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Julian Bliss Quintet
Gary Hoffman & Wu Qian
Sitkovetsky Trio

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SURREY HILLS INTERNATIONAL MUSIC FESTIVAL

Festival at a glance

Dovetailing perfectly around the coronation of His Majesty King Charles III on Saturday 6 May, our 2023 programme offers musical treasures from Bach to Irving Berlin to accompany the celebrations!

Join us the night before for an evening of sublime choral music from Tenebrae; enjoy the pageantry and ceremony together with friends and family on Coronation Day itself; and rejoin us on Sunday to round off the weekend with sparkling jazz and Hollywood tunes from Julian Bliss and his quintet at RHS Garden Wisley!

Tuesday 2 May	**Young Artists Concert & Pilgrims Guided Walk** West Horsley Place
Friday 5 May	**Tenebrae** Holy Trinity Church, Guildford
Saturday 6 May	*Coronation Day*
Sunday 7 May	**Julian Bliss Quintet** Garden Room at RHS Hilltop, RHS Garden Wisley
Tuesday 9 May	**Young Artists Concert & Pilgrims Guided Walk** St James' Church, Shere
Thursday 11 May	**Gary Hoffman** cello **& Wu Qian** piano The Menuhin Hall, Stoke d'Abernon
Saturday 13 May	**Festival Finale with Sitkovetsky Trio & Friends** The Menuhin Hall, Stoke d'Abernon

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Tuesday 2 May walk at **10.30am** concert at **12.30pm** (doors open 12.15pm)
West Horsley Place, Epsom Road, West Horsley KT24 6AN

Lunchtime Young Artists Concert plus Pilgrims Guided Walk

Gus McQuade & Eleanor Grant guitar/soprano/double bass duo
Sasha Savaloni guitar

The atmospheric Stone Hall at West Horsley Place, where Elizabeth I herself was once a visitor, is the perfect setting for a lunchtime recital by the current young holders of the The Musicians' Company *New Elizabethan Award* which celebrates the music of both Elizabethan ages.

Join us beforehand for the first of this year's Pilgrims Guided Walks (see also 9 May), taking us through the peaceful wooded countryside around West Horsley Place from 10.30am and ending with a restorative hot drink before the concert begins at 12.30pm.

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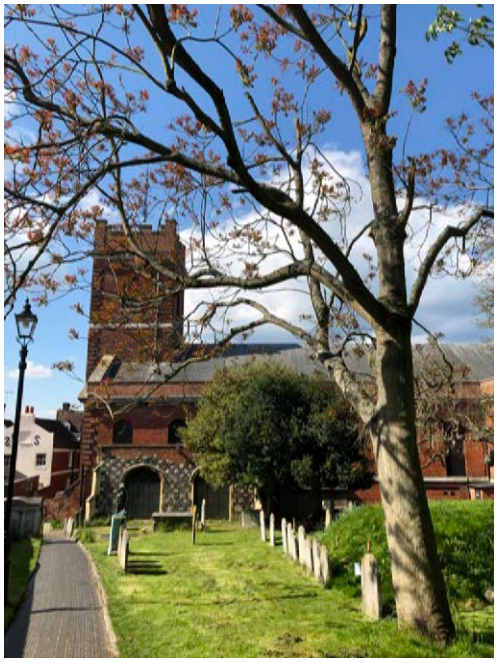

