

31 July – 30 August 2026

Summer at Snape



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Join our celebration of music this summer. Whether you love classical, jazz, folk, or musical theatre, we've got something that's perfect for you.

Classical

The London Symphony Orchestra play monumental Bruckner, Brecon Baroque bring Vivaldi's effervescent Four Seasons, and we celebrate a wealth of Black and Global Majority artists across a special weekend.

Our Summer Academy develops outstanding emerging talent, with Masterclasses and concerts giving you a taste of tomorrow, and we host some of the world's most dynamic youth orchestras.

Jazz, folk and more

Whether it's the Julian Joseph Trio, Laura Mvula playing an acoustic show, future-folk from Elephant Sessions or the legendary Orchestra Baobab, we've got something for (almost!) every musical taste.

Families

There's something for all ages too! Interactive Mini Music Makers sessions, mindfulness events for the under 10s, the brilliantly entertaining Nick Cope, plus RSPB Family Nature Walks.

Enjoy shopping, art, great food and nature

Browse our Summer Contemporary exhibition, or take a trip to The Red House, home of composer Benjamin Britten and tenor Peter Pears. Grab delicious seafood at our quayside shack Malted Mussel, and browse the hand-selected array of homewares, gifts, textiles and more in our shops.

Or simply be at one with nature – exploring the reedbeds or taking a river trip.





Laura Mvula

Friday 31 July

Friday 31 July, 7.30pm

Laura Mvula

Laura Mvula vocals, piano
Oli Rockberger piano

A soulful vocalist known for her inventive and atmospheric mix of R&B, jazz, classical and pop, Laura Mvula is joined by pianist Oli Rockberger for this special acoustic performance.

Drawing from multiple genres in order to create her own, Laura Mvula is one of Britain's most innovative musical talents, with her albums winning Ivor Novello, MOBO and BRIT awards, and all three of her albums being nominated for the Mercury Music Prize.

Snape Maltings Concert Hall

Tickets: £65, £53, £35, £10

Under 25s half price



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Isata Kanneh-Mason Photo by Karolina Wieloch



Saturday 1 August

Saturday 1 August, 7.30pm

Isata Kanneh-Mason: Beethoven Piano Sonatas

Isata Kanneh-Mason piano

Beethoven: Piano Sonata No.14 in C sharp minor, Op.27 No.2 "Moonlight" (18')

Ravel: Gaspard de la nuit (23')

Dobrinka Tabakova: Nocturne (3')

Dobrinka Tabakova: Halo (10')

Beethoven: Piano Sonata No.21 in C, Op.53 "Waldstein" (24')

The dazzling brilliance of Beethoven's Waldstein Sonata contrasts with the introspection of the Moonlight Sonata in this eclectic recital.

Power, delicacy, astounding technique and emotional maturity are hallmarks of pianist Isata Kanneh-Mason, who plays two of Beethoven's most popular works in this concert, alongside Ravel's ferocious and passionate Gaspard de la nuit and music by Dobrinka Tabakova, including Halo, a journey from darkness to blinding sunshine.

Snape Maltings Concert Hall

Tickets: £45, £38, £25, £10

Under 25s half price

Sunday 2 August

Sunday 2 August, 11am & 1pm

Nick Cope: Family Show

A brand new family show with CBeebies' Nick Cope, featuring his beautiful and unique songs alongside stunning animations. Suitable for those aged 3+.

Known for his charming songs and humour, Nick Cope has a special way of igniting children's imaginations in a way that's both fun and educational. His enthusiastic following of fans, children and adults alike, has grown immeasurably over the last few years thanks to his TV show, Nick Cope's Popcast.

Britten Studio, Snape Maltings

Tickets: £15 Under 25s £10



Fantasia Orchestra



Sunday 2 August, 7.30pm

Fantasia Orchestra: From Mahler to Manhattan

Fantasia Orchestra

Niamh O'Sullivan mezzo-soprano

Tom Fetherstonhaugh conductor

Programme includes:

Strayhorn: Take the "A" Train

Strauss: Serenade, Op.7

A. Mahler: Laue Sommernacht
(“Mild summer night”, from Fünf Lieder)

G. Mahler: Adagietto
(from Symphony No.5)

Gershwin: Someone To Watch Over Me
(from Oh, Kay!)

Elgar: Chanson de Nuit

Elgar: Chanson de Matin

Sondheim: Send In The Clowns
(from A Little Night Music)

Porter: I Get A Kick Out of You
(from Anything Goes)

Gershwin: Let's Call The Whole Thing Off
(from Shall We Dance)

A night that spans genres, decades and emotions, featuring the bittersweet elegance of Cole Porter, devastatingly powerful Sondheim and rich romanticism from Gustav and Alma Mahler.

Music from popular films and musicals rubs shoulders with much loved works from the concert hall in this daring programme from the ever inventive Fantasia Orchestra – a carefully curated mix that tells a story that is moving, varied and richly expressive.

Snape Maltings Concert Hall

Tickets: £55, £45, £30, £10

Under 25s half price





Introducing the Summer Academy

New for 2026, our Summer Academy provides a unique opportunity for outstanding instrumentalists and composers to come and take part in intensive professional development here at Britten Pears Arts, selected through an international audition process.

Designed to nurture and support exceptional musicians in the early stages of their careers, the Summer Academy is delivered by an exceptional faculty of internationally renowned musicians under the leadership of the conductor, composer and pianist Ryan Wigglesworth.

As part of Summer at Snape audiences are invited to observe a range of Masterclasses and coaching sessions, allowing you to see the young musicians at work with our distinguished faculty. In addition, the programme features special public performances, including an opportunity to hear all of Bartok's mould-breaking string quartets, a collaborative performance between the young artists and faculty, and a final celebratory showcase performance for Academy members.

Britten Pears Arts

Monday 3 August

Monday 3 August, 10am & 11.30am

Quietnote: Mindfulness Sessions

This fun and engaging session will help children connect with their emotions, relax and find a sense of calm while engaging with sound and music.

A chance for children to explore music and mindfulness through interactive activities, listening to music and mindful games.

