

Friday 13 June 7.30pm Snape Maltings Concert Hall

Aldeburgh Festival Opera: A Visit to Friends I

Edward Hawkins Gregor
Lotte Betts-Dean Varia, Vanessa
Gary Matthewman Chris
Susanna Hurrell Nadia, Natalie
Marcus Farnsworth Misha, Marcus
Shosty Chekhov's Dog

Aurora Orchestra

Pre-performance talk 6.30pm, Britten Studio 30'

Colin Matthews, William Boyd, Rachael Hewer
and Leanne Vandenbussche with Andrew Comben

Jessica Cottis conductor
Rachael Hewer director
Leanne Vandenbussche designer
Danny Vavrečka lighting designer
Sasha Balmazi-Owen video designer
Christina Fulcher choreographer,
intimacy co-ordinator

William Cole assistant conductor
Jaz Manville assistant director
Elaine Chiang design assistant
Berrak Dyer repetiteur

Colin Matthews (b.1946)
A Visit to Friends (2025), world premiere

Libretto by **William Boyd** (b.1952), after **Anton Chekhov** (1860–1904)

performed by arrangement with Faber Music Ltd

Bonnie Poole company stage manager
Vicky Eames deputy stage manager
Jo Papanastassiou assistant stage manager
Ellen Swailes assistant stage manager

Ryan Watson production manager
Oakey Hand production manager
Justin Goad lighting programmer
Tom Taylor video programmer
Amanda MacLeod surtitles
Lou Platt artist wellbeing practitioner

Magdalena Seyfried costume supervisor
Anna Marchitelli head of wardrobe
Fran Straker hair & make-up
Timm Joy dresser
Emaleigh Summers hair and make-up

Richard Hurbert-Smith production
photography

**Mark-Anthony Turnage, Susan Hewer,
Ian Hewer** dog handlers

Duration: approx 90'

no interval

This performance is surtitled

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