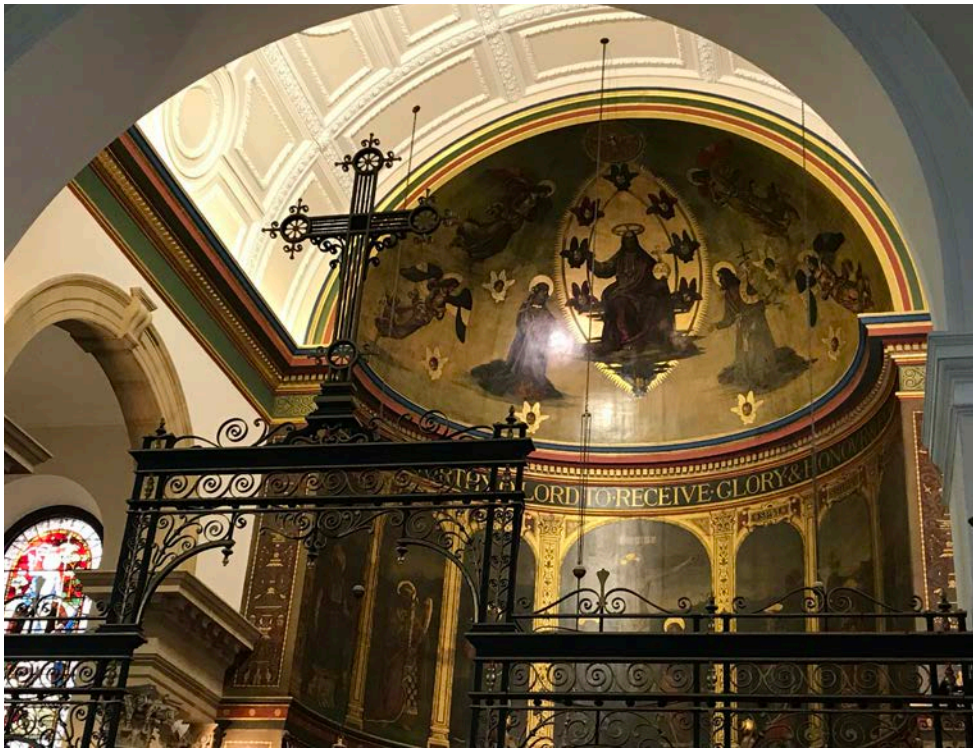

Friday 5 May at **7.30pm** (doors open **7pm**)
Holy Trinity Church, High Street, Guildford GU1 3RR

I Saw Eternity

Sacred Choral Works by Bach & MacMillan

Tenebrae conducted by **Nigel Short**

Lauded worldwide for their passion and precision, Tenebrae makes a thrilling return to the festival with a dramatic programme, contrasting Bach's iconic motets with the exquisite sacred music of one of our greatest living choral composers, James MacMillan.

J.S. Bach	Komm, Jesu, komm BWV 229
MacMillan	Tenebrae factae sunt
J. S. Bach	Jesu, meine Freude BWV 227
MacMillan	Miserere
MacMillan	Tradiderunt me
MacMillan	Jesum tradidit impius
MacMillan	I Saw Eternity
J. S. Bach	Singet dem Herrn ein neues Lied BWV 225

"A concert by... Tenebrae is more than a performance. It's an experience that envelops the audience... this is one of the best choirs in the world." St Louis Post-Despatch

TENEBRAE

Tickets £36 / £10 aged 8-30

Book online at **https://tickets.shimf.co.uk**

Saturday 6 May: The Coronation of His Majesty King Charles III

The festival takes a break as celebrations take place around the county to mark the King's Coronation at Westminster Abbey.

Sunday 7 May at **7.30pm** (doors open **6.45pm**)
Garden Room at RHS Hilltop, RHS Garden Wisley, Woking GU23 6QB

The Sound of Film

Jazz in Hollywood

The Julian Bliss Quintet

With their irrepressible jazz-infused energy, The Julian Bliss Quintet presents some of the greatest tunes to have been used in film, from the 1930s up to the present day, including *Cheek to Cheek, Pure Imagination, When you wish upon a star, Alice in Wonderland* and *Blues in the Night.*

Dress for the red carpet and get in the mood for this much-loved music, played by one of the most sparkling and talented jazz ensembles of our day!