10am: Age 0–3, 11.30am: Age 4–10

The Red House, Aldeburgh

Tickets: £10 Under 25s half price

Monday 3 August, 10.30am

Summer Academy: Masterclass with Imogen Cooper I

Pianists from the Britten Pears Summer Academy

A chance to watch members of the Britten Pears Summer Academy be coached by the superb pianist Imogen Cooper.

Peter Pears Recital Room, Snape Maltings

Tickets: £15 Under 25s half price

Monday 3 August, 2.30pm

Summer Academy: Masterclass with Kelemen Quartet I

Artists from the Britten Pears Summer Academy

Listen in as some of tomorrow's most promising young musicians are coached in Bartók's mould-breaking quartets.

Clore Learning Space, Snape Maltings

Tickets: £15 Under 25s half price

Suffolk Youth Orchestra



Tuesday 4 August

Tuesday 4 August, 10.30am

Summer Academy: Masterclass with Imogen Cooper II

Peter Pears Recital Room, Snape Maltings

Tickets: £15 Under 25s half price

Tuesday 4 August, 2.30pm

Summer Academy: Masterclass with Kelemen Quartet II

Clore Learning Space, Snape Maltings

Tickets: £15 Under 25s half price

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Tuesday 4 August, 7.30pm

Suffolk Youth Orchestra: Mendelssohn's Violin Concerto

Suffolk Youth Orchestra

Millie Wood violin solo, leader
Ian McCrae conductor

MacCunn: The Land of the Mountain and the Flood (10')

Mendelssohn: Violin Concerto in E minor, Op.64 (28')

Rachmaninoff: Symphony No.2 in E minor, Op.27 (60')

Mendelssohn's passionate violin concerto is the centrepiece of this concert which also features Rachmaninoff's glorious second symphony.

One of the UK's finest youth orchestras, the Suffolk Youth Orchestra bring their enthusiasm and energy to Summer at Snape in a performance which features Rachmaninoff's sentimental yet powerful second symphony, a work that's full of epic musical vistas and gorgeous heartfelt melodies. Hamish MacCunn's romantic depiction of the Scottish landscape opens the evening.

Snape Maltings Concert Hall

Tickets: £35, £30, £20, £10

Under 25s half price, 19 and under free

Wednesday 5 August

Wednesday 5 August, 2.30pm

Summer Academy: Masterclass with Kelemen Quartet III

Clore Learning Space, Snape Maltings
Tickets: £15 Under 25s half price

Wednesday 5 August, 6.30pm

Aldeburgh Young Musicians – Leavers’ Celebration

An invigorating mix of styles and genres, from rock to classical, in this special performance showcasing the talent and creative flair of our Aldeburgh Young Musicians.

An intimate evening of music, with performers and audience alike sharing the Snape Maltings Concert Hall stage, this programme celebrates those outstanding musicians moving on from the scheme this year through a set of short performances featuring solos and small ensembles playing all-original compositions.

Snape Maltings Concert Hall

Tickets: £12.50 Under 25s half price



Kelemen Quartet

Thursday 6 August

Thursday 6 August, 11am & 2.30pm

Summer Academy: Bartók String Quartets with Kelemen Quartet

Kelemen Quartet
Artists from the Britten Pears Summer
Academy

Bartók: String Quartets (90')

Experience all six of Bartók's string quartets across two concerts, performed by the Kelemen Quartet and Britten Pears Young Artists.

Peter Pears Recital Room, Snape Maltings

Tickets: £15 Under 25s half price

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National Youth Orchestra



Thomas Adès Photo by Mathias Bengtsson

Thursday 6 August, 7.30pm

National Youth Orchestra with Thomas Adès: Symphonie Fantastique

National Youth Orchestra
Thomas Adès conductor

Liszt: Mephisto Waltz No. 1 (11')

Thomas Adès: Dante, Part 2: Purgatorio (24')

Berlioz: Symphonie Fantastique, Op.14 (55')

The wild ride that is Berlioz's *Symphonie Fantastique*, plus Thomas Adès' Grammy Award-winning *Purgatorio*.

The National Youth Orchestra bring their energy to Berlioz's shockingly powerful masterpiece, which includes everything from a hallucinatory march and a satanic dance to intoxicating romance. Thomas Adès conducts, and brings his own darkly atmospheric *Purgatorio*, in which prerecorded voices combine with live orchestra.

Snape Maltings Concert Hall

Tickets: £65, £53, £35, £10

Under 25s half price, 19 and under free



Friday 7 August

Friday 7 August, 7pm

Aldeburgh Young Musicians: Open Session Preview

A special preview performance of the upcoming Open Session developed and performed by our talented Aldeburgh Young Musicians, set in the intimate space of Aldeburgh's Pumphouse.

The Pumphouse, Aldeburgh

Tickets: £12.50 **Under 25s** half price

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Friday 7 August, 7.30pm

Everette

Blending bluegrass roots with rock 'n' roll grit, the Everette sound feels like a back porch gathering – good friends, good drinks, and songs with heartfelt meaning.

Rooted in country, rock and southern storytelling, Everette have become known for their salt-of-the-earth songwriting and superb musicianship, a winning combination recognised by 12 appearances with the Grand Ole Opry.

Led by Kentucky native Brent Rupard, community and connection are at the heart of the band's music – forming an especially close bond with their audiences and fans. As Brent says, "Whether you're a city person or a country person or from Mars, you're always welcome at the Everette party".

Snape Maltings Concert Hall

Tickets: £35, £30, £20, £10

Under 25s half price

Saturday 8 August

Saturday 8 August, 7.30pm

National Youth Orchestra of the USA

National Youth Orchestra of the United States of America

Kirill Gerstein piano

Karina Canellakis conductor

Barber: Overture to The School for Scandal, Op.5 (8')

Gershwin: Concerto in F (31')

Bartók: Concerto for Orchestra (36')



Karina Canellakis Photo Marco Borggreve



Bartók's dramatic and beautiful Concerto for Orchestra and Gershwin's decadent Piano Concerto, all brought to life by trailblazing conductor Karina Canellakis.

Bartók's Concerto for Orchestra is the perfect showpiece for the vitality of the 150-strong National Youth Orchestra of the USA, giving everyone a chance to shine. Gershwin's Concerto balances jazz and blues sounds with classical formality, while Barber's invigorating overture is the perfect curtain-raiser.

