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## CONCERT SERIES 2022-23

#### ST HILDA'S COLLEGE, UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD



## WELCOME BACK

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After an enforced two-year break which has only reinforced the value of live performance and the opportunities afforded by a special concert hall acoustic such as that of the JdP, it is a real pleasure to introduce you once more to the JdP's concert series this year. Transcriptions and reworkings of existing musical works have become a focus to our concert life, and are a particular feature of the coming artistic season. Steven Isserlis's concert on 22nd April presents Steven's own transcription of Robert Schumann's 1851 second violin sonata in dialogue with another work composed in the same year, Ignaz Moscheles's E major cello sonata.

We are also thrilled to welcome back our former student, Ewan Millar, for a performance Cesar Franck's violin sonata transcribed for oboe, and the exceptional baritone singer and cellist, Simon Wallfisch, for a concert of transcriptions of works by Gustav Mahler and Richard Strauss. Lully and Purcell form the basis for transformation and recomposition in my own project, '50/50', which is being brought to Oxford's Holywell Music Room by the French baroque ensemble, Le Concert de l'Hostel Dieu.

Another theme of this year's season is artistic collaboration, and it is really thrilling to welcome St Hilda's College's Senior Research Fellow, the violist Rosalind Ventris, for a concert of music by women composers that is presented in association with the Oxford Lieder Festival in October. The work of Elizabeth Maconchy and Eleanor Alberga also features in the programming of our associated artists, the Villiers Quartet, in the first two concerts of the Villiers' much-anticipated Late Beethoven series.

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We are also pleased to welcome the great English saxophonist, John Harle, who will bring his saxophone quartet and Bauhaus Band to Oxford for the next few years to focus on the music of Weill, Eisler and other composers who moved in Bertholt Brecht's orbit. In addition to these exciting musical events, the JdP is proud to continue their interdisciplinary collaborations with internationally renowned artists such as choreographer Shobana Jeyasingh, poet Alice Oswald, and writer and scholar Marina Warner.

Of particular note will be Jonathan Powell's concert in November in which he plays the complete piano sonatas of the great Russian mystical composer, Alexander Scriabin, in one evening. In January he returns to the JdP to present the work of two German-speaking Czech composers whose work has become the focus of much research and speculation in recent years – Hans Winterberg and Viktor Ulmann. The Powell concerts will be associated with pre-concert talks by eminent experts in Russian and Czech music respectively, emphasising how the JdP programme as a whole sits at the crossroads between outstanding live performance and engaging academic research.

Professor Martyn Harry JdP Artistic Director





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#### TUESDAY 18 OCTOBER 2022 17:00

## ROSALIND VENTRIS VIOLA HÉLOÏSE WERNER VOICE

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Rosalind Ventris is one of the UK's best-known violists, and in 2021 she was appointed Director of Musical Performance and Performance Studies at the University of Oxford, and Senior Research Fellow at St Hilda's College. This concert features music from her forthcoming CD (released by Delphian Records in January 2023) of music by female composers, as well as songs for which she is joined by soprano Héloïse Werner, known for her work with The Hermes Experiment. The programme includes music by Sally Beamish, Elizabeth Maconchy, Héloïse Werner, and Nicola LeFanu, who also introduces the concert in conversation with Martyn Harry.

#### Presented in association with the Oxford Lieder Festival.



#### Tickets: £15

#### FRIDAY 21 OCTOBER 2022 19:30

## JOSHUA JASWON OCTET



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'impeccably performed...a powerful soundtrack for desperate times' — 5 Stars BBC Music Magazine

A new collaboration between the Joshua Jaswon Octet and SciPo, setting poems from the SciPo trilogy of poetry anthologies to musical compositions for octet. The Joshua Jaswon Octet is a Berlin-based contemporary jazz ensemble whose debut album, Silent Sea, was selected by BBC Music as one of the best jazz recordings of 2020/21. SciPo explores the creative common ground between science and poetry, and was established at St Hilda's College in 2015.

The concert at the JdP Music Building will be the UK premier of these newly recorded works. The performance will also include readings of the selected poems by poets Carrie Etter, Catherine Faulds, Claire Cox, and Elsa Hammond; and a moderated Q&A.

#### Presented in association with SciPo.

#### £25 stalls £30 gallery £5 students

#### WEDNESDAY 9 NOVEMBER 2022 17:15

## **DANSOX** PRESENTS SHOBANA JEYASINGH DANCE CLORINDA AGONISTES

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Ahead of their performances at the Oxford Playhouse, Shobana and dancers will present, perform extracts, and discuss the creative, choreographic, and musical processes for the new *Clorinda Agonistes*. This piece is inspired by the heroine of Claudio Monteverdi's celebrated work, *II Combattimento*, based on the proud and fiery Muslim warrior Clorinda who defiantly refuses to reveal her name. Followed by a Q&A session.



