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## SPRING PROGRAMME 2024

### CONCERTS & EVENTS

Chiaroscuro Quartet  
*Friday 12<sup>th</sup> January*

Art Open Morning - Contemporary ArtScapes  
*Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> January*

Lara Melda with the Carducci Quartet  
***Afternoon Concert*** - *Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> January*

Jâms Coleman and Friends  
***Afternoon Concert*** - *Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February*

Johan Dalene and Nicola Eimer  
*Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> February*

Steven Isserlis and Connie Shih  
*Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March*

Royal College of Music Showcase - The Ashton Wind Octet  
***Afternoon Concert*** - *Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March*

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## CONCERTS

### **Chiaroscuro Quartet**

Alina Ibragimova - *violin*

Benjamin Marquise Gilmore - *violin*

Emilie Hörnlund - *viola*

Claire Thirion - *cello*

***Friday 12<sup>th</sup> January***

Having been due to perform here back in 2020 before Covid forced their cancellation, we are delighted to finally welcome this prize-winning quartet to Champs Hill. Their unique sound using historical bows and gut strings performing only music of the Classical and Romantic periods will provide a truly authentic feel to this evening's programme: **Mozart's** String Quartet No.19 in C major K.465, 'Dissonance', **Haydn's** String Quartet in D minor, Op.9, No.4, finishing with **Beethoven's** String Quartet No.11 in F minor, Op.95, 'Serioso'.

**6.45pm Doors Open / Wine**

**7.30pm Concert**

**Suggested donation £20 per ticket.**

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### **Lara Melda with the Carducci Quartet**

Lara Melda - *piano*

Matthew Denton - *violin*

Eoin Schmidt-Martin - *viola*

Michelle Fleming - *violin*

Emma Denton - *cello*

**Afternoon Concert - Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> January**

A favourite recitalist at Champs Hill, Lara is joined this time by the acclaimed Carducci Quartet to perform 'An Afternoon of Chopin'. The programme is still to be confirmed but we are hoping it will include arrangements of Chopin's notoriously difficult piano concertos. No doubt we will be treated to a wonderful afternoon of romantic and captivating collaborative music, and we look forward to welcoming them all here.

**1.30pm Doors Open**

**2.00pm Concert**

**Suggested donation £20 per ticket.**

*Tea and biscuits during the interval only*

## **Jâms Coleman and Friends**

Jonian Ilias Kadesha - *violin*

Hélène Clément - *viola*

Vashti Hunter - *cello*

Jâms Coleman - *piano*

### **Afternoon Concert - Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February**

Following his successful concert here in spring 2023 with the Marmen Quartet, Jâms Coleman returns alongside these specially selected and internationally renowned chamber musicians with a wonderful programme constructed around the influences of Mel Bonis. Their research into the work of this prolific French late-Romantic composer has led them to create this bespoke concert for Champs Hill: **Mozart's** Piano Quartet in G minor, K.478, **Mel Bonis'** Piano Quartet No.1, Op. 69, **Franck's** Andantino quietoso, Op.6, **Debussy's** Cello Sonata, and **Schumann's** Piano Quartet, Op.47.

**1.30pm Doors Open**

**2.00pm Concert**

**Suggested donation £20 per ticket.**

*Tea and biscuits during the interval only*

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**Johan Dalene** - *violin*

**Nicola Eimer** - *piano*

### ***Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> February***

Johan Dalene first visited Champs Hill as part of the Petworth Festival in 2022. His wonderful concert, enthusiastically received by our audience, prompted us to request a return visit, this time accompanied by international soloist and chamber musician, Nicola Eimer. His diverse choice of programme includes **Beethoven's** Sonata for Piano and Violin No.1 in D major, Op.12, **Grieg's** musically nationalistic Sonata No. 2 in G major, Op.13, **Schoenberg's** challenging intense, virtuosic rhapsody, Phantasy for Violin and Piano, Op.47, and **Franck's** Sonata for Violin and Piano, one of the finest sonatas for these instruments ever written.

**6.45pm Doors Open / Wine**

**7.30pm Concert**

**Suggested donation £20 per ticket.**

**Steven Isserlis** - *cello*

**Connie Shih** - *piano*

**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March**

We are delighted that Steven has found time in his extremely busy international schedule to perform alongside the outstanding pianist, Connie Shih. Despite his involvement with the annual IMS Prussia Cove tour, this will be his first visit to Champs Hill in 13 years. His generous programme includes **Busoni's** Kultaselle: Ten Short Variations on a Finnish Folk Song, BV 237, **Schubert's** "Arpeggione Sonata", D.821 (originally written for the arpeggione or bowed guitar), **Faure's** elegant and dreamy nostalgic Cello Sonata No.1, Op.109, and **Rachmaninoff's** monumental Cello Sonata in G minor, Op.19, equally demanding for both players.

**6.45pm Doors Open / Wine**

**7.30pm Concert**

**Suggested donation £20 per ticket.**

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**Royal College of Music Showcase - The Ashton Wind Octet**

**Afternoon Concert - Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March**

These eight hugely talented Bachelor of Music students have been recommended by the Royal College to perform here, and are musicians from some of the top woodwind groups at the College. They are dedicated to showcasing works for wind octet, including a mixture of modern and more classical works, as well as exploring new repertoire. Their specially selected programme for Champs Hill includes **Krommer's** Octet-Partita in F major, Op.57, Take Two Oboes by **Thea Musgrave**, the Hungarian folk-influenced Serenade for Six Wind Instruments by **Mátyás Seiber**, Figures in the Garden by **Jonathan Dove**, first commissioned by Glyndebourne and based on Mozart's opera, *The Marriage of Figaro*, and finishing with **Mozart's** Serenade in C minor K.388.

**2.00pm Doors Open**

**2.30pm Concert**

**Suggested donation £20 per ticket.**

*Tea and biscuits during the interval only*

## ART EVENTS

### **Art Open Morning**

***Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> January***

An Art Open Morning has been planned again. Please come along to Champs Hill during the morning to view our Spring Exhibition (details below) and, weather permitting, also enjoy a walk around the gardens and view the sculptures.

### **Contemporary ArtScapes**

**Figurative Cityscape, Streetscape and Landscape Paintings**

‘Contemporary ArtScapes’ will feature recent acquisitions of works by living artists with paintings from Andrew Gifford, Piers Ottey and Neil Holland, as well as other works by more established artists including Alan Cotton, Olwyn Bowey, William Bowyer, Peter Brown, James Hawkins, Peter Kuhfeld, George Rowlett, Peter Symonds and Martin Taylor. We also exhibit the best of our extensive collection of wonderful animal sculptures by the brilliant Mark Coreth.

**10.00am - 12.00pm**

***Tea and coffee available between 10.00am and 11.00am.***

**Suggested donation £12 per ticket.**

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