

2014 - 2015 - 85th Anniversary Season

Thursday 2 October 2014 - Benjamin Appl - baritone, James Cheung - piano, pre-concert talk on Dichterliebe - Stephen Johnson

Schumann Lieder Op 40, Op 107, Op 53 no 3 and Op 48 *Dichterliebe*

Thursday 6 November 2014 - Baker Street Brass

Lutoslawski - Mini Overture Dowland arr. Jackson - 4 Movements from Lachrymae McCabe - Rounds for Brass Rowley - Knots and Mirrors - World Première Arnold - Quintet no 1 Jenkins - Mnemonyx Hazell - Three Brass Cats Sherwin arr Gale - A Nightingale Sang in Berkeley Square

Thursday 4 December 2014 - An evening of music by Howard Blake with Howard Blake - piano, Madeleine Mitchell - violin, Rosalind Ventris - viola and Peter Adams - cello

Piano Trio no 3 Elegia Stravagante - UK Première, Pennillion for cello and piano, Violin Sonata, Prelude for Solo Viola, Piano Solo - Impromptu from Lifecycle, Piano Quartet

Thursday 12 February 2015 - Jubilee String Quartet

Haydn - String Quartet in B minor, Op 33 no 1, Mozart - String Quartet in B flat major, K589, Mendelssohn - String Quartet no 2 in A minor, Op 13

Thursday 12 March 2015 - Ellipsis with Susie Self: Susie Self - composer and mezzo-soprano, Melanie Raggie - oboe, Robert Manasse - flute, Susanna Stranders - piano

Quantz - Trio Sonata in C minor, Philippe Gaubert - Madrigal, Vaughan Williams - Two Blake Songs - Infant Joy, The Piper, Grieg - Notturmo from Lyric Pieces Op 54 no 4, Susie Self - Dymock Dreams - World Première, Schumann - Romance no 1 from Three Romances Op 94, Quilter - Now Sleeps the Crimson Petal, Herbert Howells - King David, Ivor Gurney - Sleep, Susie Self - Cosmic Lion Goddess, Kern - Can't help lovin' that man Gershwin - Foggy Day

Saturday 18 April - The Goldfield Ensemble

Concert 1 - 3.00pm

Howells - Rhapsodic Quintet, Boodle - Piano Quartet - World Première, Bliss - Clarinet Quintet, Rubbra - Piano Trio in One Movement, Op 68

Pre-concert talk: 6.30pm - Ian Venables

Concert 2 - 7.30pm

Ireland - Piano Trio no 2 in E minor, Bridge - Piano Quintet, H49a, Venables - Clarinet Quintet, Howells - Piano Quartet in A minor, Op 21

2013 - 2014 - 84th season

"In Memoriam"

Our first two concerts saw us joining with other local societies in a Gloucester Festival of Britten which marked the centenary of the birth of Benjamin Britten. Our season also commemorated composers affected by the wars of the 20th century as we approached the hundredth anniversary of the start of the First World War and we included a special programme inspired by Ivor Gurney.

Thursday, 24 October 2013, 7.30pm - Duo Karadys - Carol Hubel-Allen (viola), Alan MacLean (piano)

Britten - Lachrymae, Bliss - Sonata for Viola and Piano, Op 91, Vaughan Williams - Romance, Shostakovich - Sonata for Viola and Piano, Op 147

Thursday, 14 November 2013, 7.30pm - Fitzwilliam Quartet

Vaughan Williams - String Quartet no 2 in A minor, Britten - String Quartet no 3, Op 94, Schnittke - Canon in Memory of Stravinsky, Shostakovich - String Quartet no 3 in F, Op 73

Thursday, 30 January 2014, 7.30pm - rescheduled to 8 May - Villiers Quartet

Alan Bush - Dialectic, Whettam - Hymnos Quartet, Delius - String Quartet

Thursday 27 February 2014, 7.30pm - Mattijs van de Woerd - baritone, Shuann Chai - piano, René Samson - composer

"Only the Wanderer Knows"

A programme inspired by Ivor Gurney's love of walking, including a specially composed musical fantasy on the life and work of Ivor Gurney by René Samson which received its world première

Janáček - On an overgrown path (piano solo), Finzi - Summer Schemes, Howells - Wanderers, Gurney - Black Stichel and Severn Meadows, Vaughan Williams - Linden Lea, Butterworth - On the idle hill of summer, Schubert - Der Kreuzzug, Über Wildemann, Fahrt zum Hades, Der Lindenbaum, Der Musensohn, Schumann - Die Flüchtlinge, Duparc - L'invitation au voyage, Le manoir de Rosemonde, La vie antérieure, René Samson - "Walking into Clarity" - a new work paying tribute to Ivor Gurney

Thursday 27 March 2014, 7.30pm - Conchord Ensemble with James Gilchrist - tenor

Bliss - Piano Quartet in A minor, Op 5, Gurney songs: Sleep, Black Stichel, Severn Meadows, In Flanders, Korth - War's Embers, Elgar Piano Quintet in A minor, Op 84

2012 - 2013 - 83rd season

"A Pageant of English Music"

Our Society is becoming known for its programming of English music and this season presented "A Pageant of English Music" which opened with a recital by our President, Julian Lloyd Webber, featuring music by Ireland and Delius. For our second concert we had our

fifth world première this year with a performance of Matthew Taylor's Piano Sonata by Mark Bebbington. English music also featured in the organ recital of Ian Ball and The Cappella Singers and in the programme by the Absolute Zero Viola Quartet. We also welcomed the Kaunas String Quartet from Lithuania which opened their hugely successful UK tour in Gloucester with a programme which included the String Quartet in C minor by the Lithuanian composer Ciurlionis.