More DANSOX events to be announced soon. For up-to-date listings and more information, visit: www.st-hildas.ox.ac.uk/content/dansox-events or www.torch.ox.ac.uk/dance-scholarship-oxford

#### FREE ENTRY booking required jdp.st-hildas.ox.ac.uk

**SAVE THE DATE**: 19 May 2023 — 17:30 screening of a new film tracing the process of reconstructing Sea of Troubles (1988, Kenneth Macmillan, after Hamlet) — Yorke Dance Company

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#### SATURDAY 12 NOVEMBER 2022 18:30

## SCRIABIN: JONATHAN POWELL THE COMPLETE PIANO SONATAS

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Jonathan Powell is renowned for his interpretations of 19th and 20-century piano repertoire, as shown by his recent deutscher Schallplattenpreis for Sorabji's *Sequentia Cyclica*, which was recorded at the JdP. Tonight's concert is a unique opportunity to hear all ten Scriabin sonatas in one evening, played by one of the acknowledged great interpreters of this repertoire. Hearing them in chronological order presents a fascinating perspective on Scriabin's development from a composer strongly influenced by Chopin to the mystic modernist at the forefront of fin-de-siècle experimentation with colour and harmony.

17:30 pre-concert talk on Scriabin's sonatas by Prof. Marina Frolova-Walker

#### £25 stalls £30 gallery £5 students

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#### SATURDAY 26 NOVEMBER 2022 19:30

## VILLIERS QUARTET LATE BEETHOVEN SERIES: I



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Haydn String Quartet in C Major Op. 20/No.2
Maconchy String Quartet No. 3 (1938)
Philip Herbert Solicitudo (2020)
Beethoven String Quartet No. 15 in A minor op. 132

The Villiers Quartet is a featured artist of the JdP. We are thrilled to welcome the quartet back for the first of five concerts exploring the five late Beethoven quartets, a series held in association with the Department of Continuing Education and the Oxford Mathematics Institute. Beethoven's five-movement A minor quartet op. 132 is best known for its sublime Heiliger Dankgesang movement and for a finale that became a source of inspiration for T. S. Eliot. The concert also includes the dramatic and intense third quartet by Elizabeth Maconchy, elected honorary fellow at St Hilda's College in 1978.

#### 18:45 pre-concert talk by Dr Peter Copley

#### £25 stalls £30 gallery £5 students

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#### DECEMBER 2022

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#### SATURDAY 14 JANUARY 2023 19:30

## **JONATHAN POWELL** DVOŘÁK, KAPRÁLOVÁ, JANÁČEK, WINTERBERG & ULMANN

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Jonathan Powell's second concert this season focusses on twentieth-century Czech piano music, and specifically the work of Hans Winterberg and Viktor Ulmann, both of whom were prominent German-speaking Jewish composers who were interned at the Theresienstadt concentration camp. Although Winterberg was eventually freed and was able to compose in relative obscurity in Germany after the Second World War, recordings are only now starting to be released of his strikingly sonorous music, including Jonathan Powell's highly-acclaimed Capriccio release of the first piano concerto from 1948.

18:45 pre-concert talk on Winterburg and Ulmann by Dr Michael Haas

#### £25 stalls £30 gallery £5 students

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#### SATURDAY 4 FEBRUARY 2023 19:30

## **VILLIERS QUARTET** LATE BEETHOVEN SERIES: II MOZART, ALBERGA & BEETHOVEN

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Mozart String Quartet No. 19 in C major K. 465 ('Dissonance') Alberga String Quartet No. 2 (1994) Beethoven String Quartet No. 16 in F major op. 135

In the second of its Late Beethoven string quartet series, the Villiers Quartet presents Beethoven's final string quartet, most famous for its finale which contrasts motives based on a question ("Muß es sein?") and an affirmative answer ("Es muß sein"). This work is contrasted with the vibrantly rhythmic second quartet of Jamaican-born British composer, Eleanor Alberga, and Mozart's haunting and exploratory 'Dissonance' quartet.

