

September – December 2025



Autumn & Winter

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September

Sunday 7 September, 5pm

Suffolk County Music Service presents: Gala Concert

Suffolk Youth Orchestra

Millie Wood leader

John Paul Jennings conductor

Suffolk Youth Wind Band

Martin Kershaw conductor

Michael Waters conductor

Suffolk Young Strings

Stephanie Wakeman conductor

Join us for a spectacular end-of-season Gala Concert, showcasing some of the most talented young musicians from across Suffolk.

Snape Maltings Concert Hall

Tickets: £16, £14, £10

Under 16s £13.50, £11.50, £7.50

Wednesday 10 September, 10am – 4pm

Swords at Snape

Complimentary valuations, along with expert advice on sales and the current market.

Britten Studio, Snape Maltings

Tickets: See website for details

13, 14, 20 & 21 September,

10.30am – 4.30pm

Heritage Open Days: The Red House

A nationwide celebration of living heritage at The Red House and Archive.

The Red House, Aldeburgh

Tickets: Free, but please book

13, 14, 20 & 21 September,

Various times from 11am – 3pm

Heritage Open Days: Imogen Holst's House

A special opening of the home of composer, conductor, and educator Imogen Holst.

9 Church Walk, Aldeburgh

Tickets: Free, but please book

Saturday 13 & Sunday 21 September, 11.30am & 2pm

Heritage Open Days: Architecture

Explore the architectural heritage of Snape Maltings in a free 45-Minute guided tour.

Snape Maltings

Tickets: Free, but please book

Friday 19 September, 11am

Scratch Choir: Holst

Ben Vonberg-Clark conductor

Imogen Holst: Folk Songs, A Cornish Wassail

Song, A sweet country life, The Cobbler

Gustav Holst: Nunc Dimittis

Enjoy an enriching singing day exploring Imogen and Gustav Holst's folk-inspired choral music.

Britten Studio, Snape Maltings

Tickets: £20 **Under 30s** half price

Saturday 20 September, 7pm

Shobana Jeyasingh Dance: We Caliban

Shobana Jeyasingh Dance present an inventive, sideways look at Shakespeare's The Tempest.

Snape Maltings Concert Hall

Tickets: £35, £30, £20, £10

Under 30s half price

**Saturday 27 & Sunday 28 September
from 9.30am**

Aldeburgh Food & Drink Festival

A celebration of Suffolk's finest food & drink.

See online for Masterclasses.

Snape Maltings

Tickets: £16, Weekend tickets: £27

Under 16s free

October

Thursday 2 October, 7pm

Open Session: Ana Silvera, Lydia Samuels and Tomer Damsky

Join us for an exciting Open Session as three composers unveil the first fruits of a brand-new collaboration.

Jerwood Kiln Studio, Snape Maltings

Tickets: £12.50 **Under 30s** half price

Friday 3 October, 7pm

Open Session: Olivia Chaney

In this Open Session, acclaimed singer Olivia Chaney explores the timeless beauty of Henry Purcell's music through a new lens.

Britten Studio, Snape Maltings

Tickets: £12.50 **Under 30s** half price

Saturday 11 October, 7pm

James Blades: Pandemonium of the one-man band

James Anthony-Rose James Blades

James Anthony-Rose writer

Robin Brooks writer

Sam Wilson percussion

Tomi Rose musical director

Fiona McAlpine director, producer

Acclaimed actor James Anthony-Rose brings legendary percussionist James Blades back to the stage in this piece of theatre magic being developed for BBC Radio 3.

Britten Studio, Snape Maltings

Tickets: £25, £17 **Under 30s** half price

Saturday 18 October, 2.30pm

Wallace & Gromit: A Grand Day Out

The Fairey Band

Join us for a screening of Wallace & Gromit's A Grand Day Out, with live brass band accompaniment from one of the UK's finest ensembles, The Fairey Band.

Snape Maltings Concert Hall

Tickets: £20 **Under 16s** £14

Buy tickets for both screenings for 25% off.

Saturday 18 October, 4.30pm

Wallace & Gromit: The Wrong Trousers

The Fairey Band

This time it's The Wrong Trousers, another Wallace & Gromit classic brought to life by live brass ensemble, The Fairey Band.

Snape Maltings Concert Hall

Tickets: £20 **Under 16s** £14

Buy tickets for both screenings for 25% off.

Saturday 25 October, 11am

Open Session: At the Heart of it All

Join Hugh Nankivell and Wils Wilson for a sharing of their Residency exploring music and performance with the very young and very old.

Jerwood Kiln Studio, Snape Maltings

Tickets: £12.50 **Under 30s** half price

**Friday 31 October – Saturday 1 November,
Various times from 11am – 3pm**

Spooky Sounds at The Red House

This half-term add your own spooky sounds to some traditional Suffolk ghost tales.

