

HERTFORDSHIRE FESTIVAL OF MUSIC



2-11 JUNE 2022

HFoM rejoices in the resurgence of live music in Hertfordshire with an exciting programme of glorious music, both old and new

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BEN GOLDSCHIEDER (HORN)
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(CONDUCTOR: MATTHEW TAYLOR)

DAVID MATTHEWS
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MALCOLM ARNOLD
COMPOSER IN FOCUS

GUY JOHNSTON • HUW WATKINS

MATHILDE MILWIDSKY

ZRI • MAGGINI QUARTET

EMMA HALNAN • JACK HANCHER

WILLIAM WHITEHEAD

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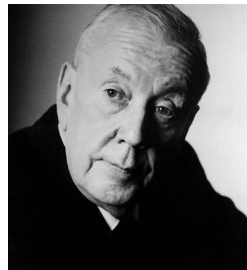




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Welcome to Hertfordshire and HFoM 2022

A FESTIVAL of CELEBRATION!

THIS YEAR'S PRINCIPAL ARTIST is the wonderful horn player **Ben Goldscheider** who brings his stunning **Goldscheider Quintet** together in a delightful, narrated concert. He can also be heard in recital with pianist **Richard Uttley** and will give a **masterclass** to selected aspiring performers.

Guy Johnston, Onyx Brass, Mathilde Milwidsky, Huw Watkins and **Jack Hancher** join the roster of acclaimed artists visiting HFoM for the first time and there's a visit from the celebrated **Maggini String Quartet** performing music by **Featured Living Composer David Matthews** and **Malcolm Arnold**, whose music runs an inspiring thread throughout the Festival.

Hertford enjoys a return visit by two local artists with an outstanding national and international following. Flautist **Emma Halnan** and organist **William Whitehead** perform concertos by **Malcolm Arnold** in one of the Festival highlights, featuring the **Hertfordshire Festival Orchestra** conducted by **Matthew Taylor** – a fine tribute to our late and much-loved Co-Artistic Director, Tom Hammond.

ZRI bring their high-energy fusion of styles to the Corn Exchange in Hertford and Adrian Woodward delves into the fascinating world of the Renaissance and Baroque trumpet.

"Singing Celebration" – we'll be inspiring children from **Hertford schools** to get creative under the expert guidance of **Adam Saunders** and we mark the **Platinum Jubilee** with two special events in Hertford. Our **Community Concert Band** performs music associated with royalty and we relish the opportunity to hear the three local choirs of **St Andrews, All Saints'** and the **Hertford Chamber Choir** as they join forces for the first time in a rousing celebration in honour of Her Majesty the Queen.

There's so much to enjoy in ten days of glorious music this summer so do join us!

JAMES FRANCIS BROWN *Artistic Director*

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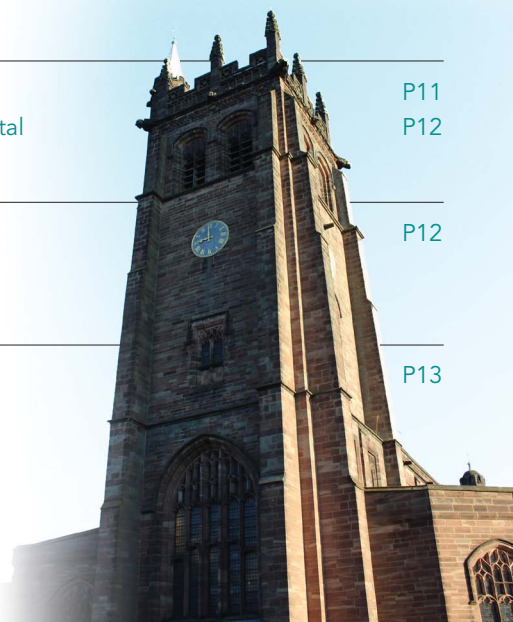
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THURSDAY 2 JUNE



HERTFORDSHIRE FESTIVAL COMMUNITY CONCERT BAND

Join the Hertfordshire Festival of Music Concert Band in the beautiful grounds of Hertford Castle to celebrate **Her Majesty the Queen's 70th Jubilee**, and pay tribute to the Festival's co-director, the late Tom Hammond. The programme includes Handel's rousing **Music for the Royal Fireworks** as well as **Malcolm Arnold's 'Padstow Lifeboat'** and favourite **John Williams film scores**. The band brings together community musicians who played with Tom in the Hertford Symphony Orchestra and St Albans Symphony Orchestra with Radlett's Phoenix Concert Band and their conductor, Chris McGinity.