Thursday 20 September 2012, 7.30pm - Julian Lloyd Webber- cello, John Lenehan - piano

Bach - Adagio in G, Claude Debussy - Cello Sonata (1915), Frederick Delius - Caprice and Elegy (1930), Frederick Delius - Cello Sonata (1915), Frederick Delius - Romance (1892), John Ireland - Cello Sonata in G minor (1923)

Thursday 25 October 2012, 7.30pm - Mark Bebbington - piano

Ivor Gurney - Sehnsucht; The Sea (manuscript); Prelude in D major, Arthur Bliss - Four Masks, Matthew Taylor - Piano Sonata - world première,

Ian Venables - Dyson's Caprice, John Ireland - Sonata

Thursday 22 November 2012, 7.30pm - Ian Ball - organ

Giovanni Gabrieli - Ricercare del VIII tono, John Bull - Ut, re, mi, fa, sol, la, Jan P Sweelinck - Variations on Mein junges Leben hat ein End, John Stanley - Voluntary in C, Op 5 no 1, J C H Rinck - Variations on Ah vous dirai-je, Maman Op 90, Jacques Ibert - Musette from Trois Pièces, John Ireland - Miniature Suite: Intrada; Villanella; Menuetto-Impromptu, Edward German - Shepherd's Dance from Suite Henry VIII arr. Lemare, Jean Françaix - Cérémonie des signatures; Formation du cortège; Sortie from Messe de Mariage

Thursday 24 January 2013, 7.30pm - concert postponed due to absolute zero conditions - Revised date: Thursday 11 April 2013, 7.30pm - Absolute Zero Viola Quartet

Edward Elgar - Sursum Corda, York Bowen - Fantasie for Four Violas, Henry Purcell - Pavanne and Chaconne, Frank Bridge - Cradle Song, Gustav Holst - Suite, Engaño - Story of Two Minstrels; Blue Syncopation, J S Bach - Quartet Sonata, Tomaso Albinoni - Sinfonia in D, Ludwig van Beethoven - Satz für Brarschenquartett, Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky - Aveu Passionné, Mendelssohn - Saltarello

Thursday 21 February 2013, 7.30pm - The Cappella Singers conducted by Philip Colls

C Hubert H Parry - Never weather-beaten sail; There is an old belief; Come, pretty wag, and sing, Gustav Holst - This have I done for my true love; I sowed the seeds of love; I love my love, Britten - A Hymn to the Virgin; two Flower Songs, Tavener - Funeral Ikos, John Ireland - The Hills, Richard Rodney Bennett - The Hour Glass, Blatchly - Hallelujah; An Interval; The Songs I had (in memory of Tom Fenton); Five Shakespearean Aphorisms

Thursday 14 March 2013, 7.30pm - Kaunas String Quartet (Lithuania)

Edvard Grieg - String Quartet in F (unfinished), Mikalojus Konstantinas Ciurlionis - String Quartet in C minor, Franz Schubert - String Quartet no 13 in A minor, Op 29, D804 "Rosamunde"

2011 - 2012 - 82nd season

Time for Trios

A season exploring music written for three performers, including three world premières and links with the Spectrum Festival, Slovenia. There were two additional concerts - a fund raising concert for the Carducci Trust, and, in Olympic year, "The Olympianist", a piano recital given by Anthony Hewitt as he cycled from Land's End to John O'Groats!

Thursday 22 September 2011 - The Carducci Quartet

Haydn - String Quartet in Bb major, Op 76 no 4 "Sunrise" , Shostakovich - String Quartet no 10 in Ab major, Op118, Mendelssohn - String Quartet in F minor, no 6, Op 80

Thursday 13 October 2011 - Lendvai String Trio

Sibelius - String Trio in G minor, Dvorák - "Drobnosti" Op 75a, Beethoven - String Trio in G major, Op 9 no 1, Beethoven - String Trio in Eb major, Op 3

Thursday 17 November 2011 - Arael Piano Trio

Lucjan Marija Skerjanc - Maestoso Lugubre, Milko Lazar - Five short pieces (2001), Piazzolla - Oblivion & Verano Porteno, Schubert - Adagio in Eb major "Nocturne" D897, Op posth 148, Brahms - Piano Trio in C minor Op 101

Thursday 19 January 2012 - Rautio Piano Trio

Beethoven - Piano Trio in G major, Op 1 no 2, **Gilbert Biberian - Piano Trio - World Première**, Frank Bridge - Phantasie Trio in C minor (1907), Ravel - Piano Trio in A minor

Thursday 16 February 2012 - New Horizons Trio

Genevieve Davisson Fritter - Three Movements, François Devienne - Trio Op 19 no 1, Pierre Gabaye - Sonatine, Roma Cafolla - Sonata and Miniatures, Telemann - Trio Sonata in E minor, Gordon Jacob - Three Inventions, Cambini - Trio Op 45 no 6, Mervyn Burtch MBE - Diversions for flute, oboe and bassoon - World Première

Thursday 22 March 2012 - Jeremy Huw Williams - baritone, Christopher Allen - cello, Nigel Foster - piano

Purcell - Music for a While & Man is for the Woman Made & If Music be the Food of Love, Brahms Sonate für Klavier und Violoncello Op 38, Paul Mealor - Twilight, Brahms - Drei Lieder Op 59 and Zwei Lieder Op 91, Susie Self - song cycle on the Dymock poets - World Première

Monday 14 May 2012 - Anthony Hewitt - The Olympianist

Schumann - Abegg Variations, Schubert - Impromptus from Op 90, Beethoven - Sonata no 30 in E major, Op 109, Chopin - Barcarolle, Janáček - Sonata 1 x 1905 "From the Street", Scriabin - Sonata no 4 in F sharp, Liszt Hungarian Rhapsody no 2