



CHAMPS HILL

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IMS Prussia Cove

Alasdair Beatson – piano

Alinka Rowe – viola

Alec Frank-Gemmill – horn

Arisa Fujita – violin

Vladimir Waltham – cello

Tuesday 28th September

Following IMS Prussia Cove's three-week Open Chamber Music seminar, a group of musicians specially invited by IMS's Artistic Director, Stephen Isserlis, take part in a national tour, showcasing IMS's dedication to music-making at the highest level. The musicians taking part each year have either had a long association with IMS Prussia Cove or have come through the masterclasses more recently, bringing together an ensemble of young and more experienced musicians. The programme will include **Brahms'** Horn Trio and **Fauré's** Piano Quartet no. 1.

6.45pm Doors Open / Wine

7.30pm Concert

Suggested donation £15 per ticket.

Julian Bliss Septet

Julian Bliss – clarinet

Lewis Wright – vibraphone

Colin Oxley – guitar

Ed Richardson – drums

Martin Shaw – trumpet

Neal Thornton – piano

Tim Thornton – bass

Friday 1st October

David and Mary Bowerman first met Julian as a very young boy, who showed tremendous talent even then! He is now one of the world's finest clarinettists and a firm favourite at Champs Hill along with his septet, which was established in 2012. This year, the septet will treat us with a tribute to **Gershwin**.

6.45pm Doors Open / Wine

7.30pm Concert

As part of Champs Hill's 'welcome back' weekend, there is no charge for tickets.

Concert will likely be streamed for a limited time following the live performance.

The streaming is free to all Champs Hill supporters.

Toby Hughes, Mark Austin & the Faust Chamber Orchestra Ensemble

Sunday 3rd October

Toby Hughes caused a sensation when he played double bass at Champs Hill in summer 2019. With many awards behind him, as well as an album released to critical acclaim in May this year (*Elegy*, Champs Hill Records, 2021), Toby's musicianship goes from strength to strength. He is joined by another critically acclaimed musician – Mark Austin on piano – and the Faust Chamber Orchestra Ensemble. The programme will include a selection from **Schubert**, **Bottesini** and **Bach**.

4.15pm Doors Open / Wine

5.00pm Concert

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Lumas Winds

Beth Stone – flute

Rennie Sutherland – clarinet

Chris Vettraino – oboe

Flo Plane – bassoon

Johan Stone – horn

Coffee Concert – Tuesday 12th October

We have pleasure in introducing this young quintet to our Champs Hill audience. Although early in their respective musical careers, we anticipate they will be sought after in years to come. Their lovely programme will include **Ligeti** (Seches Bagatellen), **Ravel's** String Quartet (arr. Mark Poplin) and **Mozart** (Divertimento). We will also be treated to some fun pieces by Eugène Bozza and Jacques Ibert.

10.15am Doors Open / Coffee

11.00am Concert (no interval)

Suggested donation £12 per ticket.

Lara Melda – piano
Saturday 16th October

Lara, the British / Turkish pianist was winner of the 2010 BBC Young Musician of the Year competition at the age of 16. She is making a long-awaited return visit to Champs Hill after her 2020 concert was cancelled. Just before the 2020 lockdown, 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. Lara’s programme includes two études by **Rachmaninoff** and excerpts from **Prokofiev’s** Romeo and Juliet. Of course, following the success of her album release last year (*Lara Melda Plays Chopin*, Champs Hill Recods, 2020), Lara will also delight us with a **Chopin** Nocturne and Sonata.

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

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Suggested donation for streaming access £10.

Roderick Williams – baritone
Roger Vignoles – piano
Wednesday 20th October

At the special request of the trustees of the Bowerman Charitable Trust, Roderick Williams returns to Champs Hill, alongside internationally recognised pianist Roger Vignoles to play **Schumann’s** Dichterliebe. Less familiar than much of Schumann’s work, Dichterliebe is a perfectly formed cycle of 16 songs, charting love from all the many angles that Schumann himself had experienced in his wooing of Clara Wieck – by turns lyrical, longing, passionate and bitter. Roderick Williams is one of the few baritones who captures the cycle’s delicate intricacy.

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

O Duo

Owen Gunnell – percussion

Toby Kearney – percussion

Saturday 13th November

Be prepared for an exhilarating performance by these two percussionists. We were disappointed that the duo's spring 2020 Champs Hill concert was cancelled but have persuaded them to fit us in to their hectic schedule this autumn! Their brilliance and skill has received critical acclaim and we look forward to a mix of popular classics and accessible contemporary music.

6.45pm Doors Open / Wine

7.30pm Concert

Suggested donation £15 per ticket.

The Nebel Quartet

David Nebel – violin

Elif Cansever – violin

Otaha Tabata – viola

Henry Hargreaves – cello

Coffee Concert – Thursday 18th November

Turkish violinist Elif Ece Cansever, the Bowerman Charitable Trust scholar at the Royal College of Music, delighted the Champs Hill audience in February 2020, when she performed as a soloist. She returns in 2021 along with the Nebel Quartet. The quartet will perform **Beethoven's** Quartet in A Major, No 5 Op 18 and **Shostakovitch's** Quartet No 8 Op 110. Beethoven's quartet was written in 1798-1800 and modelled on a Mozart quartet in the same key. Shostakovitch's "most loved" quartet premiered in 1960 and was dedicated to victims of war. When played to him, Shostakovitch was overwhelmed by this beautiful realisation of his most personal feelings; he held his head in his hands and wept.

10.15am Doors Open / Coffee

11.00am Concert (no interval)

Suggested donation £12 per ticket.

Alasdair Beatson & the Sacconi Quartet

Alasdair Beatson – piano

Ben Hancox – violin

Hannah Dawson – violin

Robin Ashwell – viola

Cara Berridge – cello

Thursday 25th November

The Sacconi Quartet have never failed to delight us during the many times they have been to Champs Hill. We warmly welcome them again, especially together with another return favourite, Alasdair Beatson. They will perform two **Thuille** quintets and **Ravel** Valses nobles et sentimentales. Ludwig Thuille (1861-1907) – a forgotten Romantic master – was the very first composer to be recorded for Champs Hill Records back in 2002.

6.45pm Doors Open / Wine

7.30pm Concert

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The Jonathan Vinten Trio with special guest Julian Stringle

Jonathan Vinten – piano

Jerome Davies – double bass

Bobby Worth – drums

Julian Stringle – clarinet and saxophone

Friday 10th December

Champs Hill welcomes back a wonderfully entertaining band performing a dazzling mixture of music from the golden era of American jazz. Their set is entitled *The Great American Songbook* and includes works by **Gershwin** and **Cole Porter**. They have worked with many highly acclaimed jazz musicians and will delight all lovers of jazz for this final concert in the 2021 Champs Hill calendar.

6.45pm Doors Open / Wine

7.30pm Concert

Suggested donation £15 per ticket.

EVENTS

Art Open Morning **Tuesday 5th October**

An Art Open Morning has been planned again. Come along to Champs Hill to view paintings and sculptures in our 'Augustus John and Modern British Portraits exhibition' with a highlight of four Jacob Epstein portrait busts.

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.