

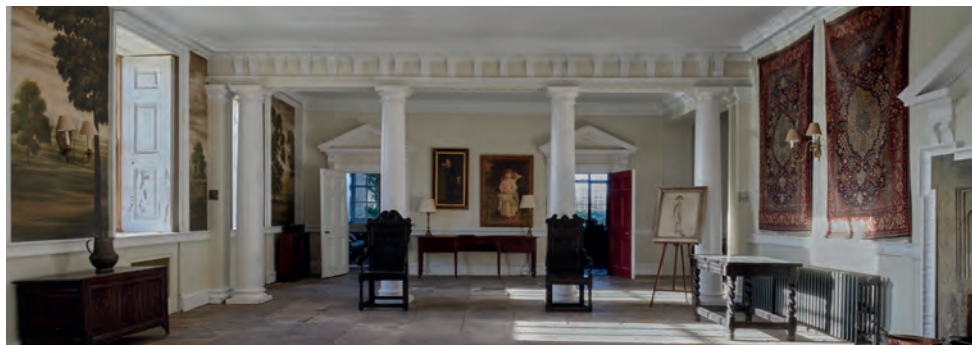
Surrey Hills International Music Festival

15th anniversary season

7-18 May 2024

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A Message from the Chairman

We are delighted to welcome you to the 15th season of the Surrey Hills International Music Festival, bringing a host of top-level international performers to your doorstep. The wide range of events includes superb chamber music, fascinating talks, incredible pianism, a new commission, and a finale of magnificent Baroque arias. With world-class artists such as Dame Sarah Connolly, Wu Qian and the Sitkovetsky Trio there is so much to enjoy, and all within the stunning Surrey countryside.

For full details and to book tickets go to <https://tickets.shimf.co.uk>

Julia Pearson, Chairman





Tuesday 7 May at 10.30am (walk) and 12.30pm (talk with music)
Stone Hall, West Horsley Place, Epsom Road, West Horsley KT24 6AN

Notes from the Silence: Italian women composers of the 17th century

Guided walk and lunchtime talk with music for soprano, theorbo and viola da gamba

Writer and historian Anna Beer takes us on a journey through the splendour of 17th-century Italy for this fascinating look at the women who dared to write music in a man's world. Barbara Strozzi and Francesca Caccini are the featured composers struggling against societal norms and finally gaining the acknowledgement they deserve.

Anna Beer, speaker

The Portrait Players:

Claire Ward, soprano

Kristiina Watt, theorbo

Miriam Nohl, viola da gamba

Settimia Caccini

Francesca Caccini

Barbara Strozzi

Due Luci Ridenti

Dov'io credea le mie speranze vere

O Chiome Belle

O Vive Rose

Amor dormiglione

L'amante segreto

Tickets £18 walk & talk with music / £12 talk with music only

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Thursday 9 May at 6pm (pre-concert talk) and **7.30pm** (concert)

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

Sitkovetsky Trio with Sharon Kam and Friends

An opportunity to hear the world premiere of a work for clarinet and piano trio commissioned by the Surrey Hills International Music Festival from one of Britain's leading composers, Huw Watkins. Alongside this exciting new work, the concert includes Mozart's sublime Clarinet Quintet and the delightful *Gassenhauer* Trio by Beethoven.

A special pre-concert talk by writer and broadcaster **Kate Kennedy**, in discussion with **Huw Watkins**, offers an in-depth look into the evening's performance.

Alexander Sitkovetsky, violin

Isang Enders, cello

Wu Qian, piano

with **Sharon Kam**, clarinet

Annabelle Meare, violin

Lars Anders Tomter, viola

Beethoven Trio No.4 in B flat major Op.11 'Gassenhauer'

Huw Watkins Three Caprices (world premiere)

Mozart Clarinet Quintet in A major K.581

Tickets £40 talk & concert (including drink) / £36 concert only / £10 aged 8-30

Book online at <https://tickets.shimf.co.uk>

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Saturday 11 May at 7.30pm (entry to gardens from 6.45pm)
Garden Room at RHS Hilltop, RHS Garden Wisley, Woking GU23 6QB

An Enchanted Evening: Chamber Music at Wisley

Mendelssohn's glorious Octet is the centrepiece for this year's Festival concert at RHS Wisley. An instrumental tour de force, it is paired with Tchaikovsky's *Souvenir de Florence* – a homage to the city he loved – where you can almost feel the warmth of the sun and hear the music on the streets.

