

2025 what's on



Spring

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January

Friday 31 January, 12pm

Friday Lunchtime Concert: Trio Brontë I

Trio Brontë:

Chiara Sannicandro violin
Annie Jacobs-Perkins cello
Lili Bogdanova piano

Lili Boulanger: D'un matin de printemps (5')

Rihm: Fremde Szenen III (11')

Schubert: Piano Trio in E flat, 'Notturmo', D.897 (10')

Mendelssohn: Piano Trio No.2 in C minor, Op.66 (29')

Much-loved works by Schubert and Mendelssohn alongside beautiful Lili Boulanger and a 'new classic of chamber music' by Wolfgang Rihm.

Jubilee Hall, Aldeburgh

Tickets: £12 Under 30s half price

February

Saturday 1 February, 10am

AYM: Open House

An invitation to join Aldeburgh Young Musicians for a day of creative music-making.

Britten Studio, Snape Maltings

Tickets: Free; booking is essential

Sunday 2 February, 10am

AYM: Taster Morning

A taster group session for people interested in applying for Aldeburgh Young Musicians in which they can experience the programme first-hand.

Britten Studio, Snape Maltings

Tickets: Free; booking is essential

Friday 7 February, 12pm

Friday Lunchtime Concert: Trio Brontë II

Trio Brontë:

Chiara Sannicandro violin
Annie Jacobs-Perkins cello
Lili Bogdanova piano

Schubert: Piano Trio No.1 in B flat, D.898 (42')

Enno Poppe: Trauben (14')

Praised for 'hypnotic lyricism, causing listeners to forget where they were for a moment', Trio Brontë returns with an enticing programme of buoyant Schubert and the impressive trio of the German composer Enno Poppe.

Jubilee Hall, Aldeburgh

Tickets: £12 Under 30s half price

Saturday 8 February, 3pm

Open Session: Naomi Burrell

Naomi Burrell violin/composer

Margareta Burrell composer

Per Buhre

Fredrick Bock

Johannes Lundberg

Naomi Burrell and Margareta Burrell:

The Laboratory of Lullabies (50')

A mother-and-daughter collaboration that explores lullabies and texts from around Europe, aiming to develop a nourishing live experience from their recorded album.

Jerwood Kiln Studio, Snape Maltings

Tickets: £6 Under 30s half price

Saturday 8 February, 4.30pm

Open Session: Brìghde Chaimbeul and Martin Green

Brìghde Chaimbeul smallpipes

Martin Green electronics

A collaboration between Brìghde Chaimbeul and Martin Green centred on the Scottish smallpipes that merges traditional acoustics with electronic systems into a single sonic entity.

Britten Studio, Snape Maltings

Tickets: £6 Under 30s half price

Friday 14 February, 12pm

Friday Lunchtime Concert: Quantum Clarinet Trio I

Quantum Clarinet Trio:

Elena Veronesi clarinet

Johannes Przygodda cello

Bokyung Kim piano

Arvo Pärt: Mozart-Adagio (8')

Ries: Trio No.2, Op.28 (20')

Beethoven: Piano Trio No.4 in B flat, Op.11, "Gassenhauer" (18')

Muczynski: Fantasy Trio, Op.26 (13')

An eclectic programme that combines Pärt with Beethoven from an ensemble that also specialises in rediscovered treasures.

Jubilee Hall, Aldeburgh

Tickets: £12 Under 30s half price

Friday 21 February, 12pm

Friday Lunchtime Concert: Quantum Clarinet Trio II

Quantum Clarinet Trio:

Elena Veronesi clarinet

Johannes Przygodda cello

Bokyung Kim piano

Juon: Trio-Miniatures, Op.18a & Op.24a (12')

Glinka: Trio pathétique in D minor (15')

Daniel Schnyder: A Friday Night in August (8')

Frühling: Trio in A minor, Op.40 (1st and 3rd movements) (15')

A beguilingly constructed programme of trios including Schnyder's A Friday Night in August alongside Glinka's Pathétique.

Jubilee Hall, Aldeburgh

Tickets: £12 Under 30s half price

Friday 21 February, 4pm

Open Session: Aldeburgh Young Musicians I

A sharing of musical creativity at the culmination of AYM's half-term project week.