The National Youth Orchestra of the USA is known for its high-octane joyous performances, with its musicians frequently going on to play in some of the world's greatest orchestras. It's led here by conductor Karina Canellakis, known in the UK for her association with the London Philharmonic Orchestra and renowned for her rigorous yet emotionally charged performances.

Snape Maltings Concert Hall

Tickets: £65, £53, £35, £10

Under 25s half price, **19 and under** free



The Glenn Miller Orchestra

Sunday 9 August

Sunday 9 August, 2.30pm

Summer Academy: Masterclass with Adrian Brendel

Artists from the Britten Pears Summer Academy

Acclaimed cellist Adrian Brendel explores chamber music with young musicians from the Britten Pears Summer Academy.

Peter Pears Recital Room, Snape Maltings
Tickets: £15 Under 25s half price

Sunday 9 August, 4pm

AYM Summer Open Session

Join our Aldeburgh Young Musicians for a celebratory performance marking the end of their time with us.

Britten Studio, Snape Maltings
Tickets: £15 Under 25s half price

Sunday 9 August, 7.30pm

The Glenn Miller Orchestra

Glenn Miller Orchestra
 Ray McVay conductor

Take a step back into the 1930s and '40s with the world-famous Glenn Miller Orchestra, for an evening featuring all of Miller's most popular hits.

With band leader Ray McVay bringing his impeccable musicianship and infectious energy to the stage, this will be a glorious celebration of the father of big band swing, Glenn Miller.

The night will feature hits including In the Mood, Moonlight Serenade, American Patrol, Tuxedo Junction and Pennsylvania 6-5000, with the performance featuring the exact orchestra line-up devised by Miller.

Snape Maltings Concert Hall
Tickets: £55, £45, £30, £10
Under 25s half price



Julian Anderson Photo by John Batten, Ryan Wigglesworth Photo by Benjamin Ealovega



Monday 10 August

Monday 10 August, 10am

Summer Academy: Composition Masterclass with Julian Anderson and Ryan Wigglesworth

Artists from the Britten Pears Summer Academy

A peek into the compositional process, with a chance to observe renowned composers Julian Anderson and Ryan Wigglesworth as they work with participants from the Britten Pears Summer Academy.

Peter Pears Recital Room, Snape Maltings
Tickets: £15 Under 25s half price



Steven Osborne Photo by Benjamin Ealovega

Monday 10 August, 2.30pm

Summer Academy: Masterclass with Steven Osborne

Artists from the Britten Pears Summer Academy

Listen in as Steven Osborne, one of today's most famed pianists, coaches musicians from the Britten Pears Summer Academy.

Known for his emotional honesty and for the sense of spontaneous freedom he brings to his performances, this is a rare opportunity to observe Steven Osborne as he shares his insight and musicianship with some outstanding young musicians.

Peter Pears Recital Room, Snape Maltings
Tickets: £15 Under 25s half price



Opera Anywhere: The Pirates of Penzance Photos courtesy of Opera Anywhere

Monday 10 August, 6pm

Opera Anywhere presents: The Pirates of Penzance

Vanessa Woodward artistic director
Matthew Rickard music director

Gilbert and Sullivan's comic masterpiece contains some of operetta's best-loved songs and abounds in wit, romance and gloriously absurd plot twists.

Performed in the beautiful grounds of The Red House, the home of composer Benjamin Britten and tenor Peter Pears, this is a chance to experience this sparkling operetta in an intimate, relaxed setting. Follow the plot twists and turns as an unfortunate misheard word causes a drastic change of career for Frederic...

Picnics (and waterproofs, just in case) are encouraged, and please note that seating is not provided, so do please bring your own if desired.

The Red House, Aldeburgh

Tickets: £20.85 – £25.95

(Please note tickets are provided by Opera Anywhere.)

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Elephant Sessions

Tuesday 11 August

Tuesday 11 August, 2.30pm

Summer Academy: Masterclass with James Baillieu

Artists from the Britten Pears Summer Academy

Renowned for his collaborative nature and partnerships with some of the world's greatest singers and instrumentalists, James Baillieu shares his expertise with young artists in this open masterclass.

**Peter Pears Recital Room,
Snape Maltings**

Tickets: £15 Under 25s half price



Tuesday 11 August, 7.30pm

Elephant Sessions

Euan Smillie fiddle
Alasdair Taylor mandolin
Calum MacQuarrie bass
Greg Barry drums, samples

Folk, funk, traditional music and electronica combine, direct from the Highlands of Scotland.

Renowned for their breathtaking live shows, Elephant Sessions create a progressive blend of intricate tunes with their line-up of fiddle, mandolin, bass, drums and electronica.

Appearing at festivals worldwide including Glastonbury and with several sell-out headline shows at Glasgow's Celtic Connections to their name, they bring high-energy, beat driven music to Summer at Snape – more late-night rave than quiet folk.

There will be space in the Concert Hall for those who wish to dance during the performance.

Snape Maltings Concert Hall

Tickets: £35, £30, £20, £10

Under 25s half price

Wednesday 12 August

Wednesday 12 August, 7.30pm

Summer Academy: Faculty Gala Performance

Barnabas Kelemen violin

Katalin Kokas viola

Adrian Brendel cello

Sam Walton percussion

Ryan Wigglesworth piano

Artists from the Britten Pears Summer Academy

Programme includes:

Bartók: Sonata for Two Pianos and Percussion

Brahms: Piano Quartet No.2 in A, Op.26

This special evening brings together the world-renowned artists of the Summer Academy Faculty, performing alongside Britten Pears Young Artists in a vibrant celebration of collaboration and musicianship.

Highlights will include Bartók's electrifying Sonata for Two Pianos and Percussion and Brahms' lyrical Piano Quartet No.2, showcasing the dynamic partnership between faculty and emerging talent.

A joyous concert that captures the spirit of the Summer Academy: shared artistry, expert mentorship and exceptional music-making.

Britten Studio, Snape Maltings

Tickets: £35, £27 **Under 25s** half price

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VOCES8

Thursday 13 August

Thursday 13 August, 7.30pm

VOCES8: Lead Me Home

VOCES8

Barnaby Smith artistic director

Renowned vocal ensemble VOCES8 bring a diverse and dynamic programme to Summer at Snape, featuring everything from Britten to Simon & Garfunkel.

