

Cheltenham CHAMBER MUSIC

2022-23 PROGRAMME



Chamber Music at its Best

Guy Johnston & Tom Poster – 6 October 2022

Elias Quartet – 15 November

Eblana String Trio – 8 December

Magnard Ensemble – 24 January 2023

Jubilee Quartet – 16 February

Charles Owen & Katya Apekisheva – 21 March

Consone Quartet – 20 April

Pittville Pump Room

Cheltenham Music Society
www.cheltmusicsoc.co.uk

CHELTENHAM MUSIC SOCIETY

Cheltenham Music Society was founded in 1948 and has been promoting high-quality concerts for string quartets and other ensembles ever since. Many of our artists have established international reputations, and we also give opportunities to young artists. Our concerts are given in the Pittville Pump Room, one of the architectural jewels of Cheltenham with wonderful acoustics. They are open to everyone. Single tickets provide excellent value for money, and subscribers to the complete series get a discount of over one-third. Do join us!

This season offers a cello and piano recital, a piano four hands concert, a string trio, three string quartets and, providing a complete change of musical texture, a wind quintet. It is a season of exploration. Some composers will be familiar, others not, some works will be familiar, many will not, and most of the musicians, however well-known their names may be, will be performing for us for the first time.

PITTVILLE PUMP ROOM

Facilities

- Step-free access and disabled facilities and parking.
- Ample, free parking in the evening after 6pm.
- All seats are reserved for these concerts.
- A bar service plus tea and coffee is available.

Directions

Pittville Pump Room lies between Evesham Road and Albert Road at the North end of Pittville Park. The Post Code is GL52 3JE. Access by car is via East Approach Drive (off Albert Rd).

Bus D (Stagecoach) stops on Evesham Road by West Approach Drive (please check timetable for available service).

Guy Johnston (cello) & Tom Poster (piano)

Beethoven

Variations on “See the conquering hero comes” from Handel’s *Judas Maccabeus*

Poulenc

Sonata for cello and piano

Joseph Phibbs

Cello Sonata (2021)

Brahms

Cello Sonata no.2 in F major op.99

Thursday 6 October 2022
at 7.30pm

at Pittville Pump Room

‘Joseph writes really compelling, original music that is always extremely well crafted and perfectly suited to the forces performing it.’

Clare Stevens, music journalist



Two wonderful musicians who love playing together open our season with a programme typifying the breadth of their interests. Early Beethoven is followed by the infectious jauntiness and absorbing emotions of Poulenc and a new work by Joseph Phibbs, premiered by Guy Johnston in September 2021. The Brahms sonata concluding the concert is regarded as a highpoint in late nineteenth-century chamber music.

Tickets £25 & £20, under 26 £5, from *Leisure at Cheltenham* Box Office or at door (or buy a series ticket at 34% discount - see back of brochure)

Elias String Quartet

Haydn

String Quartet in F sharp minor

op.50 no.4

Florence Price

String Quartet no.2

in A minor

Beethoven

String Quartet in E minor

op.59 no.2 "Razumovsky"

Tuesday 15 November 2022

at 7.30pm

at Pittville Pump Room

'This remarkable ensemble's ability to live and breathe each phrase with an enraptured sensitivity proves revelatory.'
The Strad



Former BBC3 New Generation Artists, the Elias String Quartet quickly established themselves as one of the most intense and vibrant quartets of their generation. This programme opens with one of Haydn's 'Prussian' quartets - rarely, if ever, performed at our concerts - and closes with familiar Beethoven. The central work introduces us to the blend of European Romanticism and African-American heritage characteristic of the music of Florence Price (1887-1953).

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Thursday 8 December 2022
at 7.30pm

at Pittville Pump Room

A concert offering the chance to savour less familiar chamber music repertoire. Formed in 2006, the Eblana String Trio consistently wins praise from audiences and critics alike for the depth and insight of their performances.