Alexander Sitkovetsky, violin

Jack Liebeck, violin

So-ock Kim, violin

Alexandra Raikhlina, violin

Lars Anders Tomter, viola

Brett Dean, viola

Leonard Elschenbroich, cello

Isang Enders, cello

Mendelssohn Octet in E flat major Op.20

Tchaikovsky Souvenir de Florence Op.70

Tickets £45 / £10 aged 8-30

Book online at <https://tickets.shimf.co.uk>

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Monday 13 May at 10.30am (walk) and **12.30pm** (concert)
St Michael's Church, Betchworth, Church Street, Betchworth, RH3 7DN

Guided Walk & Lunchtime Young Artists Concert

The medieval village church of St Michael's Betchworth provides the backdrop for a concert featuring a group of the talented young students at The Yehudi Menuhin School.

You can also join us for a walk around the glorious surrounding countryside before the concert and visit the church, which famously featured in the film *Four Weddings and a Funeral*.

Students of The Yehudi Menuhin School

Tickets £18 walk & concert / £12 concert only
Book online at **<https://tickets.shimf.co.uk>**





Thursday 16 May at 7.30pm

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

Piano Extravaganza: a spectacular evening of music for two pianos

A true celebration of the piano, with four of the world's leading pianists, including our own Artistic Director Wu Qian, performing together in a variety of spectacular works for two pianos. You will also be able to hear the first performance of the winning entry in the 2024 Surrey Hills Young Composer Competition on the theme of Celebration to commemorate the Festival's 15th season.

Pianists:

Katya Apekisheva

Charles Owen

Juho Pohjonen

Wu Qian

Arensky	Suite for Two Pianos No.1 Op.15
Lutoslawski	Paganini Variations for Two Pianos
Rachmaninov	Suite No.2 for Two Pianos Op.17
Brahms	Variations on a Theme by Haydn Op.56
Dutilleux	Figures de Résonances
Ravel	La Valse

Winning entry Young Composer Competition 2024

Tickets £36 / £10 aged 8-30

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The
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Saturday 18 May at 7.30pm

Holy Trinity Church, High Street, Guildford GU1 3RR

Festival Finale:

Dame Sarah Connolly with The English Concert & Harry Bicket

The Festival draws to a close with a real gem of a concert. The celebrated Sarah Connolly joins one of Britain's leading early music ensembles The English Concert, directed by Harry Bicket, for an evening of exquisite Baroque music: A collection of arias from Bach's Christmas Oratorio and Handel's *Solomon* and *Theodora*, interspersed with the finest orchestral music from the period.

Dame Sarah Connolly, mezzo-soprano

The English Concert

Directed by **Harry Bicket**

Programme to include:

Bach	<i>Bereite dich Zion and Schlafe, mein Liebster</i> from Christmas Oratorio
Handel	<i>Arrival of the Queen of Sheba</i>
	Overtures and arias from <i>Theodora</i> and <i>Solomon</i>

Tickets £40 / £10 aged 8-30

Book online at <https://tickets.shimf.co.uk>





Booking information

Public booking opens on Thursday 4 January 2024 at <https://tickets.shimf.co.uk>



For 9 and 16 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 for these two events only at 01932 559400 (Mon - Fri 10am-3pm, closed 12.15-12.45).

Please email hello@shimf.co.uk with any ticketing queries, to reserve wheelchair or carer seats or advise us of any special access needs.

Your festival needs you!

We need your help more than ever to keep world-class music alive in the Surrey Hills – and to provide much-needed performance opportunities to emerging young professionals.

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