The richness and diversity of the American choral tradition is celebrated in this eclectic programme that's perfect for a summer's evening. The programme reflects faith, resilience and belonging, through spirituals, folk, classical and contemporary works, with an effervescent conclusion featuring selections from the American songbook including Cole Porter and swing jazz standards – all in VOCES8's signature a cappella style.

Snape Maltings Concert Hall

Tickets: £55, £45, £30, £10

Under 25s half price

Britten Pears Young Artist Programme Artists



Friday 14 August

Friday 14 August, 2pm

Summer Academy: Finale

Artists from the Britten Pears Summer Academy

Programme includes:

Stravinsky: The Rite of Spring
(arr. for two pianos)

Britten Pears Young Artists present the culmination of their work as part of the Summer Academy.

A vibrant celebratory concert, featuring performances shaped by intensive coaching from an international faculty of experts.

Britten Studio, Snape Maltings

Tickets: £15 **Under 25s** half price

Friday 14 – Sunday 16 August

Classically Black Weekend

The Classically Black Weekend celebrates Black and Global Majority artists and builds on the hugely successful Classically Black event, now in its third year and which has quickly become a “must-see” in the classical music calendar. The weekend is the result of a collaboration between Black Lives in Music (BLiM) and Britten Pears Arts and includes performances from the brilliant violinist Nathan Amaral, jazz giant Julian Joseph in a 60th-birthday show and a performance from Ayanna Witter-Johnson giving a sneak preview of music from her new album.



Ayanna Witter-Johnson Photo by Hypanari

Friday 14 August, 7.30pm

Classically Black: Ayanna Witter-Johnson

Ayanna Witter-Johnson vocals, cello, piano, percussion

Joshua Domfeh piano, keyboards

Chris Morris drums, percussion

Soulful powerful vocals and her signature blend of classical, jazz, reggae, soul, and R&B styles make any Ayanna Witter-Johnson concert a unique experience.

Taking the cello to places it's never been before, Ayanna expands the instrument's vocabulary through her expressive, multi-genre playing and by exploiting its percussive potential – tapping and strumming it, even using it like a drum. Blending her classical training and Jamaican heritage, she creates a sound that's both deeply rooted and boldly forward-looking, with tonight's concert previewing songs from her forthcoming album *New Roots*.

Snape Maltings Concert Hall

Tickets: £35, £30, £20, £10

Under 25s half price

Julian Joseph



Saturday 15 August

Saturday 15 August, 3pm

Classically Black: Recital I

Teddy Otieno piano

Sagnick Mukherjee viola

Amiri Harewood piano

An afternoon of spellbinding music that pushes boundaries and inspires, including Schumann's poignant *Ghost Variations* and Samuel Coleridge-Taylor's *Forest Scenes*, highlighting the composer's gift for musical storytelling.

The weekend's two recitals are a result of a collaboration between Black Lives in Music and Britten Pears Arts, showcasing standout artists selected through a national open call, with the selected artists presenting two vibrant and diverse programmes to demonstrate their artistry.

Peter Pears Recital Room, Snape Maltings

Tickets: £15 **Under 25s** half price

Saturday 15 August, 7.30pm

Classically Black: Julian Joseph Trio

A towering figure in British jazz, Julian Joseph joins us with his renowned trio, playing material from their much-anticipated new album, *Voyage of the Faithful*.

Joseph brings his hallmark sparkle, originality, and the authoritative swinging precision for which he and his trio are so renowned to a new set of original compositions, plus prized jazz standards, all set within the intimate space of the Britten Studio, transformed into an atmospheric jazz club complete with cabaret tables.

Britten Studio, Snape Maltings

Tickets: £45, £40, £20 **Under 25s** half price

Sunday 16 August

Sunday 16 August, 3pm

Classically Black: Recital II

Michael Howell singer, songwriter
Hoda Jahanpour cello
Rebekah Reid violin
Zara Antonia piano

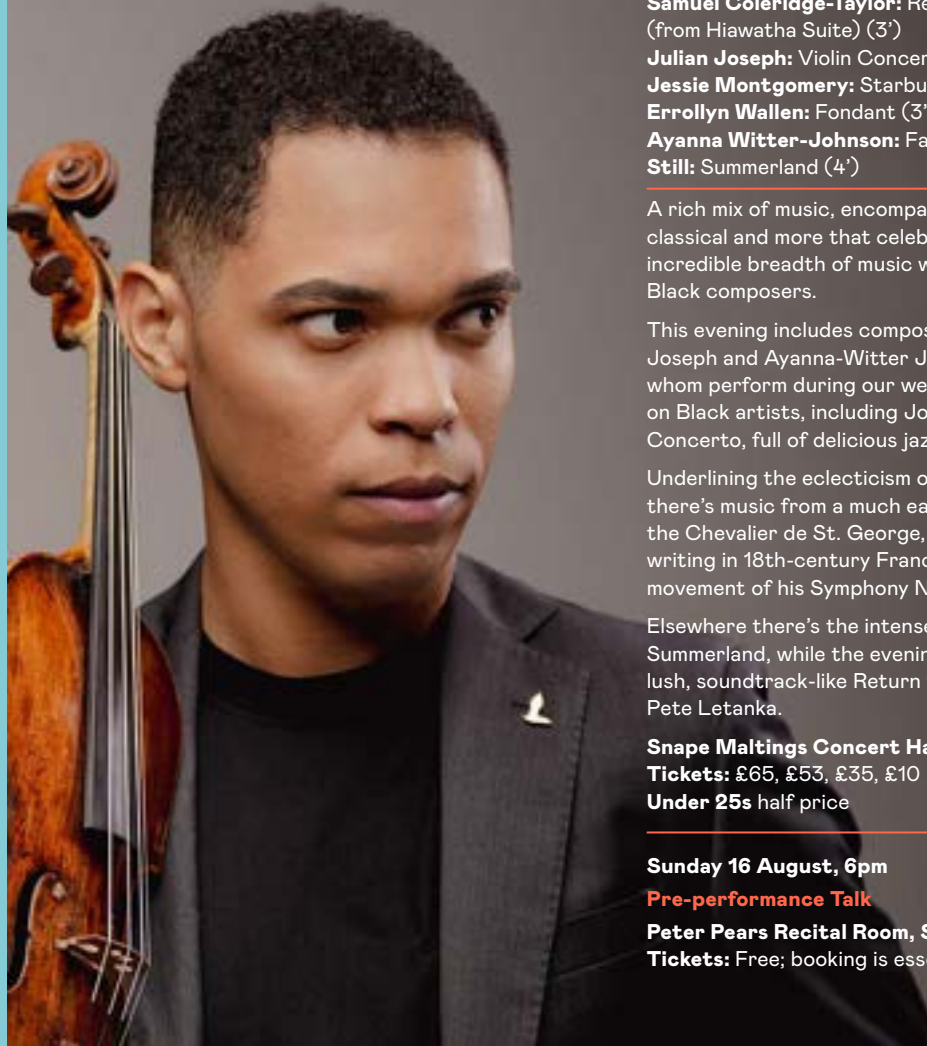
An eclectic afternoon of music by composer-performers that blurs the boundaries between classical, electronic and other genres featuring improvisation, song, samples and more.