This bank holiday outdoor concert is part of Hertford Town Council's Castle Open Day marking the Jubilee between 12 noon and 4pm.

**GROUNDS OF HERTFORD
CASTLE, SG14 1HR
3.00PM – 4.00PM
FREE EVENT**



ONYX BRASS IN RECITAL

In partnership with Benslow Music

'...fantastic classical brass quintet, their virtuosity is absolutely staggering... They are brilliant!' – Sarah Walker, Sunday Morning, BBC Radio 3

With music from Handel and Bach to Shostakovich and Gershwin, this handful of consummate musicians perform a thrilling assortment of brass classics - including Malcolm Arnold's brilliant and ever popular Brass Quintet No.1 from 1961.

**HITCHIN TOWN HALL,
BRAND STREET, HITCHIN SG5 1HX
7.30PM – 9.00PM**

**TICKETS: £20 plus booking fee.
Concessions available (see page 15)**

FRIDAY 3 JUNE



EVENT 3

JUBILEE CHORAL CELEBRATION

MANVINDER RATTAN Musical Director
JANE ELDRED & MARTIN PENNY Conductors
WILLIAM WHITEHEAD organ

What could be a more uplifting experience than to join us in celebration of Her Majesty the Queen's 70th Jubilee as we hear music from the original, 1953 service alongside rousing and patriotic favourites from Parry, Walton, Handel and Purcell.

No fewer than three local choirs join forces for the first time in a programme interspersed with evocative and reflective solos from local star-organist William Whitehead. This is sure to be an historic and memorable occasion for all.

Programme includes: Parry – *I was Glad*, Handel – *Zadok the Priest* and Will Todd – *The Call of Wisdom*.

Featuring: Choir of All Saints', Hertford Choir of Hertford St Andrew and Hertford Chamber Choir

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, QUEEN'S ROAD, HERTFORD SG13 8AY
5.30PM – 7.00PM

TICKETS: £18/£13 plus booking fee.
Concessions available (see page 15)

EVENT 4

ZRI: ADVENTURES WITH CHARLIE CHAPLIN

Part concert, part film screening with live score. ZRI bring all their flair and energy to Charlie Chaplin's early classic *'The Adventurer'*, including tunes by Django Reinhardt and Georges Boulanger.

This ground-breaking ensemble takes the listener to the exciting melting pot of early 20th-century New York where jazz, klezmer and classical music intertwined with film soundtracks. ZRI match the wit, virtuosity and sheer brilliance of Chaplin in his creative prime.



CORN EXCHANGE, 39 FORE STREET, HERTFORD SG14 1AL
9.00PM – 10.30PM

TICKETS: £20 SEATED
(limited space – please book early)

SATURDAY 4 JUNE



EVENT 5

FANTASIES AND DANCES for FLUTE AND GUITAR

EMMA HALNAN – flute
JACK HANCHER – guitar

MARIO CASTELNUOVO-TEDESCO
Sonatina for flute and guitar Op.205

MALCOLM ARNOLD
Fantasy for solo guitar

DAVID MATTHEWS
Dance for Emma (world première)

ASTOR PIAZZOLLA
Histoire du Tango

The combination of flute and guitar is captivating – especially in the hands of these Hertfordshire-based musical luminaries. This entrancing recital contrasts the work of two visionary English composers with two Latin masterpieces of the genre, culminating in Piazzolla's vibrant romp through the world of that most vivacious dance-form, the Tango!