Eblana String Trio

Boccherini

String Trio op.14 no.4 in D major

Finzi

Prelude and Fugue op.24

Beethoven

String Trio in G major op.9 no.1

William Alwyn

String Trio

Dohnányi

Serenade in C major for

String Trio op.10



Benjamin Ealovega

‘... incisiveness combined with a patient concentration which allows each work to unfold its narrative naturally and engagingly.’ *Classical Music*

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Tuesday 24 January 2023
at 7.30pm

at Pittville Pump Room

A wind quintet known for their high-class performances, their passion for new music and the infectious enthusiasm of their playing, the ensemble was originally booked to close our 2019-20 season. All musicians with impressive solo, chamber music and orchestral careers, we are delighted to welcome them at last.

Magnard Ensemble

Shostakovich arr. Shiner

Prelude in F sharp major
op.87 no.13

Martin Butler

Down-Hollow Winds

Byrd arr. McDermid

Vigilate

Klughardt

Quintet op.79

Dodgson

Sonata

Mendelssohn arr. Shiner

Songs without Words
op.67 no.5 in B minor and
op.30 no.2 in B flat

Françaix

Wind Quintet no.1



The Magnard Ensemble gratefully acknowledges the support received from the Stephen Dodgson Trust.

'A hugely gifted ensemble,...the chemistry between the five players is magical, the maturity and sensitivity of their playing is a delight!' *Paul Patterson, composer*

Tickets £25 & £20, under 26 £5, from *Leisure at Cheltenham Box Office* or at door (or buy a series ticket at 34% discount - see back of brochure)

Thursday 16 February 2023
at 7.30pm

at Pittville Pump Room

Four musicians from four different homelands promise a fascinating mix of cultures in their approach to chamber music. Passionately committed to combining music-making with music education, they performed in Coventry in November 2021 as part of the City of Culture celebrations and will be at the Wigmore Hall in May 2022.

Jubilee Quartet

Webern

Langsamer Satz

Haydn

String Quartet in G major
op.77 no.1

Schubert

String Quartet in G major
D887



'Brilliant and distinctive ... fresh and new ... makes the music's architecture expressive in its own right.' *The Telegraph*

Tickets £25 & £20, under 26 £5, from *Leisure at Cheltenham Box Office* or at door (or buy a series ticket at 34% discount - see back of brochure)

Tuesday 21 March 2023
at 7.30pm

at Pittville Pump Room

Founders and Artistic Directors of the London Piano Festival, Charles Owen and Katya Apekisheva are one of the most highly-acclaimed piano duos performing today. They are passionate advocates for the wide range of four hands and two piano repertoire and, in parallel with their extensive solo careers, they have been performing together around the world and across the UK since 2001.

Charles Owen and Katya Apekisheva (Piano Four Hands)

Mozart

Sonata in B flat major K358

Schubert

Rondo in A major D951

Lebensstürme D947

Debussy

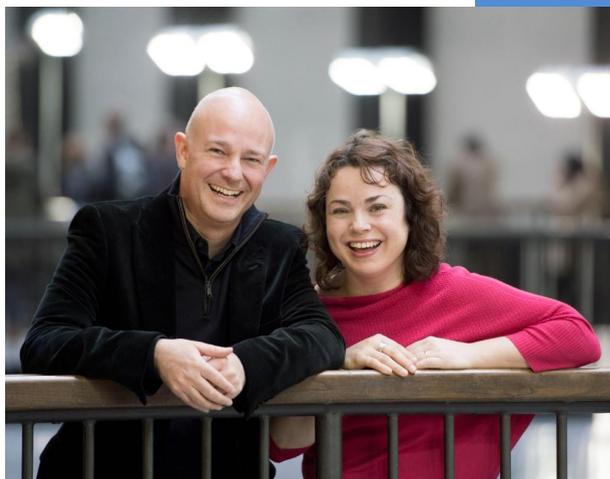
Petite Suite

Stravinsky

Cinq pièces faciles

Mozart

Sonata in F major K497



Sim Canetty-Clarke

‘Charles Owen and Katya Apekisheva are superb pianists in their own right ... as a duo they make more than the sum of their parts.’ *The Independent*

Tickets £25 & £20, under 26 £5, from *Leisure at Cheltenham Box Office* or at door (or buy a series ticket at 34% discount - see back of brochure)

Thursday 20 April 2023

at 7.30pm

at Pittville Pump Room

The first period instrument quartet to be selected as BBC New Generation Artists, the Consone Quartet have quickly made a name for themselves, both internationally and in the UK, with their beautifully crafted and expressive interpretations of classical and early romantic repertoire. Their programme for us offers an intriguing mix of names familiar and new.