The Red House, Aldeburgh

Tickets: Free, but please book

November

Saturday 1 November, 7pm

Woodbridge Choral Society presents: The Armed Man – A Mass for Peace

Woodbridge Choral Society

Andrew Leach conductor

The WCS Sinfonia

Greg Eaton leader

Claire Weston soprano

Philip Smith baritone

Vaughan Williams: Dona Nobis Pacem (40')

Karl Jenkins: The Armed Man (65')

Andrew Leach leads a choral evening reflecting on the devastating impact of conflict, war and a profound desire for peace.

Snape Maltings Concert Hall

Tickets: £32, £28, £23, £18

Under 18s half price



Britten Weekend

Friday 7 – Sunday 9 November

Info and booking:
brittenpearsarts.org
01728 687110

Friday 7 November, 7pm

Traces of the White Rose

SANSARA

The vibrant and thoughtful SANSARA choir tells the powerful story of five students and a professor who stood up to Nazism and paid with their lives.

Britten Studio, Snape Maltings

Tickets: £35, £27 **Under 30s** half price

Saturday 8 November, 10.30am

Study Morning

Dr Lucy Walker historian

Dr Simon Callaghan piano

Ullmann: Piano Sonata No.7 (24')

To mark 80 years since the end of the Second World War and the liberation of Auschwitz, Dr Lucy Walker and Dr Simon Callaghan reflect on art born from atrocity.

Britten Studio, Snape Maltings

Tickets: £25 **Under 30s** half price

Saturday 8 November, 3pm

Stories as Brittle as Glass

Liam Bonthrone tenor

Benjamin Mead piano

Butterworth: The lads in their hundreds (2')

Cheryl Frances-Hoad: Magic Lantern

Tales (23')

Britten: Who are these Children? (24')

Debussy: Noël des enfants qui n'ont plus de maison (3')

Poulenc: Bleuet (4')

Wolf: Der Tambour (3')

Novello: Keep the Home Fires Burning (3')

Tenor Liam Bonthrone and pianist Benjamin Mead perform song cycles by Britten and Cheryl Frances-Hoad, exploring the profound and often uplifting resilience of humanity in times of war.

Britten Studio, Snape Maltings

Tickets: £25, £17 **Under 30s** half price

Saturday 8 November, 7.30pm

English Chamber Orchestra and Raphael Wallfisch

English Chamber Orchestra

Raphael Wallfisch cello

Łukasz Borowicz conductor

Beethoven: Leonore Overture No.1, Op.138 (10')

Bliss: Concerto for Cello and Orchestra, Op.120 (28')

Shostakovich: Chamber Symphony, Op.110a (25')

Join this renowned orchestra for an unforgettable evening featuring the celebrated cellist Raphael Wallfisch and conductor Łukasz Borowicz.

Snape Maltings Concert Hall

Tickets: £45, £35, £25, £10

Under 30s half price

Sunday 9 November, 12pm & 3pm

Red House Recital

Raphael Wallfisch cello

Simon Callaghan piano

Bridge: Cello Sonata (24')

Britten: Elegy for Solo Cello (11')

Bosmans: Trois Impressions (17')

Ireland: Cello Sonata (20')

A special programme from cellist Raphael Wallfisch and pianist Dr Simon Callaghan, including Frank Bridge's Cello Sonata and Britten's Elegy for Solo Cello.

The Red House, Aldeburgh

Tickets: £30 **Under 30s** half price

Friday 14 November, 7pm

Open Session: Alice Boyd

Alice Boyd presents a sonic meditation on environmental change, comparing soundscapes recorded by Martyn Stewart 50 years ago with those of today, using archive audio, field recordings, and live musical performance.

Jerwood Kiln Studio, Snape Maltings

Tickets: £12.50 Under 30s half price

Saturday 15 November, 3pm

Britten Pears Chamber Choir at Bury St Edmunds

Britten Pears Chamber Choir
Ben Vonberg-Clark conductor

Distler: Totentanz (40')

Veigl: Hymnus (4')

Veigl: Hearts Content (5')

Veigl: Prayer for Peace (3')

Górecki: Totus Tuus (9')

An inspiring and thought-provoking afternoon of music themed around spiritual struggle and mortality through experiences of Nazi oppression in Europe during the 20th century.

St Mary's Church, Bury St Edmunds

Tickets: £15 Under 30s half price

5 November – 17 December

Behind the Scenes Winter Tours

Catch a glimpse of what goes on behind the scenes during winter in this special tour.

The Red House, Aldeburgh

Tickets: £10 Under 30s half price

Sunday 16 November, 3pm

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Britten Studio, Snape Maltings

Tickets: £15 Under 30s half price

Thursday 20 November, 10am – 7.30pm

Christmas Shopping Day

Join us at our special Christmas Shopping Day. We'll have plenty to get you into the festive spirit throughout the day while you browse, with food and drink tastings, live music and much more.