CHURCH OF ST MARY THE VIRGIN, HIGH STREET, WARE SG12 9EH
1.00PM – 2.00PM

TICKETS: £15 plus booking fee.
Concessions available (see page 15)



EVENT 6

MEET THE COMPOSER: DAVID MATTHEWS IN CONVERSATION

'Few other living composers can deploy the classical virtues of clarity, tradition and restraint to such cogent ends' – Tempo

David Matthews discusses his life and work with fellow composer James Francis Brown. Since working as Benjamin Britten's assistant in the 1960s, this remarkable composer has forged a reputation as one of the UK's most significant symphonists. Matthews's music unashamedly embraces his own brand of tonality, and he retains a firm commitment to a music that is grounded in song and dance and is connected to the vernacular.

FRIENDS MEETING HOUSE, 50 RAILWAY STREET, HERTFORD SG14 1BA
4.00PM – 5.00PM

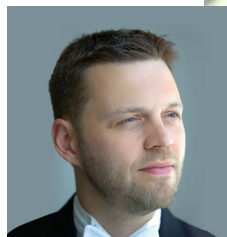
FREE EVENT Please register for your free ticket via the box office.

SATURDAY 4 JUNE



EVENT 7

Emma Halnan



William Whitehead

Matthew Taylor



HERTFORDSHIRE FESTIVAL ORCHESTRA

MATTHEW TAYLOR – Conductor
EMMA HALNAN – flute
WILLIAM WHITEHEAD – organ

MALCOLM ARNOLD
Concerto No.1 for Flute and Strings

DAVID MATTHEWS
Three Birds and a Farewell

MALCOLM ARNOLD
Organ Concerto

J S BACH
Orchestral Suite in D major BWV 1068

Bach's Suite with its ever popular 'Air for the G string' is one of the most celebrated works of the Baroque era. In this version from 1730, Bach brings oboes, trumpets and kettledrums into the fold – to stunning effect! This glorious work is preceded by a work by our Featured Living Composer, David Matthews. Described by the Guardian as '...irrepressibly charming...', this evocative work is flanked by two brilliant and highly distinctive concertos by Malcolm Arnold, played by two eminent musicians from Hertfordshire – Emma Halnan and William Whitehead.

The programme was conceived by the late Tom Hammond and is conducted by his close friend Matthew Taylor, in tribute to our much-loved Co-Artistic Director and Festival founder.

**ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, QUEEN'S ROAD,
HERTFORD SG13 8AY**

6.00PM – 7.30PM

TICKETS: £25/£15 plus booking fee.
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MONDAY 6 JUNE



EVENT 8

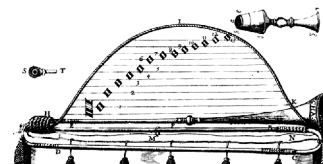
WORKSHOP: INTRODUCING THE BAROQUE & RENAISSANCE TRUMPET

ADRIAN WOODWARD – trumpet

In a fascinating perspective of musical times past, period instrument specialist Adrian Woodward demonstrates the beauty and versatility of an instrument as commonly used in the creation of 'high art', as the sobering signals of war.

Selected participants discover how to produce the necessary sounds with the aid of three natural trumpets and mouthpieces, as well as seven cavalry trumpets!

The workshop is open to the public, but space is limited so please book early.



**MID HERTS CENTRE FOR MUSIC AND ARTS,
BIRCHWOOD AVENUE, HATFIELD AL10 0PS**
6.45PM – 8.15PM

FREE EVENT Please register for your free ticket via the box office.

TUESDAY 7 JUNE

EVENT 9

MAGGINI STRING QUARTET

W A MOZART
Quartet in C major K465 'Dissonance'

DAVID MATTHEWS
String Quartet No.6

MALCOLM ARNOLD
String Quartet 2

Mozart's famous 'Dissonance' quartet, considered one of the greatest quartets of all time, is contrasted with two twentieth-century works that are fast becoming classics in their own right. Continuing the HFoM tradition of inviting the most renowned string quartets to perform, we welcome the Maggini quartet to the Festival for the first time.