The concert includes Hoda Jahanpour's explorations of memory and the natural world, abstract-vocalism from Michael Howell, sonic journeys that blend classical, jazz and electronic music with Rebekah Reid and Zara Antonia's immersive music that combines lyrics, samples and electronics.

Peter Pears Recital Room, Snape Maltings
Tickets: £15 Under 25s half price



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Sunday 16 August, 7.30pm

Classically Black: Friday Night is Music Night

BBC Concert Orchestra
Nathan Amaral violin
Daniel Bartholomew-Poyser conductor

Programme includes:

Pete Letanka: Return to History (6')
Boulogne: Allegro from Symphony No.1 in G (5')
Samuel Coleridge-Taylor: Reunion (from Hiawatha Suite) (3')
Julian Joseph: Violin Concerto (24')
Jessie Montgomery: Starburst (3')
Errollyn Wallen: Fondant (3')
Ayanna Witter-Johnson: Faiya (9')
Still: Summerland (4')

A rich mix of music, encompassing jazz, classical and more that celebrates the incredible breadth of music written by Black composers.

This evening includes compositions by Julian Joseph and Ayanna-Witter Johnson, both of whom perform during our weekend-long focus on Black artists, including Joseph's Violin Concerto, full of delicious jazz colours.

Underlining the eclecticism of the night there's music from a much earlier composer, the Chevalier de St. George, a Black composer writing in 18th-century France, with a feisty movement of his Symphony No.1.

Elsewhere there's the intensely expressive Summerland, while the evening starts with the lush, soundtrack-like Return to History by Pete Letanka.

Snape Maltings Concert Hall
Tickets: £65, £53, £35, £10
Under 25s half price

Sunday 16 August, 6pm

Pre-performance Talk

Peter Pears Recital Room, Snape Maltings
Tickets: Free; booking is essential

Tuesday 18 August

Tuesday 18 August, 7.30pm

Pavel Kolesnikov: Chopin's Complete Nocturnes

Chopin: Nocturnes (complete)

One of the most brilliant pianists of today, Pavel Kolesnikov, brings his poetic, sensitive approach to Chopin's Nocturnes, revealing their emotional intimacy and unique sonorities.

A rare chance to hear all of these works in one evening, Pavel Kolesnikov carefully curating them under the themes of Dreams, Memories and Visions. Considered some of the finest short pieces for piano, Chopin's Nocturnes are emotional, intensely personal compositions and Kolesnikov's "anti testosterone" approach, aiming for translucency and emotional vulnerability, rather than overt displays of technique, will reveal new depths to these much-loved works.

Snape Maltings Concert Hall
Tickets: £55, £45, £30, £10
Under 25s half price



Nathan Amaral Photo by Clara Evans

Pavel Kolesnikov Photo by Evia Vermanideli

Wednesday 19 August

Wednesday 19 August, 7.30pm

The Puppini Sisters

Marcella Puppini vocals, accordion

Emma Smith vocals

Kate Mullins vocals

Martin Kolarides guitar

Peter Ibbetson drums

Henrik Jensen double bass

Close harmonies, corsets and clever covers; The Puppini Sisters bring their trademark wit, glamour and dazzling three-part harmonies to the Snape Maltings Concert Hall stage.

Marking 20 years since their debut album, the fastest-selling by a jazz act in UK history, this concert celebrates the band's music and adventures since; touring the world, making fans ranging from Robbie Williams to HRH King Charles, and watching on as mainstream pop embraced their burlesque-inspired aesthetic.

Expect classic jazz standards, unexpected covers and a whole lot of fabulous frocks.

Snape Maltings Concert Hall

Tickets: £35, £30, £20, £10

Under 25s half price



Nik Kershaw Photo by Martin Bone

Thursday 20 August

Thursday 20 August, 7.30pm

National Youth String Orchestra

National Youth String Orchestra

Damian Iorio conductor

Mozart: Adagio and Fugue in C minor, K.456 (7')

Stravinsky: Apollon musagète (33')

Gipps: Cringlemire Garden, Op.39 (7')

Dvořák: Serenade for Strings, Op.22 (30')

A sheer joy from start to finish, Dvořák's optimistic Serenade for Strings is complemented here by the cool elegance of Stravinsky's ballet score Apollon Musagète.

Praised for their precision, infectious energy and light and transparent sound, the National Youth String Orchestra bring youthful verve to these works, alongside Gipps' musical portrait of a Lake District garden, full of bittersweet melancholy that's reminiscent of Vaughan Williams.

Snape Maltings Concert Hall

Tickets: £35, £30, £20, £10

Under 25s half price, **19 and under** free

Friday 21 August

Friday 21 August, 7.30pm

Nik Kershaw

Nik Kershaw and band

Singer, songwriter and multi-instrumentalist, Nik Kershaw achieved breakout success in the early '80s, with hits including I Won't Let The Sun Go Down On Me and Wouldn't It Be Good.

With his tracks spending over 60 weeks in the UK Top 40 in the 1980s, this Ipswich native is one of the UK's most successful solo artists, whose complex harmonies, compelling lyricism and soaring melodies continue to win fans. Continuing to be at the forefront of the UK's music scene, he's held in high esteem by fellow musicians including Eric Clapton and Miles Davies – and loved by countless fans.