Consone Quartet

Haydn

String Quartet in E flat major
op.64 no.6

Onslow

String Quartet in E flat major
op.10 no.3

Chevalier de Saint-Georges

String Quartet op.1 no.3

Mozart

String Quartet in D minor K173



Rebecca Need-Menear

'...perfect intonation, tremendous attack, and impeccable historical style. All the four instruments work together with such intelligence and imagination, that I would happily listen to them every day.' *Sir Roger Norrington*

Tickets £25 & £20, under 26 £5, from *Leisure at Cheltenham Box Office* or at door (or buy a series ticket at 34% discount - see back of brochure)

INDIVIDUAL CONCERT TICKET PURCHASE

Tickets for individual concerts are available at the door and can be purchased in advance at the *Leisure at Cheltenham* box office or by phone 01242 528764. They can also be bought on the Town Hall website www.cheltenhamtownhall.org.uk. A discount of 10% is offered for those purchasing tickets for four concerts together at the box office.

Prices for individual concerts are shown on the concert pages of this brochure, and there are greatly reduced prices for those under 26.

SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP AND SEASON TICKETS

By buying a season ticket for the seven Pump Room concerts you become a member of the Society. For each seat purchased you will receive a 2022-23 membership card showing name and seat number. A season ticket costs £115 for the A seats or £93 for the B seats, a discount of 34% on the price of single tickets. Members also receive the following benefits:

- a better choice of seat
- half price tickets to bring two guests to any concert
- season ticket renewals by phone or email

Membership applications must be received by 10 September unless otherwise arranged with the Membership Secretary. You can pay for season tickets and donations by cheque or credit card. If you wish to pay by credit card, we will email payment details to you.

NOT A MEMBER BUT WANT TO STAY IN TOUCH ?

Join our mailing list and we will alert you about forthcoming concerts and other news. Just email membsec@cheltmusicoc.co.uk and ask to be added to the list.

DONATIONS

Ticket sales do not cover the full cost of our concerts and we rely on donations to maintain the quality of our programmes. Please consider making a donation of at least £10 per person and allowing us to increase its value by Gift Aid.

Cheltenham Music Society is a registered charity no. 279209.

DATA PROTECTION

We will use personal information only to mail and email about concerts, events and programme changes, and we will not share it with any other organisation. Details of our Data Protection Policy are on our website. By giving us your details you consent to us holding your data.



Tickets required

..... Price band A series seats at £115	£.....
..... Price band B series seats at £93	£.....
..... Under-26 series seats at £15	£.....
Donation	£.....
Total payable to Cheltenham Music Society	£.....

Please indicate Pump Room seat preference by circling area of choice or contact the Membership Secretary if you have more specific requirements.

Tick here if you wish to pay by credit card

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£115	£115	£115
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£93	£93	£93

Please return to the Membership Secretary: Mike O'Connell, 49 Painswick Rd, Cheltenham, GL50 2EP (Tel 01242 234791) by **10 September 2022** and either enclose a cheque or tick the box if you are paying by credit card.

SEASON TICKETS

Season tickets for all seven Pump Room concerts may be purchased by sending the form below to the Membership Secretary, Mike O'Connell. Subscribers will receive membership cards showing seat numbers for the season.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

Holders of membership card for 2021-22 do not need to use the form below. They will receive details showing how to renew their membership in a letter accompanying this brochure.



Form for New Membership Applications

Fill in personal details below and ticket requirements overleaf

Name(s)

Address

Phone

Postcode

Email

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Signed.....

Date.....