18:45 pre-concert talk by Dr Peter Copley

#### £25 stalls £30 gallery £5 students

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#### SATURDAY 18 FEBRUARY 2023 19:30

## SIMON WALLFISCH VOICE IAIN FARRINGTON PIANO

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Mahler Lieder eines Fahrenden Gasellen; Blumine (arr. Farrington) Strauss Cello Sonata in F Major, Op. 6 interspersed with Strauss songs (arr.Wallfisch for voice, cello and piano)

In many ways the work of the outstanding cellist and singer Simon Wallfisch has anticipated changes in our recent concert hall culture in response to the pandemic, which has placed a new emphasis on transcriptions of the large-scale works for small instrumental groups. In this unique evening of songs and orchestral transcriptions, Simon performs not only Mahler's versions for voice and piano of his 'Lieder eines Fahrenden Gesellen' and 'Rückert Lieder' but pianist lan Farringdon's version of 'Blumine', the discarded movement from Mahler's First Symphony. They also perform Richard Strauss's remarkable early cello sonata, which was written when the composer was only 19 and betrays the important formative influence of Mendelssohn's instrumental music.

18:45 pre-concert talk by Iain Farrington and Martyn Harry

#### £25 stalls £30 gallery £5 students

#### SATURDAY 25 FEBRUARY 2023 19:30

## LET'S FACE THE MUSIC CELEBRATING IRVING BERLIN

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Photo (and cover photo) by Robert Workman

Arriving in America at the age of five after having spent his early years in Siberia, Irving Berlin quickly rose to become one of the most celebrated songwriters working in Tin Pan Alley and on Broadway. His most famous hits include 'Cheek to Cheek', 'White Christmas', 'There's no Business like Show Business' and 'God Bless America', while his earliest advocates included The Andrews Sisters, Al Jolson, Fred Astaire, Louis Armstrong and Frank Sinatra. In this cabaret-style performance featuring many of Berlin's greatest songs, Simon Wallfisch and Caroline Kennedy play fictional New York octogenarians Harry and Annie who have just attended the composer's 100th Birthday concert at Carnegie Hall in 1988. As they sit in Carnegie Deli enjoying a post-concert drink, their reflections on Irving Berlin's life open old wounds and offer a chance for reconciliation.

18:45 pre-concert talk by Simon Wallfisch and Martyn Harry

Script by Caroline Kennedy and Simon Wallfisch. Music arranged by Iain Farrington.

#### £25 stalls £30 gallery £5 students

## JOHN HARLE SAXOPHONE

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The JdP is thrilled to welcome the outstanding English saxophonist and composer, John Harle, to Oxford. This is the introductory weekend of this year's visiting fellowship at the Humanities Cultural Programme under the auspices of TORCH. John Harle is working closely with Tom Kuhn (Professor of 20th-century German literature) on the music of Hanns Eisler and of other composers associated with Bertolt Brecht's work. John will also work closely with video artists at the Ruskin School of Art and composers at the music faculty on film/video collaborations. Audiences will have the opportunity of hearing John Harle work with Oxford saxophonists in a master class on Friday, before hearing him and his own saxophone quartet play music by Eisler and other 20th-century composers.

**SAXOPHONE WORKSHOP** FRIDAY 10 MARCH 2023 14:00-17:00

£5 stalls (free for students)

#### & IN CONCERT WITH THE JOHN HARLE SAXOPHONE QUARTET

SATURDAY 11 MARCH 2023 19:30

£25 stalls £30 gallery £5 students

#### SATURDAY 22 APRIL 2023 19:30

## STEVEN ISSERLIS CELLO CONNIE SHIH PIANO

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Mendelssohn Variations Concertantes for Cello and Piano, Op. 17
Schumann (arr. Isserlis) Violin Sonata No. 2, Op. 121
Moscheles Cello Sonata in E Major, Op. 121
Chopin Introduction and Polonaise brillante in C Major, Op. 3

The performances of St Hilda's College's honorary fellow, the British cellist, Steven Isserlis, are always a highlight of the season at the JdP, and this concert is no exception. Steven is a pioneer in the development of new repertoire for the cello and the rediscovery of significant older repertoire. In this case, he has programmed two rare sonatas from 1851 that both carry the same opus number: the warmly expressive Moscheles cello sonata which was dedicated to Robert Schumann, and one of the latter's greatest late works, the D minor violin sonata transcribed by Steven Isserlis for cello and piano.

#### £35 stalls £40 gallery £5 students

#### TUESDAY 25 APRIL 2023 19:30

## **CASTALIAN QUARTET**



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**Britten** String Quartet No. 3 in G major, op. 94 (1975) **Dvořák** String Quartet No. 13 in G major, op. 106 (1895) alongside a work for quartet by an Oxford student composer

The Castalian String Quartet are now a regular feature of Oxford's musical life through the Hans Keller String Quartet Residency which they hold at the Faculty of Music in association with the Cosman-Keller Trust. In their debut performance at the JdP, the Castalians perform two G major quartets written at the end of their respective composers' lives – the Dvořák written in Prague shortly after the composer's return from America, and the Britten dedicated to Hans Keller himself. By way of contrast, they will also perform a work by an Oxford University student composer that they will have worked on in composition workshops with Professor Martyn Harry throughout the year.