Snape Maltings Concert Hall

Tickets: £55, £45, £30, £10

Under 25s half price



Orchestra Baobab Photo by Charidote Steppé



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Saturday 22 August

Saturday 22 August, 7.30pm

Orchestra Baobab

Known for their spellbinding live shows, Orchestra Baobab promise to captivate you with their hypnotic groove, raw energy and timeless magic in this rare performance at Snape Maltings.

The ultimate masters of a smooth cosmopolitan fusion that came to define the 1970s, the group have continuously reinvented themselves over the years, forging a unique style that blends Latin rhythms, soaring Wolof vocals and jazz-influenced guitar lines. Tonight's concert showcases music from their new album *Made in Senegal*, a release which proves their continuing relevance as a cornerstone of African music.

“one of the great African bands”

The Guardian

Snape Maltings Concert Hall

Tickets: £45, £38, £25, £10

Under 25s half price

Novello Orchestra Photo by Glyn Palmer



Sunday 23 August

Sunday 23 August, 7.30pm

Novello Orchestra: A Night at the Musicals

Novello Orchestra

Welsh of the West End vocals

David Mahony conductor

The Novello Orchestra and viral sensations Welsh of the West End bring their trademark charisma and passion to Summer at Snape with music from *Chicago*, *Wicked*, *Les Misérables* and more.

A night of unashamed glitz and West-End glamour, with the Novello Orchestra, known for its stylish, high energy performances, joined by a musical theatre super-group and stars of Britain's Got Talent; Welsh of the West End. A spectacular evening for all fans of musical theatre.

Snape Maltings Concert Hall

Tickets: £55, £45, £30, £10

Under 25s half price

Tuesday 25 August

Tuesday 25 August, 7.30pm

The Four Seasons: Rachel Podger and Brecon Baroque

Brecon Baroque

Rachel Podger director, violin

J.S. Bach: excerpts from *The Art of Fugue*, BWV 1080 (40')

Vivaldi: *The Four Seasons* (42')

Vivaldi's evocative *Four Seasons* never fails to captivate audiences – especially when in the hands of one of the world's greatest Baroque violinists, Rachel Podger and her superb ensemble Brecon Baroque.

Snape Maltings Concert Hall

Tickets: £55, £45, £30, £10

Under 25s half price



Wednesday 26 August

Wednesday 26 August, 7.30pm

BBC Philharmonic Orchestra: Mendelssohn's Scottish Symphony

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Harriet Mackenzie violin
Sora Elisabeth Lee conductor

Kodály: Dances of Galánta (16')

Deborah Pritchard: Nightingale (world premiere) (17')

Mendelssohn: Symphony No.3 in A minor, Op.56 "Scottish" (37')

Mendelssohn's evocative Scottish Symphony caps this concert which also features brand new music inspired by the art of Maggi Hambling alongside the exuberant Dances of Galánta by Kodály.

The richly orchestrated Scottish Symphony depicts the craggy landscape of Scotland, while the Dances of Galánta is one of the most vibrant pieces of orchestral repertoire, a celebration of Hungarian folk music. Deborah Pritchard is a composer whose music is often inspired by or depicts the visual arts, and whose music has often been acclaimed for its luminous, almost transparent, quality.

Snape Maltings Concert Hall
Tickets: £65, £53, £35, £10
Under 25s half price



Thursday 27 August

Thursday 27 August, 7.30pm

Talisk

High octane, rule-breaking folk from one of the scene's most explosive acts. The opposite of tapping-your-foot-quietly-along folk: loud, energetic and almost impossible not to dance to.

Armed with just a concertina, fiddle and a guitar, Talisk have now been thrilling audiences worldwide for a decade. Sounding more like a stadium band than a three-piece folk outfit, they've racked up 15 million streams, have toured to five continents, and have picked up awards from BBC Radio 2, BBC Radio Scotland and the BBC Alba Scots Trad Music Awards. Expect high energy, big tunes and an electrifying atmosphere.

This is a standing event with limited seating available on the balcony.

Britten Studio, Snape Maltings
Tickets: £25 **Under 25s** half price

Friday 28 August

Friday 28 August, 7.30pm

London Symphony Orchestra and Antonio Pappano

London Symphony Orchestra
Eivind Ringstad viola
Antonio Pappano conductor

Gubaidulina: Viola Concerto (36')

Bruckner: Symphony No.9 in D minor (67')

Bruckner's monumental final symphony – an awe-inspiring cathedral of sound, plus a mysterious and ethereal concerto by Gubaidulina.

Bruckner's emotionally-charged last work is infused with a great sense of consolation and resolve as the composer faced the end of his life. Gubaidulina's Concerto puts the viola in the spotlight in a work that slowly builds to an intense, uplifting conclusion.

Snape Maltings Concert Hall
Tickets: £70, £60, £45, £10
Under 25s half price





Saturday 29 August

Saturday 29 August & Sunday 30 August

The Wooden Roots Experience

This immersive and interactive event returns to Summer at Snape, bringing outstanding West African artists to Suffolk to share their knowledge, culture and tradition. Experience two days of djembe drumming and dance classes, with the experience culminating in a spectacular finale performance with the Sidiki Dembélé Ensemble.

Snape Maltings

(Please note tickets are provided by Wooden Roots Ltd.)



Saturday 29 August, 7.30pm

Cory Band

Be moved, dazzled and entertained by the Cory Band – consistently ranked as one of the top brass bands in the world, and widely considered one of the most successful brass bands of all time.

Creating music that is spine-tingling, moving and life-affirming, the Cory Band come to Summer at Snape with a programme of major works for brass band and highlights from its recent concert repertoire – entertaining, engaging and suitable for all ages and musical tastes.

Snape Maltings Concert Hall

Tickets: £45, £38, £25, £10

Under 25s half price



Sunday 30 August

Sunday 30 August, 7.30pm

Sidiki Dembélé Ensemble and Manchester Collective

Sidiki Dembélé Ensemble Manchester Collective

Folksong and storytelling from the Ivory Coast, Mali and Senegal, plus fresh, energetic interpretations of well-known classical works: A joyful musical journey where tradition and spirituality meet.