Snape Maltings

Tickets: Free

Friday 21 November, 6pm

Britten's Birthday: Thomas Kelly

Thomas Kelly piano

Weber: Sonata No.1 in C, Op.4 (23')

Britten/Stevenson: Fantasy on Themes from Peter Grimes (8')

Liszt: Sonata in B Minor (30')

Acclaimed pianist Thomas Kelly, Britten Fellow at the Royal College of Music, presents a powerful recital showcasing masterworks from the piano repertoire.

The Red House, Aldeburgh

Tickets: £30 Under 30s half price

Saturday 22 November, 11am – 3pm

Britten's Birthday: The Red House Open Day

To celebrate Benjamin Britten's birthday, The Red House and Archive will be open for a special autumn open day and guided tours – plus there will be cake!

The Red House, Aldeburgh

Tickets: Free, but please book

Saturday 22 November, 7pm

Aurora Orchestra and Chloë Hanslip

Aurora Orchestra

Chloë Hanslip violin

Nicholas Collon conductor

Caroline Shaw: Entr'acte (12')

Prokofiev: Violin Concerto No. 2 (30')

Nicholas Collon with Aurora Orchestra: A Musical Introduction to Mendelssohn's "Italian Symphony" (15')

Mendelssohn: Symphony No. 4 "Italian" (30')

Enjoy Aurora's signature concert experience with a dreamy orchestral programme of memorised Mendelssohn, alongside Prokofiev's second concerto with violin superstar Chloë Hanslip.

Snape Maltings Concert Hall

Tickets: £65, £53, £35, £10

Under 30s half price

Wednesday 26 November, 11am

Scratch Choir: A Ceremony of Carols

Join us for an invigorating and inspiring day of choral singing, learning and performing a musical work with conductor Ben Vonberg-Clark.

Snape Maltings Concert Hall

Tickets: £20 **Under 30s** half price

Saturday 29 November, 7pm

Aldeburgh Music Club presents: Handel's Messiah

Aldeburgh Music Club Choir

Elenor Bowers-Jolley soprano

Diana Moore mezzo soprano

Jonathan Hanley tenor

Rob Gildon baritone

Suffolk Baroque Players

Tom Appleton conductor

Handel: Messiah (120')

No Christmas would be complete without a performance of Handel's Messiah, a profoundly joyful moment in the festive season.

Snape Maltings Concert Hall

Tickets: £35, £25, £20, £15

Under 18s half price

**Info and booking:
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December

5, 7, 12, 13, 14 & 21 December

Christmas Afternoon Tea

Join us for a festive afternoon tea in our River View Café & Bar at Snape Maltings.

River View Café & Bar, Snape Maltings

Tickets: £32.50, Children £12

Friday 5 – Sunday 14 December

Co-op Juniors Theatre Company presents: Magic of Christmas

A spectacular new music and dance show bursting with energy and a generous sprinkling of festive magic.

Snape Maltings Concert Hall

Tickets: £28, £21, £15

Discounts for under 16s, seniors, groups

Friday 5 December, 7pm

Open Session: Iona Lane and Ranjana Ghatak

Join Scottish folk singer Iona Lane and Indian classical vocalist Ranjana Ghatak for a spine-tingling afternoon concert as they share the first sounds of their debut collaborative album.

Jerwood Kiln Studio, Snape Maltings

Tickets: £12.50 Under 30s half price

Saturday 6 December, 2pm

Open Session: FOLK LIKE US

Join us for an unforgettable Open Session as British-Bolivian theatre artist and choreographer Jennifer Jackson shares the first glimpse of FOLK LIKE US – a bold new performance in the making.

Britten Studio, Snape Maltings

Tickets: £12.50 Under 30s half price

Saturday 6 December, 2.30pm

Father Christmas sails into Snape Quay

A firm favourite in the Christmas calendar, come and join us to greet Father Christmas as he sails around the narrows of the winding River Alde and disembarks at Snape Quay.

Snape Maltings Quay

Tickets: Free; no need to book

Saturday 6 December, 7.30pm

Grimethorpe Colliery Band: Christmas Concert

Grimethorpe Colliery Band

Ben Dixon musical director

Join the musical stars of Brass Off for an enchanting evening of seasonal music interspersed with some brass band classics.

Snape Maltings Concert Hall

Tickets: £45, £38, £25, £10

Under 30s half price

Info and booking:
brittenpearsarts.org
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Sunday 7 & Saturday 13 December

Breakfast with Father Christmas

Father Christmas is making a special stop at Snape Maltings, and you're invited to join him for a festive breakfast to remember.