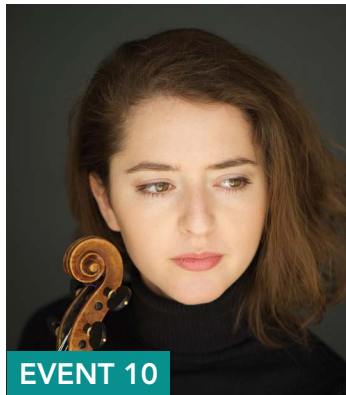
**ST ANDREW'S CHURCH, ST ANDREW
STREET, HERTFORD SG14 1HZ**

7.30PM – 9.00PM

TICKETS: £20 plus booking fee.
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WEDNESDAY 8 JUNE



EVENT 10



SOUNDBITES: MATHILDE MILWIDSKY & HUW WATKINS IN RECITAL

MATHILDE MILWIDSKY – violin
HUW WATKINS – piano

W A MOZART

Rondo in C major, K.373

DAVID MATTHEWS

Preludes II & V from Fifteen Preludes for solo violin Op.132

AGNES ZIMMERMANN

Violin Sonata No.3 in G minor, Op.23

HUW WATKINS

Arietta for violin and piano

BÉLA BARTÓK

Six Romanian Dances for violin and piano (arr. Szekely)

Mathilde Milwidsky has done much to rehabilitate the standing of the remarkable composer, Agnes Zimmermann (1847-1925) and this major

work is a triumph of Romanticism. Joined by pianist Huw Watkins, a major British composer in his own right, we'll hear a work by him written in response to the pandemic, mirroring two charming vignettes by our Featured Living Composer, David Matthews.

Light refreshments are available for purchase from 12 noon.

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, QUEEN'S ROAD, HERTFORD SG13 8AY

1.00PM – 1.55PM

FREE EVENT Donations welcome.



THURSDAY 9 JUNE



EVENT 11

A SINGING CELEBRATION – WITH HERTFORD SCHOOLS

In collaboration with Hertfordshire Music Service

Continuing our collaboration with Hertfordshire Music Service, HFoM is working towards an inspiring project with composer, pianist and amateur Adam Saunders, to take place later this year.



EVENT 12

BEN GOLDSCHIEDER: A MASTERCLASS

In partnership with Queenswood School

DANIEL SWAIN – accompanist

Internationally renowned horn player Ben Goldscheider gives a masterclass for young and aspiring players of the instrument. A masterclass can be just as rewarding for the audience as for the participants, so don't miss this chance to discover how a world-class musician considers the minutiae of their art.

ERNEST READ HALL, QUEENSWOOD SCHOOL, SHEPHERD'S WAY, BROOKMANS PARK, HATFIELD AL9 6NS
5.00PM – 6.30PM

FREE EVENT Please register for your ticket via the box office.

This event will also be available to watch as a livestream, without charge. Please check our website for details closer to the time.

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EVENT 13

BEN GOLDSCHIEDER & RICHARD UTTLEY IN RECITAL

BEN GOLDSCHIEDER – horn
RICHARD UTTLEY – piano

MALCOLM ARNOLD

Fantasy for solo horn (1966)

LUDWIG VAN BEETHOVEN

Horn Sonata in F major, Op.17

MARK SIMPSON

Nachtstück for horn and piano

ROBERT SCHUMANN

Adagio and Allegro in A flat, Op.70

JANE VIGNERY

Sonata for horn and piano, Op.7

With an eclectic programme ranging from Beethoven's youthful work of 1800 through to the present-day piece by Mark Simpson, we hear why Ben Goldscheider is one of today's most coveted young artists. Belgian composer Jane Vignery's sparkling and virtuosic sonata of 1948 brings this recital with pianist Richard Uttley to an uplifting conclusion.