#### 18:45 pre-concert talk by Professor Martyn Harry

#### £25 stalls £30 gallery £5 students

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## ALL-NIGHTEPIC SUNDAY 30 APRIL 20:00 - MONDAY 1 MAY 06:00

This joint APGRD/St Hilda's/DANSOX all-night event is co-convened by Fiona Macintosh, Alice Oswald, Marina Warner, Justine McConnell, and Susan Jones. International artists — professional poets, dancers, singers, as well as students from the University and local Oxford schools — will perform a series of interludes from epic traditions around the world. Breakfast will be served at dawn.

#### A night of poetry and performance



Breakfast included

Tickets: £10 (concessions £5)



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#### FRIDAY 19 MAY 2023 19:30 PROFESSOR MARTYN HARRY @ HOLYWELL MUSIC ROOM

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#### **LE CONCERT DE L'HOSTEL DIEU** AN ENCOUNTER 'ACROSS THE CHANNEL':

BAROQUE AND MINIMALIST MUSIC



This is the Oxford leg of a UK tour by the French baroque ensemble, Le Concert de l'Hostel Dieu, to celebrate the release of its 50/50 album on Aparthé. The 50/50 project is an imaginative fusion between baroque and minimalist elements scored for mezzo soprano, baroque wind instruments and strings; the award-winning French composer, David Chalmin, has composed four pieces in response to the music of Purcell, while Martyn Harry, Oxford University's Professor of Composition, has composed four pieces in response to the music of Lully – to form a thrilling intersection of English and French, early and contemporary music. This concert will take place at the Holywell Music Room, Holywell Street.

18:45 pre-concert talk Professor Martyn Harry

Holywell Music Room £20 stalls £5 students

## LATE BEETHOVEN SERIES: III SHOSTAKOVICH, BRITTEN, BEETHOVEN

**VILLIERS QUARTET @ OXFORD MATHEMATICS INSTITUTE** 

SATURDAY 27 MAY 2023 19:30

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Shostakovich String Quartet No. 6 in G Major, Op. 101Britten Three DivertimentiBeethoven String Quartet in B-flat Major, Op. 130 (with Grosse Fuge, Op. 133)

The third concert of the Villiers Quartet's Late Beethoven string quartet series is taking place at the Andrew Wyles Building, Woodstock Road, as the culmination of an all-day study day on Beethoven's quartets run by the Department of Continuing Education at Rewley House. The concert presents a rare opportunity to hear the original version of Beethoven's Op. 130 that concludes with the imposing and forward-looking Grosse Fuge. The concert also includes another piece that was eventually withdrawn by its composer: the remarkable Three Divertimenti for string quartet by Benjamin Britten.

18:45 pre-concert talk by Dr Peter Copley

#### Andrew Wyles Building £15 stalls £5 students

#### SATURDAY 10 JUNE 2023 19:30

## EWAN MILLAR OBOE WILLIAM HARMER PIANO

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Franck Violin Sonata (arr. for oboe by D.Walter) and works by: CPE Bach, JS Bach, Marina Dranishnikova, Thea Musgrave and Jeffrey Agell

We are thrilled to able to welcome back our former student, the outstanding oboist Ewan Millar, to conclude our 2022-2023 season. Ewan was finalist in the COVID-disrupted BBC Young Musician of the Year concerto final in 2020, where he gave an incredibly powerful and memorable performance of Oscar Navarro's 'Legacy' Concerto for oboe and orchestra. Tonight's concert features a rare opportunity to hear David Walter's highlyvirtuosic transcription of the Franck Violin Sonata for oboe, alongside significant recent additions to the repertoire by Maria Dranishnikova and Thea Musgrave.

18:45 pre-concert talk by Ewan Millar & Professor Martyn Harry

#### £25 stalls £30 gallery £5 students

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#### 2022-23 SEASON

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By supporting the JdP you enable us to provide opportunities for students and families through the lunchtime recital series and cushion concerts. The JdP is a vital part of St Hilda's College and makes a significant contribution to the cultural life of both the College and the local community. The JdP has always kept its doors open to the public with over 80 events each year, many of which are free and provide our young musicians with a platform for growth and the unique opportunity to perform to a live audience.

The covid-19 pandemic has taken such a toll on the performing arts. Like many venues, we had to close for a significant time and whilst we tried to put as much content online as possible, it was a very challenging time. The JdP Team also welcomes all non-financial help from our supporters. In particular we are looking for members of our audience to act as ambassadors for the JdP Music Building and help us to engage with a larger audience base. We also welcome volunteers for concert stewarding and community projects. Voluntary help with fundraising projects, or any other initiative is also very welcome, and can be carried out on an informal basis.

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