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Castalian String Quartet

Sini Simonen – Violin

Daniel Roberts - Violin

Charlotte Bonneton – Viola

Christopher Graves - Cello

Friday 17th January

‘A new force to be reckoned with’ is one of the comments made about this impressive quartet, selected by YCAT in 2016. An extremely busy schedule worldwide beckons in 2020.

Their programme will be **Haydn’s** String Quartet in F, Op. 77 No. 2, **Janacek’s** String Quartet No. 1 in E minor, “**Kreutzer Sonata**”, and **Beethoven’s** String Quartet in A minor, Op. 132.

6.45pm Doors Open / Wine

7.30pm Concert

Suggested donation £15 per ticket.

Sir John Tomlinson CBE – A Conversation

Friday 31st January

We are delighted to be welcoming our great British bass – Sir John Tomlinson, CBE, in Conversation with Edward Seckerson, a British music journalist and radio presenter. With excerpts down through Sir John’s musical career, we shall gain an insight into this remarkable life.

6.45pm Doors Open / Wine

7.30pm Concert

Suggested donation £15 per ticket.

**In the Footsteps of Laurel & Hardy with
John Lenehan – Piano
Friday 7th February**

In 1954, Stan & Ollie embarked on what was to be their last ever live UK tour bringing their silver screen comedy to theatres around the UK. Sadly the tour finished earlier than planned due to Ollie's ill health, and Stan, his loyal partner, refused to continue without him.

This programme celebrates two classic silent movies of Laurel & Hardy in a theatre setting with live piano accompaniment by renowned British pianist John Lenehan.

Reviving the celebrated tradition of the improvising cinema pianist, John Lenehan sets the scene for each film with Ragtime, Fats Waller and a host of musical styles resulting in a virtuosic tour-de-force – a perfectly fitting tribute to Stan & Ollie, the masters of silent comedy.

In this programme of comedy classics we just have to include Charlie Chaplin & Buster Keaton.

**6.45pm Doors Open / Wine
7.30pm Concert
Suggested donation £15 per ticket.**

**Elif Ece Cansever – violin
Brian Hughes – piano
Coffee Concert – Thursday 13th February**

'Talent Unlimited' – a very apt description of this young Turkish violinist, now studying at The Royal College of Music. Every musician needs an audience, and with The Bowerman Charitable Trust supporting her, we hope you will come and encourage her in her career. Elif is in her second year in undergraduate violin performance studies. She received an outstanding mark in her audition to the RCM. Together with Brian Hughes, studying for a Masters of Performance in Piano Accompaniment at the RCM – their programme will include **Beethoven's** Violin Sonata Op. 12 No. 1, **Ravel's** Sonata for Violin and Piano No. 2 M77 in G major, **Tchaikovsky's** Melodie and **Paganini's** La Campanella.

**10.15am Doors Open / Coffee
11.00am Concert (no interval)
Suggested donation £12 per ticket.**

A Showcase - Musicians from the Royal College of Music

Afternoon Concert – Tuesday 25th February

Following on from the uplifting performance two years ago, we are delighted that we can warmly welcome you again to an afternoon concert when we can enjoy the inspiring talents of a new generation of young musicians – as a Piano Trio, and as individuals.

1.45pm Doors Open

2.30pm Concert

Interval with Tea & Biscuits

Suggested donation £15 per ticket.

Amatis Piano Trio

Sam Shepherd – Cello

Lea Hausmann – Violin

Mengjie Han – Piano

Saturday 7th March

BBC New Generation Artists has given this trio a great platform in the UK, but brilliant performances are taking them much further afield, as ECHO Rising Stars.

Following their concert here in Summer 2018, we straight away invited them for a return visit. You will not be disappointed, especially with a wonderful programme to include **Schubert's** No. 2 Piano Trio in E Flat major Op. 100 and **Mendelssohn's** Piano Trio No. 2 in C minor, Op. 66.

6.45pm Doors Open / Wine

7.30pm Concert

Suggested donation £15 per ticket.

Lara Melda – Piano
Friday 20th March

Lara, the British / Turkish pianist, Winner of the 2010 BBC Young Musician of the Year Competition, at the age of 16, is making a return visit to Champs Hill.

A series of 'sold out' recitals at the Wigmore Hall, is enough to make us realise how privileged we are to have her here again, with a programme of three **Chopin** Nocturnes, and the Sonata No. 3 in B minor, **Rachmaninoff's** two Etudes and two Preludes, and excerpts from **Prokofiev's** Romeo and Juliet.

6.45pm Doors Open / Wine
7.30pm Concert
Suggested donation £15 per ticket.

O Duo
Owen Gunnell – Percussion
Toby Kearney – Percussion
Coffee Concert – Thursday 26th March

Be prepared for an exhilarating performance by these two percussionists. It is some years now since we last had the original O Duo (Owen and Olly), but these two have still maintained the same brilliance and skill, receiving critical acclaim with a mix of popular classics and accessible contemporary music.

10.15am Doors Open / Coffee
11.00am Concert (*no interval*)
Suggested donation £12 per ticket.

Navarra String Quartet

Magnus Johnston – Violin

Marije Johnston – Violin

Sascha Bota – Viola

Brian O’Kane – Cello

Friday 3rd April

A much-loved quartet formed in 2002, returns to Champs Hill, with a programme which they are taking to the Wigmore. They have an international reputation as one of the most dynamic and poetic string quartets of today.

The programme will include **Janacek’s** String Quartet No. 1 in E minor, **Mozart’s** String Quartet in G major “Spring”, K.387 and a small piece by the lesser known **Peteris Vask**.

6.45pm Doors Open / Wine

7.30pm Concert

Suggested donation £15 per ticket.

EVENTS

Art Open Morning

Tuesday 28th January

An Art Open Morning has been planned again. Please come along to Champs Hill at some point during the opening hours and view the exhibition – a selection of paintings ‘Through The Seasons’.

Weather permitting, please do also enjoy a walk around the gardens and view the sculptures.

10.00am - 12.00pm

Tea/Coffee available between 10.00am and 11.00am.

Suggested donation £8 per ticket.