"Bliss is capable of swinging mightily...." The Jazz Times

Tickets £45 / £10 aged 8-30

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Tuesday 9 May, walk at **10.30am**, concert at **12.30pm** (doors open **12.15pm**)
St James' Church, The Square, Shere GU5 9HG

Lunchtime Young Artists Concert plus Pilgrims Guided Walk

Students of The Yehudi Menuhin School

The next stop on our on-going musical pilgrimage through the Surrey Hills brings us to the picture-perfect village of Shere, famous as the location of many recent popular films and TV series…!

We are delighted to welcome a group of gifted Yehudi Menuhin School students to perform for us in the beautiful Norman church of St James.

And for those keen to explore this fascinating village and its rural (and hilly!) surroundings, do join us beforehand for our Pilgrims Guided Walk from 10.30am, ending with a hot drink to refresh us for the concert.

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Thursday 11 May at **7.30pm** (doors open **7pm**)
The Menuhin Hall, Cobham Road, Stoke d'Abernon KT11 3QQ

Gary Hoffman cello
Wu Qian piano

Following their unforgettable performance at the 2022 festival, we are incredibly fortunate to welcome back Gary Hoffman together with our Artistic Director Wu Qian, with a programme combining the gorgeous German Romanticism of Mendelssohn and Brahms with sun-drenched melodies from Spain!

Mendelssohn	Cello Sonata in B flat major No.1 Op.45
Joaquín Nin	Suite Espagnole
Brahms	Cello Sonata No.1 in E minor Op.38
Gaspar Cassadó	Requiebros

"Gary Hoffman is one of the music world's best-kept secrets, a fine and uncompromising cellist whose rare appearances mesmerise." Ariane Todes

The Menuhin Hall

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Saturday 13 May

6pm pre-concert talk (doors open 5.45pm for talk & concert ticket-holders)
7.30pm concert (doors open 7pm for concert only ticket-holders)

The Menuhin Hall, Cobham Road, Stoke d'Abernon KT11 3QQ

Festival Finale with Sitkovetsky Trio & Friends

Alexander Sitkovetsky violin
Isang Enders cello
Wu Qian piano

With live illustrations from the Sitkovetsky Trio & Friends, our Pre-Concert Talk by the 'erudite, funny…' **Katy Hamilton** will delve into the historical context and musical detail of this evening's programme, enhancing your experience of the full performance to follow!

Opening with Beethoven's famously atmospheric 'Ghost' Piano Trio, the Trio then joins forces with two of The Yehudi Menuhin School's own pupils to perform Dvořák's chamber masterpiece – his sublime second Piano Quintet.

Beethoven	Piano Trio in D major Op.70 No.1 'Ghost'
Dvořák	Piano Quintet No.2 in A major Op.81

"Like three good friends enjoying a glass of wine and a natter, the Sitkovetsky Trio sparkle with conviviality.... It's wonderfully uplifting." BBC Music Magazine

The Menuhin Hall

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2024 Surrey Hills Young Composer Competition

After the outstanding success of the first competition, won by Matty Oxtoby's *On Reigate Hill*, we are delighted to announce the second edition of the Surrey Hills Young Composer Competition.

Open to anyone aged 18 and under at the closing date and living or attending school or college in Surrey, the competition offers cash prizes and the chance for the winning work to be premiered during the 2024 festival.

Full details will be published soon at **www.shimf.co.uk** and you can register your interest now by emailing **hello@shimf.co.uk**.

Sunday Listening Club

Our media partnership with BBC Radio Surrey continues, with new instalments of our Listening Club airing on the 3rd Sunday of each month.

Tune in at around 9am when Festival Manager Isabel Dawson and presenter Kevin Duala explore music's power to lift the spirits and inspire - and head to the Listening Club page at **www.shimf.co.uk** for links to our growing library of themed playlists.

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Booking information

Public booking opens on Weds 18 January at **https://tickets.shimf.co.uk**.

For 11 and 13 May only, you will be re-directed to The Menuhin Hall's online box office at **www.themenuhinhall.co.uk**. You can also contact them by phone for these two events only on 01932 559400 (Mon-Fri 10am-3pm, closed 12.15-12.45pm).

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