Britten Studio, Snape Maltings

Tickets: £6 Under 30s half price

Friday 28 February, 12pm

Friday Lunchtime Concert: Fiora Quartet I

Fiora Quartet:

Deniz Şensoy violin
Isabella Todes violin
Elena Accogli viola
Marion Portelance cello

Haydn: String Quartet in D minor, Op.76 No.2 (20')

Philip Glass: String Quartet No.2, 'Company' (8')

Shostakovich: String Quartet No.9 In E flat, Op.117 (27')

Three string quartets that combine passion, intimacy, and spaciousness in the hands of the exciting Fiora Quartet.

Jubilee Hall, Aldeburgh

Tickets: £12 **Under 30s** half price

March

Friday 7 March, 12pm

Friday Lunchtime Concert: Fiora Quartet II

Fiora Quartet:

Deniz Şensoy violin
Isabella Todes violin
Elena Accogli viola
Marion Portelance cello

Jessie Montgomery: Strum (8')

Beethoven: String Quartet No.11 in F minor, Op.95 "Serioso" (20')

Ravel: String Quartet (30')

An expansive piece by the celebrated American composer and violinist Jessie Montgomery is paired with Ravel's Quartet and Beethoven's 'Serioso'.

Britten Studio, Snape Maltings

Tickets: £12 **Under 30s** half price

Friday 14 March, 12pm

Friday Lunchtime Concert: De Beauvoir Piano Trio

De Beauvoir Piano Trio:

Enyuan Khong violin
Charlotte Kaslin cello
Cristian Sandrin piano

Mozart: Piano Trio No.5 in C, K.548 (20')

Mendelssohn: Piano Trio No.1 in D minor, Op.49 (35')

Lili Boulanger: D'un matin de printemps (4')

We welcome back this popular trio for classic chamber works by Mozart and Beethoven alongside Lili Boulanger's 'Of a spring morning'.

Jubilee Hall, Aldeburgh

Tickets: £12 **Under 30s** half price

Friday 21 March, 12pm

Friday Lunchtime Concert: Fibonacci Quartet

Fibonacci Quartet:

Luna De Mol violin
Kryštof Kohout violin
Elliot Kempton viola
Findlay Spence cello

Schulhoff: Five Pieces for String Quartet (14')

Beethoven: String Quartet in C sharp minor, Op.131 (40')

One of Europe's leading young string quartets presents a distinctive pairing of Schulhoff and Beethoven.

Jubilee Hall, Aldeburgh

Tickets: £12 **Under 30s** half price

Monday 24 March, 7pm

Thomas Mills High School presents: Gala Concert

Parry: I Was Glad

Gershwin: Three Piano Preludes

John Rutter: The Lord Bless You and Keep You

Britten: Saint Nicolas (excerpts)

A concert that marks the 45th anniversary of a Suffolk school which has a reputation for the quality of its music and the arts.

Snape Maltings Concert Hall

Tickets: £10; **Concessions:** £7

Friday 28 March, 12pm

Friday Lunchtime Concert: Chamber Music Plus I

Aventurin Quartet

Asaka Quartet

Sonas Quartet

Trio Kagura

Trio Rinaldo

A varied programme of chamber music performed by outstanding emerging ensembles coached by renowned international artists.

Jubilee Hall, Aldeburgh

Tickets: £12 **Under 30s** half price

Saturday 29 March, 7.30pm

English Touring Opera presents: The Capulets & The Montagues

Sung in Italian with English surtitles.

Eloise Lally director

The cast and creative team will be announced in due course.

Bellini: The Capulets & The Montagues (150')

Enjoy a special night out at the opera as Bellini's stunning reworking of Romeo & Juliet tells afresh the eternal story of loyalty and love put to the test.

Snape Maltings Concert Hall

Tickets: £45, £35, £25, £10

Under 30s half price

April

Friday 4 April, 12pm

Friday Lunchtime Concert: Chamber Music Plus II

Aventurin Quartet

Asaka Quartet

Sonas Quartet

Trio Kagura

Trio Rinaldo

A second selection of repertoire from this year's Chamber Music Plus ensembles, coached by renowned international artists.

