

Introduction

Welcome to the 2023-24 Shropshire Music Trust season.

This is our 40th Anniversary season and we are delighted that we have been able to offer a series of programmes featuring all aspects of classical and world music over this period! The credit for this goes to Kate Hogwood, our founder, who was the director for the first 37 years.

Our anniversary will be marked by an Anniversary Gala Concert to be held in St Chad's Church Shrewsbury on Friday 14 June. The concert will feature Ex Cathedra and guest performers. Planning for this is in its early stages but we will update you on developments through our website and social media.

Our programme for the coming season continues with events of the high standard that SMT has provided over the past 40 years. There are some changes to our previous structure. There will be two international piano recitals, one in the autumn and the other in May next year and we hope that this initiative will meet with your support. We have also scheduled four concerts, including the piano recitals, on Sunday afternoons. We hope that this will provide easier access for our audiences, particularly in the winter months.

Our published schedule covers the whole season but it is possible that we may be able to provide additional events if the opportunity arises. We would also like to provide support for concerts outside Shrewsbury and arrangements for these are being discussed. If we can make these happen the details will be publicised on our website and via email and social media.

Tickets for the coming season are available from TicketSource – details of how to purchase these are on the following pages. Some tickets may be available on the door for but this cannot be guaranteed.



LONDON TANGO QUINTET – One of the highlights of the season

How to book

Tickets are available from **TicketSource**, either online or by phone.



Online:

Visit www.ticketsource.co.uk/smt and you will be sent directly to the website, which has a list of SMT events and ticket prices.

Tickets can be sent by email for you to print out or directly to your smartphone. Tickets can also be posted, but there is a charge of £2 for this option and they must be ordered at least three days in advance of the performance.

By Phone:

Call **0333 666 3366** for the **TicketSource** box office. **Open 9am to 5pm Monday to Saturday.** Closed on Sundays, but there is a callback facility. There is a charge of £2 for the phone service, which includes the cost of printing and posting tickets if this is preferred to online delivery. Again, allow three days for postal delivery.

On the Door:

There will be tickets for sale on the door if they are available. Payment by cash or card.

Discounts – A discount of 10% will be given by TicketSource for bookings for five to eight events made at the same time. A discount of 15% will be given for bookings of nine concerts or more. Children and students receive half-price tickets. Groups of 10 or more are eligible for a 10% discount.

Support us

Concerts featuring classical music rarely cover their costs – we receive no public funding and we rely on support from you to be able to continue. Please help us by becoming a Patron or Friend of SMT! There are full details of how to do this on our website, which we keep updated with detailed information about our activities, photographs of the artists and news of any changes to our programmes. And join our email list to be kept in regular touch with our news – you can do this by following the mailing list link on our website: www.shropshiremusictrust.co.uk



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Concert Programme 2023-24

40th anniversary year

Programme 2023-24

Thursday, 28 September 2023

The Dante Quartet

Known for its imaginative programming, the Dante Quartet has received international awards for its many recordings and impassioned performances.

Formed in 1995, it is now led by Shrewsbury violinist Zoë Beyers. Zoë Beyers and Ian Watson – violin; Carole Ella – viola; Richard Jenkinson – cello

Programme: Haydn – String Quartet Op. 75 No. 4

Bridge – Three Idylls

Beethoven – String Quartet Op. 59 No. 1

Venue: St Alkmund's Church, Shrewsbury SY1 1UL, at 7.30pm

Tickets: £20

Sunday, 22 October 2023

International Piano Recital –

Dinara Klinton

Ukrainian-born pianist Dinara Klinton returns to Shrewsbury with a programme from the love triangle of Johannes Brahms and Robert and Clara Schumann. Dinara has played all over the world, winning acclaim and many prizes.

Programme: Robert Schumann – Arabesque Op. 18 and Fantasiestücke Op. 12

Clara Schumann – Three Romances Op. 11

Johannes Brahms – Piano Sonata No. 2

Venue: St Chad's Church, Shrewsbury SY1 1JX, at 3pm

Tickets: £18

Friday, 10 November 2023

Onyx Brass Quintet

Onyx Brass' musical and technical virtuosity is matched by the accessibility and vitality of their presentation. The group plays a wealth of music, from original compositions to religious works, ceremonial fanfares and Broadway tunes. Their programme will include music by Bach, Shostakovich, Holst, Arnold and Gershwin.