QUEENSWOOD SCHOOL CHAPEL,
SHEPHERD'S WAY, BROOKMANS PARK,
HATFIELD AL9 6NS 7.30PM – 8.30PM

TICKETS: £15 plus booking fee.
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FRIDAY 10 JUNE



Maurice Ravel

EVENT 14

FOLK TALES FOR FIVE WINDS

Goldscheider Quintet & Ruth Rosales

RUTH GIPPS

Three Billy Goats Gruff

MAURICE RAVEL/BERNARD HUGHES

Uncle Maurice and Mother Goose

GYÖRGY LIGETI

Six Bagatelles

MALCOLM ARNOLD

Three Shanties for Wind Quintet

MAURICE RAVEL

Le Tombeau de Couperin

Animateur Ruth Rosales narrates some enchanting yet salutary tales from childhood by Ruth Gipps and Ravel, the latter in a newly dramatized version by Bernard Hughes of 'Not now Bernard!' fame. In a fabulous programme of special arrangements and original compositions, Ben Goldscheider and friends show us why wind instruments can be the best storytellers of all.

ST SAVIOUR'S CHURCH, SANDPIT LANE,
ST ALBANS AL1 4DF
7.00PM – 8.30PM

TICKETS: £20 plus booking fee.
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SATURDAY 11 JUNE



EVENT 15 & 16

GUY JOHNSTON & HUW WATKINS BEETHOVEN – COMPLETE CELLO SONATAS

GUY JOHNSTON – cello

HUW WATKINS – piano

Born in Hertfordshire, Guy Johnston has secured a reputation as one of the finest cellists of his generation and, when partnered with Huw Watkins, we can expect profound interpretations of these daring and increasingly visionary masterpieces by Beethoven. A marvellous way to bring the 2022 Festival to a close.



CONCERT 1

3.00pm – 4.00pm

LUDWIG VAN BEETHOVEN

Sonata No.1 in F major, Op.5, No.1

LUDWIG VAN BEETHOVEN

Sonata No.4 in C major, Op.102

LUDWIG VAN BEETHOVEN

Sonata No.5 in D major, Op.102, No.2

CONCERT 2

6.00pm – 7.00pm

LUDWIG VAN BEETHOVEN

Sonata No.2 in G minor, Op.5, No.2

LUDWIG VAN BEETHOVEN

Sonata No.3 in A major, Op.69

ST NICHOLAS CHURCH, CHURCH GREEN,
HARPENDEN AL5 2TP

TICKETS: £20/£15 plus booking fee.

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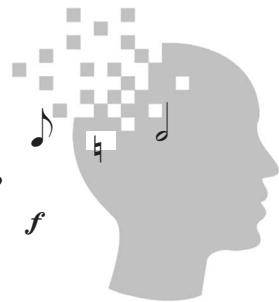
If tickets for both recitals bought together
– £30 for both in nave and £25 for both in
aisles.

THROUGHOUT THE FESTIVAL

MUSIC IN MIND – LIVING WITH DEMENTIA

In collaboration with *Sing from the Heart*

During the Festival period, specially trained musicians share the gift of music with selected care homes throughout the county of Hertfordshire via interactive online sessions for people living with dementia, including their carers and families. For those living with the condition, participating in music can bring not only an improvement in symptoms, but a sense of joy and elation for those taking part.

