be a wonderful and inspiring concert.

# 6.45pm Doors Open / Wine7.30pm Concert

Suggested donation £20 per ticket.

### **The Haffner Wind Ensemble**

Emer McDonough - Flute
Nicholas Daniel - Oboe
Joy Farrall - Clarinet
Saturday 4th March

Sarah Burnett - Bassoon Martin Owen - Horn

Considered one of Britain's leading chamber ensembles, the Haffner Wind Ensemble makes a welcome return to Champs Hill with its exciting programme for wind quintet. Works will include Five Antique Hungarian Dances by Farkas, Stamitz's Quartet No. 2 in E-flat major, Op.8, Milhaud's La cheminée du roi René, Op.205, and Wind Quintet, Op. 43 by Nielsen. The programme will also feature a beautiful work by the living African American composer, Valerie Coleman, entitled Umoja, which means 'unity' in Swahili.

6.45pm Doors Open / Wine 7.30pm Concert

Suggested donation £20 per ticket.

Cristian Grajner de Sa - Violin
John Lenehan - Piano
A Concert of Works by Women Composers
Friday 10<sup>th</sup> March

The ever-popular pianist, John Lenehan, makes a welcome return to Champs Hill, this time alongside the very talented and widely acclaimed violinist, Cristian Grajner de Sa. They are delighted to present this wonderful programme, giving our audience a fantastic opportunity to hear works by **Amy Beach, Clara Schumann, Dame Ethel Smyth, Lili Boulanger** and **Cécile Chaminade.** 

6.45pm Doors Open / Wine 7.30pm Concert

Suggested donation £20 per ticket.

Dame Felicity Lott (soprano) with Emily Woolf: 'Behind the Scenes' – a Mother and Daughter in Conversation.

<u>Afternoon Concert</u> – Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March

Champs Hill is delighted to welcome Dame Felicity Lott as she talks with her daughter and Wigmore Hall's Archivist, Emily Woolf. She shares stories, musical excerpts and highlights from her career, together with a unique insight into the work of an archivist at the 102 year old Wigmore Hall, in London.

2.00pm Doors Open

2.30pm Concert

Suggested donation £20 per ticket.

Tea and coffee available afterwards.

## **Kaleidoscope Chamber Collective**

Elena Urioste, Savitri Grier - *Violins*Rosalind Ventris, Juan-Miguel Hernandez - *Violas*Laura van der Heijden, Tony Rymer - *Cellos*Tom Poster - *Piano Friday 17*<sup>th</sup> *March* 

Kaleidoscope Chamber Collective is a flexible ensemble, bringing together diverse, renowned musicians and offering innovative and creative programmes. This particular performance will include the gloriously romantic **Webern**'s Piano Quintet, composed early in his career, **Schoenberg**'s Verklärte Nacht, Op.4, and **Beethoven**'s String Quintet in C major, Op.29. An intriguing and compelling programme, which promises to both challenge and delight our audience.

6.45pm Doors Open / Wine7.30pm Concert

Suggested donation £20 per ticket.

Aki Blendis - Violin
Saoko Blendis - Piano
Coffee Concert - Saturday 25th March

**BBC Young Musician of the Year Strings' Finalist 2022** and winner of the Walter Todd Bursary, Aki Blendis joins us alongside his mother following his national television appearance back in October. His impressive ability at such a young age (14 years) means that he is a rising star in the classical music world and one to watch. His programme will include **Grieg**'s Violin Sonata No.3 in C minor Op.45, works by **Britten**, **Bach**, **Gershwin**, and a selection of salon pieces. We are looking forward to hearing his remarkable talent.

10.15am Doors Open / Coffee 11.00am Concert (no interval)

Suggested donation £10 per ticket.

Vitaly Pisarenko - Piano

<u>Coffee Concert</u> - Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> March

Prize-winning Ukrainian pianist, Vitaly Pisarenko, returns to thrill our audience with works by **Schumann**, Davidsbündlertänze (Dances of the League of David), Op. 6, **Prokofiev**, Romeo and Juliet suite, and **Liszt**, 2 Csárdás, S.225. We look forward to hearing his prodigious technique and wonderful expressiveness.

10.15am Doors Open / Coffee 11.00am Concert (no interval)

Suggested donation £15 per ticket.

### **ART EVENTS**

## **Art Open Morning**

## Wednesday 8th February

Our new exhibition – Modern British – will feature highlights from our collection, and introduce our recently acquired John Nash landscape.

From the social realists of the Newlyn School and the emerging British Impressionists, to the distinctive vision of Carel Weight, Ruskin Spear and Kyffin Williams - new moves and new movements wonderfully illustrated in work from the 20<sup>th</sup> Century.

The exhibition will feature works by Vanessa Bell, Helen Bradley, John Bratby, William Bowyer, Stanhope and Elizabeth Forbes, Frederick Gore, Duncan Grant, Harold Harvey, Augustus John, Harold and Laura Knight, Ivon Hitchens, John Minton, John Nash, John Piper, Lucien Pissarro, Dod Procter, Walter Sickert, Ruskin Spear, Graham Sutherland, Henry La Thangue, Carel Weight, Kyffin Williams, Christopher Wood and Fred Yates. Four Jacob Epstein portrait busts feature in the barn.

Please come along to Champs Hill during the morning to view the exhibition, and weather permitting, also enjoy a walk around the gardens and view the sculptures.

## 10.00am - 12.00pm

Tea and coffee available between 10.00am and 11.00am Suggested donation £12 per ticket.