Venue: United Reformed Church, English Bridge, Shrewsbury SY3 7BJ, at 7.30pm

Tickets: £18

Friday, 1 December 2023

Ex Cathedra – Christmas Music by Candlelight

We are delighted to welcome back Ex Cathedra with their ever-popular Christmas programme directed by their founder and director, Jeffrey Skidmore. In the stillness of St Chad's Church, the singers will envelop you in a spellbinding sequence of seasonal favourites, little-known gems and

inspirational new music and readings. Early booking is advisable.

Venue: St Chad's Church, Shrewsbury SY1 1JX, at 7pm

Tickets: £26 ground floor / £21 gallery

Sunday, 28 January 2024

The Carducci String Quartet with pianist Simon Callaghan

It's been a privilege to have enjoyed performances by the Carduccis for many years. This season they will present a programme which enables us to appreciate their versatility performing music from the eighteenth to the twentieth century. A rare opportunity to hear Schumann's only piano quintet – considered to be one of his major works, composed in 1842 and dedicated to his wife, Clara.

Programme: Haydn – String Quartet Op. 20 No. 4

Shostakovich – String Quartet No. 10

Robert Schumann – Piano Quintet in E flat Major Op. 44

Venue: Maidment Auditorium, Shrewsbury School SY3 7BA, at 3pm

Tickets: £20

Friday, 23 February 2024

The Joe Stilgoe Trio

Joe Stilgoe is an internationally acclaimed singer, pianist and songwriter whose live shows are a mixture of virtuosic musicianship and breathtaking theatricality. His latest album topped the UK jazz chart; the resulting show picked up 200,000 viewers around the world.

Venue: Maidment Auditorium, Shrewsbury School SY3 7BA, at 7.30pm

Tickets: £20

Friday, 15 March 2024

Ensemble Hesperii – Handel in the Strand

Ensemble Hesperii is an innovative period ensemble with a passion for showcasing early Baroque and Scottish music. The group's members met during their studies at the Royal College of Music; their varied talents have led to collaborations with singers, dancers and actors. A mixed programme of Baroque music by the most celebrated composers in London at the turn of the 18th century.

Venue: Alkmund's Church, Shrewsbury SY1 1UL, at 7.30pm

Tickets: £18

Book your tickets at www.ticketsource.co.uk/smt
or call **0333 666 3366** Further details overleaf.

For more information about all these programmes:
www.shropshiremusictrust.co.uk

Sunday 14 April 2024

Zoë Beyers and Strings from the English Symphony Orchestra

This afternoon concert given by Shrewsbury's Zoë Beyers, leader of the BBC Symphony Orchestra and the English Symphony Orchestra, will focus on works by Mendelssohn, Tchaikovsky and Elgar.

Programme: Mendelssohn – Concerto for Violin and Strings in D minor

Tchaikovsky – Souvenir de Florence Op. 70

Elgar – Serenade for Strings in G Minor

Venue: St Alkmund's Church, Shrewsbury SY1 1UL at 4pm

Tickets: £20

Sunday, 5 May 2024

International Piano Recital – Elisabeth Brauss

We welcome the return of BBC New Generation Artist Elisabeth Brauss to Shrewsbury. Elisabeth records regularly for the BBC, gives recitals twice a year at the Wigmore Hall, has played at the Proms and is a frequent performer with the Hallé Orchestra under Sir Mark Elder.

Programme: Beethoven – Piano Sonata Op. 11 ('The Hunt')

Prokofiev – 10 Pieces Op. 12 (selection)

Robert Schumann – Carnaval Op. 9

Venue: Maidment Auditorium, Shrewsbury School SY3 7BA, at 3pm

Tickets: £18

Friday, 24 May 2024

The London Tango Quintet

The quintet, founded in 2007 by David Juritz, plays the music of Piazzola, Troiso and other giants of the Argentinian tango, as well as music from the Baroque to the contemporary. Its members include Craig Ogden, Miloš Milojevič, David Gordon and Richard Pryce.

Venue: Blackburn Theatre, Prestfelde School, Shrewsbury SY2 6NZ, at 7.30pm

Tickets: £20

Friday, 14 June 2024

40th Anniversary Gala Concert

To celebrate our 40th Anniversary we are hosting gala performances to be given by guest artists and by **Ex Cathedra**. Full details will be available later. We guarantee an evening of enchanting music and surprises.

Venue: St Chad's Church, Shrewsbury SY1 1JX, at 7.30pm

Tickets: £25 Ground Floor / £20 Gallery