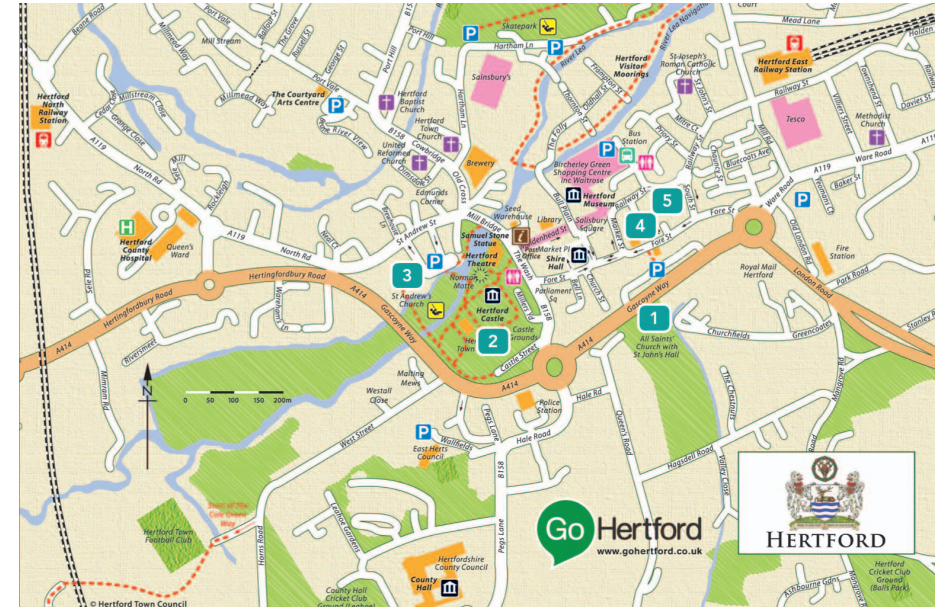


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Festival Venues in Hertford



- 1 ALL SAINTS' CHURCH**
Queen's Road, Hertford SG13 8AY
- 2 HERTFORD CASTLE GROUNDS** SG14 1HR
- 3 ST ANDREW'S CHURCH**
St Andrew Street, Hertford SG14 1HZ
- 4 CORN EXCHANGE,**
39 Fore Street, Hertford SG14 1AL
- 5 FRIENDS MEETING HOUSE,**
50 Railway Street, Hertford SG14 1BA

BOOKING INFORMATION

Tickets for all events are available online at www.hertsmusicfest.org.uk/performances-and-events-2022 See individual event listings on this site for booking links. Tickets will be available for purchase at the door of the events in 2022, by card payment only. With the exception of the Ben Goldscheider masterclass, all of our venues are accessible to anyone with mobility issues. We would encourage any patrons who use wheelchairs to contact us in advance of the event to ensure we cater for your precise needs, please e-mail info@hertsmusicfest.org.uk For ALL box office queries please e-mail info@hertsmusicfest.org.uk

CONCESSIONS

- At most events we will be offering the following concessions:
- £5 tickets for students under the age of 24 in full-time education
 - We offer disabled audience members an additional free ticket for a carer to accompany them to an event

Other Festival Venues

QUEENSWOOD SCHOOL

Shepherd's Way,
Brookmans Park, Hatfield AL9 6NS

ST NICHOLAS CHURCH,

Church Green, Harpenden AL5 2TP

ST SAVIOUR'S CHURCH,

Sandpit Lane, St Albans AL1 4DF

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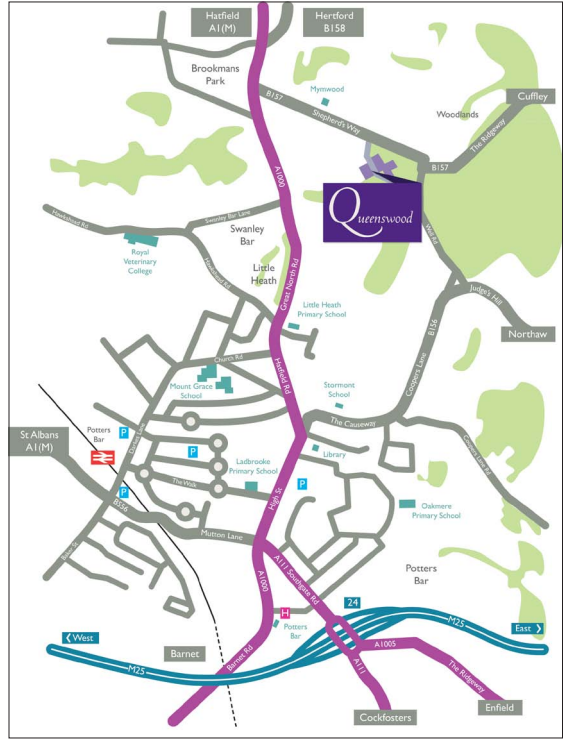
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