

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** répétiteur

**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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