Rhythm will be your friend in this exuberant concert in which percussionist extraordinaire Sidiki Dembélé and his band join musicians from the ever-inventive Manchester Collective and violinist Rakhi Singh.

In collaboration with The Wooden Roots Experience.

Snape Maltings Concert Hall

Tickets: £35, £30, £20, £10

Under 25s half price

Info and booking:
brittenpearsarts.org
01728 687110



All summer long

A place to enjoy all summer long; Snape Maltings is surrounded by beautiful nature and wildlife, perfect for whiling away a few hours outdoors. Bring all the family for a guided walk, a relaxing river trip or a visit to our Farmers' Markets, celebrating the finest Suffolk produce.

Throughout summer River Trips

Head to the historic quay at Snape Maltings for a boat trip along the River Alde, abundant with wildlife and with stunning views across the mudflats and reeds. Hop aboard Suffolk River Trips' Tilly Too or Emily and head out through the narrows down towards Iken.

Snape Maltings Quay
To book visit suffolkrivertrips.com

Throughout summer Summer Trail

A fun, free way for little adventurers to explore Snape Maltings. Collect a map from our Visitor Centre to find out more.

Snape Maltings
Free – no ticket required



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Tuesday 28 July, 4, 11, 18 & 25 August,
10am – 12pm

RSPB Family Wildlife Walks

The reedbeds that surround Snape Maltings are full of wildlife of all varieties. Join the knowledgeable volunteers from RSPB Minsmere who will guide you on a fun family stroll in search of the birds, butterflies, beetles and bugs that call us home.

Snape Maltings
Tickets: from £7.25

Visual art

Sculpture and art from artists including Maggi Hambling, William Blake, Tracey Emin, Barbara Hepworth and David Hockey can be enjoyed across our venues and at the The Red House, which has an art collection of over 1,200 works from Britten and Pears' own collection on display.

Snape Maltings, Free – no ticket required
The Red House, Aldeburgh
£11 Under 18s free Concessions are available



Migrant (2003), Alison Wilding



SUMMER CONTEMPORARY

Saturday 25 July – Sunday 30 August

The third edition of this popular exhibition, with 200 works by artists, established and emerging, from across the UK, many of which have a strong Suffolk connection.

The selected artists will be announced in June, with work exhibited in several galleries and spaces across Snape Maltings.

Curated by Devi Singh

Snape Maltings
Free – no ticket required



Discover shopping at Snape Maltings



Did you know?

Every purchase made at Snape Maltings supports the pioneering music, arts and heritage work of Britten Pears Arts.

House & Garden

A lovingly curated range of furniture, textiles and accessories can be found in this spacious shop – the ultimate place for home inspiration. It's also a great place to pick up gifts, cards, books and children's toys.

Samphire Boutique

Shop women's clothing and accessories with a focus on natural materials and strong ethical values.

Food Hall

Be tempted by produce from the best of Suffolk's producers, including Stokes, Pump Street, Fishers Gin and Edmunds Cocktails and many more.

Little Rascals

Collections of beautiful old-world toys, puzzles and books.

Craft Shop

A unique range of fairly-traded products from around the world, alongside hand-crafted collections from British artisan makers.



The Shed

Discover all the essentials you didn't know you needed for your garden, boot room and beloved pets.

The Early Music Shop

Specialist shop focusing on instruments, accessories and printed music.

Asteria Wellbeing

Environmentally conscious hair, beauty and wellness salon.

Snape Antiques Centre

Explore artefacts, antiques and collectors' items.

Earsham St. Deli

Independent award-winning delicatessen offering a range of delicious delights.



Saturday 4 July

Shopping Day

Indulge your senses at our summer shopping day. Enjoy food and drink tastings, live music and more while you browse the inspiring ranges across our rich array of shops.



Open from 29 July – 31 August

Malted Mussel

Situated at the edge of the River Alde and specialising in seafood, from Aldeburgh lobster to Bridlington dressed crabs and crispy squid. Accompanied by award-winning wines from Chapel Down, Suffolk's very-own Adnams beer and delicious soft options, plus a range of indulgent ice creams.

Open Wednesday – Sunday,
12pm – 7.30pm

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Food and drink

MALT Café & Takeaway

Our dog-friendly café serves a selection of sandwiches, salads, cakes and pastries, alongside barista-made coffee, cold drinks including shakes and smoothies, and loose leaf tea.

River View Café & Bar

Enjoy a delicious brunch or lunch menu that includes vegan and gluten-free options plus a full children's menu – all with a spectacular view and outdoor seating.

River View Restaurant

Pre-performance dining, with panoramic views of the reedbeds and a seasonal and locally sourced menu, paired with a selection of fine wines, local beers and a full no-alcohol menu.

Adnams Pop-Up Bar and Reekie Bar

Serving alcoholic beverages, hot and cold drinks, ice creams and snacks prior to Concert Hall and Britten Studio performances.

Plough & Sail Pub

Traditional pub serving modern British cuisine.



Saturday 4 July, 1 August & 5 September,
10am – 2pm

Farmers' Markets

The perfect opportunity to sample some of the region's finest produce. Indulge in an array of food and drink including fresh produce and artisanal baked goods.

Snape Maltings

Free – no ticket required

Extend your stay

With holiday accommodation that will fit all the family, why not stay at one of our 14 properties? Enjoy a home-from-home experience and wake up under vast Suffolk skies.

Visit our website to find out more.





The Red House

The Red House, Golf Lane, Aldeburgh, Suffolk IP15 5PZ

Thursday – Sunday, 10.30am – 4.30pm
(last admission 3.30pm)

Admission price: £11 Under 18s free
Concessions are available

The Red House is a place of gentle discoveries.

You might begin with a painting that leads to the studio, that takes you to a garden path and before you realise it, you've spent hours exploring, listening, looking, marvelling.

The Red House was the home of Britain's most famous 20th-century composer Benjamin Britten and his partner, the singer Peter Pears. A place shaped by curiosity, hospitality and a love of art, design, music and nature. More than a home, this is their story.

Don't miss

Thursdays and Fridays

Stories from the Archive

Short talks revealing the fascinating stories behind items in the archive.

Wednesdays

The Red House Tours and Art Tours

Mini Music Makers

Fun interactive sessions of music, play and storytelling for under 5s.

