

Pentagon Brass

Wednesday 11 December 2019, 7.30pm

St Mary's Creative Space

A Celebrity Concert. Tickets £20

Tielman Susato	Renaissance Dances
J S Bach	Little Fugue in G Minor
G F Handel	Variations, The Harmonious Blacksmith
Gabriel Fauré	Pie Jesu
Malcolm Arnold	Brass Quintet 1
Percy Grainger	Arrival Platform Humlet
André Previn	Four Outings for Brass Quintet
Joseph Horowitz	Music Hall Suite
Jonathan Heeley	Ballad (English Folk Song)

Pentagon Brass comprises five London-based professional musicians who met in 2007 while they were studying at the Royal College of Music. They regularly



perform a wide variety of music in many venues in and outside London, giving serious chamber music recitals and providing music for parties, weddings and ceremonial occasions.

Christmas Crackers

Wednesday 18 December 2019, 7.30pm

Thursday 19 December 2019, 7.30pm

Chester Cathedral

Chester Music Society Choir

Roger McGough, presenter

Tickets: £10, £15, £20

Chester Music Society Choir
Chester Philharmonic Orchestra
Graham Jordan Ellis conductor



Celebrate a family Christmas with Chester Music Society Choir, Chester Philharmonic Orchestra and our guest presenter, Liverpool's own Roger McGough.

Roger McGough, 'a trickster you can trust', is one of Britain's best-loved poets for both adults & children.

'The patron saint of poetry' Carol Ann Duffy
'He is a true original and more than one generation would be much the poorer without him' The Times
'Liverpool's own Poet Laureate' Daily Post

HOW TO BUY TICKETS

All Ticket prices are shown with each concert throughout this leaflet and are available at the door on the night of the performance. Tickets may also be purchased in advance:

CELEBRITY CONCERTS

By Telephone: Ticket Source 0333 666 3366

Online: www.ticketsource.co.uk/chestermusicsociety

In Person: Chester Town Hall Visitor Information Centre.

CHOIR CONCERTS:

By Telephone: 01244 500959;

Online: www.chestercathedral.com/events/

In person: Chester Cathedral Reception Desk

SHOWCASE CONCERTS Tickets may be purchased at the door.

CONCESSIONARY PRICES

Students in full-time education are entitled to reduced prices at all concerts.

Disabled: All events are accessible by wheelchair.

Anyone requiring a companion to accompany them at any of our concerts is entitled to bring a personal assistant at no charge.

Groups: discounts are available at Choir concerts for groups of 10 or more:

choirtickets@chestermusicsociety.org.uk

SEASON TICKETS AND SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP

PURCHASE SEASON TICKETS

This leaflet shows only the first half of our 2019-20 Season. The full season comprises Six Celebrity concerts and Seven Showcase concerts. A season ticket for all six **Celebrity Concerts** will enable you to attend the season for the price of four, and allow you to reserve numbered seats in advance

Combined season tickets: if you buy season tickets for both the Showcase Concerts Series and Celebrity Concerts Series you can save nearly 40 percent on the cost of all 13 concerts.

More information from 01244 678589 or celebtickets@chestermusicsociety.org or info@chestermusicsociety.org



Autumn~ Winter 2019

Concert Season

October -
December
2019

Putting Music at the Heart of Chester since 1946

Piers Lane piano

Wednesday 9 October 2019, 7.30pm

St Mary's Creative Space

A Celebrity Concert. Tickets £16

Mozart	Sonata in C major K545
Mozart	Adagio in B minor K540
Brahms	Four Piano Pieces Op 119
Brett Dean	Etude Hommage à Brahms
Schubert	Impromptu in G flat D899 No. 3
Schubert/Godowsky	Rosamunde
Schubert/Liszt	Ständchen
Schubert	Fantasie in C major D760 ('Wanderer')

London-based Australian pianist Piers Lane stands out as an engaging and highly versatile performer, at home equally in solo, chamber and concerto repertoire. Recent highlights include a performance of Busoni's mighty piano concerto at Carnegie Hall, premieres of Carl Vine's second Piano Concerto, written for him, with the Sydney Symphony and the London Philharmonic, and several sold-out solo recitals at Wigmore Hall.



Five times soloist at the BBC Proms in London's Royal Albert Hall, Piers Lane's concerto repertoire exceeds ninety works and has led to engagements with many of the world's great orchestras including the BBC and ABC orchestras; the American, Bournemouth and Gothenburg Symphony Orchestras; the Australian Chamber Orchestra, Orchestre National de France, City of London Sinfonia, and the Royal Philharmonic.

Stewart Smith presents...

Wednesday 16 October 2019, 7.30pm

St Mary's Creative Space

A Showcase Concert. Tickets £5

Stewart Smith was Director of Music at Abbey Gate College for 39 years. This evening he presents a range of musical performances and is joined by the Bishops' Handbell ringers.



Heather Heighway soprano

Tim Kennedy piano

Wednesday 6 November 2019, 7.30pm

St Mary's Creative Space

A Showcase Concert. Tickets £5

Chester-born soprano Heather Heighway graduated from the Royal Birmingham Conservatoire with first class honours in 2013. Heather began her singing career in Chester with the Chester Music Society Youth Choir, and has always loved returning to Chester to perform in recitals, Operas and concerts.



Jennifer Pike violin

Jeremy Pike piano

Wednesday 13 November 2019, 7.30pm

St Mary's Creative Space

A Celebrity Concert. Tickets £16

Mozart	Violin Sonata KV301
Brahms	D minor Sonata
Clara Schumann	Romances Op 22
Wieniawski	Legende
Jeremy Pike	New work for violin
Wieniawski	Polonaise

Renowned for her *dazzling interpretative flair and exemplary technique* (Classic FM), violinist Jennifer Pike has taken the musical world by storm with her unique artistry and compelling insight into music from the Baroque to the present day. In demand as soloist and recitalist all over the world, she is known as an artist of exceptional integrity and depth, whilst her ability to "hold an audience spellbound" and "luminous beauty of tone" have established her as one of the most exciting artists performing today.



Jenkins: The Armed Man

Finzi: Intimations of Immortality

Saturday 23 November 2019, 7.30pm

Chester Cathedral

Chester Music Society Choir. Tickets £15, £20

Paul Smy tenor

Helen Anne Gregory mezzo soprano

Chester Music Society Choir

Liverpool Sinfonia

Graham Jordan Ellis conductor

The Armed Man by Welsh composer Karl Jenkins is subtitled "A Mass for Peace". Like Benjamin Britten's War Requiem before it, it is essentially an anti-war piece and is based on the Catholic Mass, which Jenkins combines with other sources, principally the 15th century folk song *L'homme armé* in the first and last movements..



The Armed Man charts the growing menace of a descent into war, interspersed with moments of reflection. It shows the horrors that war brings; and ends with the hope for peace in a new millennium, when "sorrow, pain and death can be overcome".

Intimations of Immortality is one of the best-known works by English composer Gerald Finzi. It is a setting of William Wordsworth's "Ode: Intimations of Immortality", cast as a single continuous movement.

City of Chester Brass Band and Training Band

Wednesday 27 November 2019, 7.30pm

St Mary's Creative Space

A Showcase Concert. Tickets £5

The City of Chester Brass Band proudly carries the City name and is totally self-supporting. The Training Band comprises young people aged 7 to 70.