Jubilee Hall, Aldeburgh

Tickets: £12 **Under 30s** half price

Saturday 5 April, 6pm

Ipswich Chamber Choir presents: Bach's St Matthew Passion

Amici Voices

Ipswich Chamber Choir

The Geldart Ensemble

Rachel Ambrose Evans soprano

Rebecca Leggett mezzo-soprano

Sebastian Hill tenor

Edmund Saddington bass

Rachel Stroud leader

Benedict Collins Rice conductor

Nick Pritchard Evangelist

Michael Craddock Jesus

J.S. Bach: St Matthew Passion (190')

Bach's 'Great Passion' presented by professional and amateur musicians as the culmination of a four-year Passion Cycle.

Snape Maltings Concert Hall

Tickets: £35, £30, £25, £20, £15

Tuesday 8 – Wednesday 9 April

Easter Family Fun at The Red House

Interactive Easter storytelling plus themed music and craft activities for children and their families.

The Red House, Aldeburgh

Tickets: £5 per child; adults free

Friday 11 April, 12pm

Friday Lunchtime Concert: Trio Farben I

Trio Farben:

Imogen Davey flute

Georgia Russell viola

Heather Brooks harp

Bax: Elegiac Trio (9')

Saariaho: New Gates (13')

Imogen Davey: STRATA (Lamination 1, Bedding Planes, Lamination 2) (14')

Ravel, arr. Skaila Kanga: Le tombeau de Couperin (Prélude, Menuet, Rigaudon) (13')

Reflective music for flute, viola, and harp by Bax and Ravel is combined with Saariaho's New Gates and a recent work by Imogen Davey.

Jubilee Hall, Aldeburgh

Tickets: £12 Under 30s half price

Friday 11 April, 4pm

Open Session: Aldeburgh Young Musicians II

A sharing of musical creativity at the culmination of AYM's half-term project week.

Britten Studio, Snape Maltings

Tickets: £6 Under 30s half price

Friday 18 April, 12pm

Friday Lunchtime Concert: Trio Farben II

Trio Farben:

Imogen Davey flute

Georgia Russell viola

Heather Brooks harp

Dubois: Terzettino (7')

Darius Paymai: trio (2025), first performance (15')

Takemitsu: And then I knew 'twas Wind (14')

Mathias Zodiac: Trio, Op.70 (16')

The last of our 2025 Friday Lunchtime Concerts, at Orford Church, presents a compelling combination of Mathias, Takemitsu, and a first performance of Darius Paymai.

Orford Church

Tickets: £12 Under 30s half price

Saturday 19 April

Easter Family Fun at Snape Maltings

A special day of engaging Easter-themed family activities in the beautiful setting of Snape Maltings.

The Red House, Aldeburgh

Tickets: £5 per child; adults free

Saturday 26 April, 7pm

Bach Cantatas in Blythburgh

Britten Pears Chamber Choir

The Suffolk Ensemble

Alexandra Meier alto

Tom Herford tenor

Francis Brett bass

Ben Parry conductor

J.S. Bach: Overture, from Orchestral Suite No.1 in C, BWV 1066 (6')

J.S. Bach: Erfreut euch, ihr Herzen, BWV 66 (32')

J.S. Bach: Komm, Jesu, komm, BWV 229 (8')

J.S. Bach: Bleib bei uns, denn es will Abend werden, BWV 6 (20')

J.S. Bach: Der Geist hilft unser Schwachheit auf, BWV 226 (8')

An enlivening programme of magnificent choral and orchestral music for Eastertide.

Blythburgh Church

Tickets: £20, £15 Under 30s half price

Sunday 27 April, 4pm

Bach Cantatas in Bury St Edmunds

Britten Pears Chamber Choir
The Suffolk Ensemble
Alexandra Meier alto
Tom Herford tenor
Francis Brett bass
Ben Parry conductor

J.S. Bach: Overture, from Orchestral Suite No.1 in C, BWV 1066 (6')

J.S. Bach: Erfreut euch, ihr Herzen, BWV 66 (32')

J.S. Bach: Komm, Jesu, komm, BWV 229 (8')

J.S. Bach: Bleib bei uns, denn es will Abend werden, BWV 6 (20')

J.S. Bach: Der Geist hilft unser Schwachheit auf, BWV 226 (8')

Another opportunity to hear this enlivening programme of magnificent choral and orchestral music for Eastertide.