**River View Café & Bar &
River View Restaurant, Snape Maltings**
Tickets: £18

Monday 8 December, 6pm

Aldeburgh Festival 2026 Launch

Join us for a special reveal of the 2026 Aldeburgh Festival, led by the programmers and artists from whose vision the Festival is created.

Britten Studio, Snape Maltings
Tickets: Free; Booking is essential

Wednesday 10 December, 2pm

Tea Dance

Quickstep back in time to enjoy afternoon tea in the Britten Studio, alongside the opportunity to waltz and foxtrot to a live band.

Britten Studio, Snape Maltings
Tickets: £17.50; £10 for care-giving organisations; carers and companions go free

Friday 12 December, 9am

Mini Music Makers at Christmas

Join Mini Music Makers at Snape Maltings, Aldeburgh for a fun, Christmassy session of music, play and exploration.

Britten Studio, Snape Maltings
Tickets: Free; booking is essential

**Friday 12 & Saturday 13 December,
10am & 2pm**

Christmas Wreath Making at The Red House

Make your own Christmas wreath with evergreens from the beautiful country garden of The Red House.

The Red House, Aldeburgh
Tickets: £35

Sunday 14 December, 9am – 12pm

Christmas Breakfast Club with Live DJ

Elevate your Sunday morning with festive beats from DJ Issy B.

River View Cafe & Bar, Snape Maltings
Tickets: Booking essential

Tuesday 16 December, 2pm

Christmas Carols at The Red House

Join us for a festive sing-a-long followed by warming drinks and mince pies.

The Red House, Aldeburgh
Tickets: Free; no need to book

Friday 19 December, 3pm

Composition, Alternative Performance & Performance Art

Eight exceptional young artists present their new ideas developed during their week-long course as part of the Britten Pears Young Artist Programme.

Britten Studio, Snape Maltings
Tickets: £12.50 **Under 30s** half price

Friday 19 December, 7.30pm

Sinfonia of London: A Swinging Christmas

Sinfonia of London

Clare Teal voice

Matthew Ford voice

John Wilson conductor

A dazzling orchestral experience with John Wilson and his Sinfonia of London performing a festive feast of Christmas classics.

Snape Maltings Concert Hall

Tickets: £70, £60, £45, £10

Under 30s half price

Saturday 20 December, 9am – 12pm

Christmas Breakfast Club with Live Jazz

Start your Saturday morning on a smooth note and enjoy our resident jazz band's soulful tunes with a jolly twist.

River View Café & Bar, Snape Maltings

Tickets: Booking essential

Saturday 20 December, 10am

Christmas Farmers' Market

The perfect opportunity to discover the best Suffolk producers. Treat yourself to an array of fresh local fare including cheese, chocolates, gin, juices, fruit and delicious artisan bakes.

Snape Maltings

Tickets: Free; no need to book

Saturday 20 December, 4pm

Sing Christmas!

Suffolk Ensemble

Britten Pears Chamber Choir

Ben Parry conductor

Come and sing favourite Christmas pop songs from Slade to Shakin' Stevens and Wizard to Wham!

Britten Studio, Snape Maltings

Tickets: £25 **Under 30s** half price

**Sunday 21 December, 12.30pm,
2.30pm & 4.30pm**

The Snowman with Live Orchestra

Suffolk Ensemble

Jubilee Opera

Sing Praise

Reverb

Aldeburgh Young Musicians

Ben Parry conductor

A must-see of the festive season: continue the annual tradition by enjoying the classic experience of The Snowman with live music-making in the concert hall.

Snape Maltings Concert Hall

Tickets: £20 **Under 30s** half price

Visual art



13 September – 19 October

Roger Hardy: Wood

Roger Hardy returns with new works on show in the Dovecote Studio and Gallery 21.

**Dovecote Studio & Gallery 21,
Snape Maltings**

Free no ticket required



23 October – 23 November

Maggi Hambling: War Requiem

A solo exhibition, inspired by Britten's War Requiem, of painting and music.

Dovecote Studio, Snape Maltings

Free no ticket required

Until Sunday 2 November

Spiritual Britten

This exhibition looks at the defining moments and works that illustrate Britten's motivations as a composer: his passions and the beliefs that shaped him and the works he created.

Curated by Paul Edmondson.

The Red House, Aldeburgh

Free; Included in general admission

Until Sunday 2 November

Darkness

**From the Britten Pears Arts Collection
and Archive**

An exhibition of the monochromatic works by artists such as David Hockney, Josef Scharl, Sidney Nolan, Christian Rohlfs and Francis Newton Souza which have been collected by Britten and Pears.

The Red House, Aldeburgh

Free; Included in general admission

Until Sunday 2 November

Dreamworld Room

Explore our new colourful Dreamworld room created by artist and illustrator Ellamae Statham.

The Red House, Aldeburgh

Free; Included in general admission

How to book

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

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