

Beethoven *Missa Solemnis*

Saturday 21 March 2020, 7.30pm

Chester Cathedral

A Choir Concert. Tickets £15, £20

(Note: Side aisle seating will not be available for this concert)

Erika Mädi Jones soprano
Jeanette Ager mezzo soprano
Matthew Minter tenor
Alan Fairs bass
Chester Music Society Choir
Liverpool Sinfonia
Graham Jordan Ellis conductor



The Missa Solemnis was composed by Ludwig van Beethoven from 1819 to 1823 and first performed on 7 April 1824 in St. Petersburg. It is generally considered one of the composer's supreme achievements and one of the most significant Mass settings.

A Recital by Pupils of John Gough

Wednesday 1 April 2020, 7.30pm

St Mary's Creative Space. Tickets £5 at the door

This concert showcases John Gough's students from the Royal Northern College of Music and Manchester University.

The Arlington Quartet

Wednesday 13 May 2020, 7.30pm

St Mary's Creative Space

A Showcase Gala Concert.

Tickets £16 including refreshments and buffet

Programme to include:

Beethoven String Quartet, Op 59 No 3
Smetana String Quartet, No 1 in E minor

The Arlington String Quartet was formed in 2007 by musicians who are all members of the Hallé Orchestra and who perform regularly throughout the North West.



Rutter *The Gift of Life*

Chilcott *A Little Jazz Mass*

Vaughan Williams *Five Mystical Songs*

16 May 2020, 7.30pm

Chester Cathedral

A Choir Concert. Tickets: £15

(Note: Side aisle seating will not be available for this concert)

Damian O'Keeffe baritone
Graham Eccles organ and piano
Liverpool Sinfonia Chamber Ensemble
Chester Music Society Choir
Graham Jordan Ellis conductor

The *Five Mystical Songs* by Ralph Vaughan Williams sets four poems by seventeenth-century Welsh-born poet and priest George Herbert.



Bob Chilcott's wonderful setting of the Latin *Missa Brevis*, *A Little Jazz Mass*, was composed for the 2004 Crescent City Choral Festival, New Orleans.

John Rutter's long-awaited new major work *The Gift of Life* is a six-movement choral celebration of the living earth, of creation, and of life itself, offering a kaleidoscope of moods from contemplative and prayerful to majestic and inspirational.

HOW TO BUY TICKETS

Tickets are available at the door on the night of the performance. Tickets may also be purchased in advance:

FOR CELEBRITY CONCERTS:

By Telephone: Ticket Source 0333 666 3366

Online: www.ticketsource.co.uk/chestermusicsociety

In Person: Chester Town Hall Visitor Information Centre.

FOR CHOIR CONCERTS:

By Telephone: 01244 500959;

Online: www.chestercathedral.com/events/

In person: Chester Cathedral Reception Desk

SHOWCASE CONCERTS Tickets are purchased at the door. For 13 May telephone 01928 787496



Concert Season

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Putting Music at the Heart of Chester since 1946

Elizabeth Karani soprano Edmund Whitehead piano

Wednesday 8 January 2020, 7.30pm

St Mary's Creative Space. Tickets £16

Quilter	Seven Elizabethan Lyrics
Duparc	Phidyle, Chanson Triste
Poulenc	Metamorphoses
Poulenc	Poèmes de Louis Aragon
Britten	Les illuminations
Rimsky-Korsakov	From Four Songs: Op 40; Op 43
Richard Strauss	Morgen, Allerseelen

English soprano Elizabeth Karani is a recent graduate of the National Opera Studio, London.

A keen recitalist, Elizabeth is a Park Lane Group Young Artist and has recently been awarded a place on the Countess of Munster Recital Scheme alongside her duo partner, Edmund Whitehead. Elizabeth and Edmund recently made their recital debuts at St John's Smith Square and Westminster Abbey.

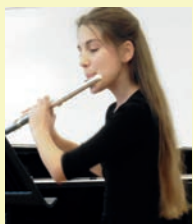


Young Musicians Recital

Wednesday 15 January 2020, 7.30pm

St Mary's Creative Space. Tickets £5 at the door

A Recital by the winners and runners-up of our Young Musician Competition. Come and hear some of the finest young performers in Chester and district, including Hannah Addiscott, Emily Stewart and Rufus Edwards (pictured).



Jan Modelski Community Orchestras

Wednesday 5 February 2020, 7.30pm

St Mary's Creative Space. Tickets £5 at the door

Chester Music Society extends a warm welcome to the Jan Modelski Orchestras for another evening of music making by talented local musicians.



Jubilee String Quartet

Wednesday 12 February 2020, 7.30pm

St Mary's Creative Space. Tickets £16

Tereza Privratska violin
Julia Loucks violin
Lorena Cantó Woltèche viola
Toby White cello

Mozart	String Quartet No 22, K589,
Bartok	String Quartet No 4
Beethoven	String Quartet No 15 in A minor, Op 132

The Jubilee Quartet was formed in 2006 at the Royal Academy of Music, London.

The quartet has performed widely throughout the UK in venues such as the Wigmore Hall, Conway Hall and the Purcell Room, and their continental tours have included a performance in the presence of the former Czech president Vaclav Havel. In 2014 the group attended the McGill International String Quartet Academy in Montreal. Notable recent performances include an appearance at the international chamber music series in Basel, Switzerland in 2017, performing at the 2018 Luberon Festival and a performance in León for the International Festival de Música de Cámara in December 2018.



Ben Goldschneider French horn

Richard Uttley piano

Wednesday 11 March 2020, 7.30pm

St Mary's Creative Space. Tickets £16

Widmann	Air for Solo Horn
Beethoven	Horn Sonata in F major, Op. 17
Schumann	Adagio and Allegro in A flat, Op.70
Salonen	Concert Etude for Solo Horn
Kirchner	Tre Poemi
Bowen	Horn Sonata in E flat Op.101

At the age of 18 Ben was a Concerto Finalist in the BBC Young Musician Competition performing with the BBC Symphony Orchestra and he made his debut at the BBC Proms in 2018. His first album was released to critical acclaim, and he was selected as a BBC Music Magazine *Rising Star* and Gramophone Magazine *One to Watch*. This season Ben makes his debut with the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra and the Mozarteum Orchestra in Salzburg.

Richard Uttley has been recognised for his 'musical intelligence and pristine facility' (International Record Review), 'amazing decisiveness', and 'tumultuous performance' (Daily Telegraph). His playing is frequently broadcast on BBC Radio 3 and has featured on BBC Two, BBC Four, Classic FM and Sky Arts.



Young Musicians from Upton High School

Wednesday 18 March 2020, 7.30pm

St Mary's Creative Space. Tickets £5 at the door

Young musicians from Upton-by-Chester High school under the direction of Clare A Thompson, with performances by the Choir, Band, solo vocalists and Flute Group.