St Mary's Church, Bury St Edmunds
Tickets: £15 Under 30s half price

May

Friday 2 May, 3pm

Open Session: Hannah Catherine Jones

Theremin, waterphone, and voice combine in this exploration of how performers and audiences can be more deeply connected through frequency and vibration.

Jerwood Kiln Studio, Snape Maltings
Tickets: £6 Under 30s half price

Friday 2 May, 7pm

Ipswich School presents: Spring Concert

Ipswich School Chapel Choir
Ipswich Preparatory School Orchestra
Chamber Choir

A collection of performances by Ipswich School Chapel Choir, Orchestras, Big Band, Brass Ensembles, Ipswich Preparatory School Orchestra and Chamber Choir.

Snape Maltings Concert Hall

Tickets: £17.50;
 concessions £12; under 18s £7

Saturday 3 May, 7pm

University of Essex Choir presents: Britten and Vaughan Williams

University of Essex Choir
Orchestra of the Age of Enlightenment
Ben Vonberg-Clark conductor

Britten: The World of the Spirit (43')

Britten: Two Psalms (16')

Vaughan Williams: Sancta Civitas (35')

Britten: Hymn to the Virgin (4')

An evening of music by two of England's top composers, Britten and Vaughan Williams, including some rarely performed gems.

Snape Maltings Concert Hall

Tickets: £33, £27, £17 Under 18s £10

Saturday 10 May, 7pm

Aurora at 20: Song of the Earth

Aurora Orchestra
Alice Coote mezzo-soprano
Andrew Staples tenor
Nicholas Collon conductor

L. Boulanger, arr. Farrington: D'un matin du printemps (6')

Rebel: Les éléments (25')

Mahler, arr. Farrington: Das Lied von der Erde (70')

A celebratory performance of Mahler's spectacular symphony, an incomparable musical homage to nature and humanity, with star soloists Alice Coote and Andrew Staples.

Snape Maltings Concert Hall

Tickets: £65, £50, £30, £10

Under 30s half price

Sunday 11 May, 10.30am & 11.30am

Aurora at 20: Join the Carnival!

Saint-Saëns: Carnival of the Animals (35')

Roll up, roll up! An immersive presentation of Carnival of the Animals for children aged 0–6 and their families.

This event will take place on stage in the Britten Studio, with participants free to move within the space (with suitable adult supervision).

Britten Studio, Snape Maltings

Tickets: £10 Under 18s half price

Sunday 11 May, 1pm

Aurora at 20: Singing Afternoon with John Rutter

Enjoy an afternoon of singing in the company of the legendary choral composer and conductor with special guests and a sneak preview of a new piece.

Snape Maltings Concert Hall

Tickets: £15

Sunday 11 May, 5pm

Aurora at 20: Carnival of the Animals

Aurora Orchestra
Frantic Assembly
Jane Mitchell director
Scott Graham director

Saint-Saëns: The Carnival of the Animals (25')

Richard Ayres: Dr Frompou's Anatomical Study of an Orchestra (30')

Aurora and internationally renowned physical-theatre-makers Frantic Assembly present a fantastical reimaging that pairs The Carnival of the Animals with a new work that asks: what happens when the carnival is over?

Snape Maltings Concert Hall

Tickets: £45, £35, £25, £10

Under 30s half price

Saturday 17 May, 3pm

Open Session: Dickson Mbi

Dickson Mbi composer/choreographer
Nicki Wells singer/songwriter
Gabriella Swallow cellist

A first look at new work by the Olivier Award-winning choreographer and composer, inspired by the courageous women in his life and the enduring spirit of Mother Earth.

Britten Studio, Snape Maltings
Tickets: £6 **Under 30s** half price

Saturday 24 May, 7.30pm

FolkEast presents: The Young'uns

With heart-on-the-sleeve storytelling, beautiful lyrics, warm harmonies and relentless repartee, The Young'uns celebrate two decades together with their life-affirming folk songs for today.

Britten Studio, Snape Maltings
Tickets: £23.50 **Under 30s** half price

Wednesday 28 – Thursday 29 May

Half-term Nature Sessions

Enjoy nature bursting to life at The Red House with our family half-term activities.

The garden and galleries are home to thriving nature and wildlife. Come and work on natural art activities and develop your own beautiful cyanotype images.

The Red House, Aldeburgh
Tickets: £5 per child; adults free

How to book

To book tickets contact the Box Office, by phone, in person or online.

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