Until 2 November

Contemporary Art Exhibition

Featuring artists Ada Bond and DaddyBears.

Spiritual Britten

An exhibition examining the passions and beliefs that shaped Britten and the works he created.



Join the Friends of Britten Pears Arts

Embrace the spirit of community and become a Friend of Britten Pears Arts. As a valued supporter, you will be part of a passionate collective dedicated to music, heritage, and the arts.



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Why become a member?

Secure your tickets in advance

All members enjoy priority booking for each season's programme.

Access special events

Friends receive invitations to a carefully curated season of members' events, including open rehearsals, artist meet-and-greets and lots more. Scan the QR code to find out what we have planned for this summer.

Make an impact

Your contributions drive our charitable work, positively affecting over 100,000 lives annually through innovative projects, community initiatives, and a world-class performance programme. Explore the various levels of support on our website and join us in transforming lives through music.

Summer at Snape Members' Events

If you're a Friend of Britten Pears Arts, or join them today, you'll be able to enjoy these exclusive special events this summer.

Saturday 25 July, 11am – 2pm
 (Members talk from 11am – 11.45am)

Summer Contemporary Private View

Be the first to see our Summer Contemporary visual art exhibition.

*Open to Patron Circle Members and above

Saturday 8 August (tbc)

Open Rehearsal: National Youth Orchestra of the USA

Step behind the scenes and join the National Youth Orchestra of the USA in an exclusive open rehearsal.

*Open to Friends and above

Wednesday 5 August, 10.30am – 12.50pm
 incl. 20 min break

Summer Academy Private Masterclass with Ryan Wigglesworth

An intimate private masterclass with Ryan Wigglesworth as members of the Summer Academy gain first-hand insight into interpretation, collaboration, and professional artistry.

*Open to Platinum Friends and above

Monday 10 August, 3pm

Behind the Scenes: Opera Anywhere Pirates of Penzance

An exclusive afternoon giving you a glimpse behind the curtain of Opera Anywhere's production of The Pirates of Penzance, with talks from members of the cast and crew.

*Open to Friends and above

Wednesday 12 August, 6pm – 7pm

Summer Academy Drinks Reception

Join us for a relaxed drinks reception with Britten Pears Young Artists and international faculty ahead of the Summer Academy Faculty Gala Performance.

*Open to Gold Friends and above

Saturday 15 August, 4.30pm – 5pm

Classically Black: Post Recital Talk

An intimate talk and Q&A session exploring their creative process following the afternoon's performance.

*Open to Friends and above



Booking

How to book

The best way to book for our events is online:
brittenpearsarts.org

If you've decided which events you'd like to attend you can book multiple events speedily by using our quickbook feature:
quickbook.brittenpearsarts.org

Alternatively, book by phone **01728 687110** or in person via our Box Office.



Discounts

Under 25s can access half-price tickets for most events.

Wheelchair spaces and transfer seats can be booked by contacting the Box Office. A concession is available to companions of wheelchair users.

£10 tickets: pay less for world-class events

We are passionate about inspiring new audiences to experience our concerts and, thanks to generous and ongoing support, we are able to offer a number of £10 tickets for concert hall performances.

How does it work?

£10 tickets are released 4–6 weeks before performances. See our website for dates.

Returned tickets

We cannot give refunds. However, flexible options are available, including an account credit or exchange of tickets for another event. Subject to terms, conditions and availability. An administration fee of 10% of your ticket price is charged for this service.

Ways to support us

Volunteer

We work with a team of amazing volunteers, who give up their time to help us change lives through the arts. There are a wide range of fantastic opportunities on offer. Roles include gardener, usher, steward at The Red House, archivist and exhibition invigilator.

Become a member

As part of the Britten Pears Arts family, your membership supports innovative programmes with emerging artists and our work in the community, improving people's health and wellbeing through music. Your support also enables our unique archive and heritage work.

Shop and eat

Every purchase you make in our shops, cafés and restaurants at Snape Maltings and The Red House supports Britten Pears Arts' charitable work, furthering our mission to make music and the arts useful.

Donate

During the past year, over 500,000 people have engaged with our innovative projects, community work, world-class performance programme and heritage sites. From making a regular donation or donating in memory, to running a marathon or raising money at work, there are many different ways you can support us.

Book tickets

By booking tickets, not only will you be experiencing pedigree performances in a world-renowned setting, you will also be supporting our charitable work. And thanks to one of our generous supporters, every £1 donated when purchasing tickets will be matched through our Community Match Funding appeal.



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FRI 31 JULY

Laura Mvula, 7.30pm

SAT 1 AUGUST

Isata Kanneh-Mason:
Beethoven Piano Sonatas,
7.30pm

SUN 2 AUGUST

Nick Cope: Family Show,
11am & 1pm

Fantasia Orchestra: From
Mahler to Manhattan,
7.30pm

MON 3 AUGUST

Quietnote: Mindfulness
Sessions, 10am & 11.30am

Masterclass: Imogen
Cooper I, 10.30am

Masterclass: Kelemen
Quartet I, 2.30pm

TUE 4 AUGUST

Masterclass: Imogen
Cooper II, 10.30am

Masterclass: Kelemen
Quartet II, 2.30pm

Suffolk Youth Orchestra:
Mendelssohn's Violin
Concerto, 7.30pm

WED 5 AUGUST

Mini Music Makers, 10am

Masterclass: Kelemen
Quartet III, 2.30pm

AYM: Leavers'
Celebration, 6.30pm

THU 6 AUGUST

Bartók String Quartets,
11am & 2.30pm

National Youth Orchestra
with Thomas Adés:
Symphonie Fantastique,
7.30pm

FRI 7 AUGUST

AYM: Open Session
Preview, 7pm

Everette, 7.30pm

SAT 8 AUGUST

National Youth Orchestra
of the USA, 7.30pm

SUN 9 AUGUST

Masterclass: Adrian
Brendel, 2.30pm

AYM: Open Session, 4pm

The Glenn Miller
Orchestra, 7.30pm

MON 10 AUGUST

Composition Masterclass:
Julian Anderson & Ryan
Wigglesworth, 10am

Masterclass: Steven
Osborne, 2.30pm

Opera Anywhere: The
Pirates of Penzance, 6pm

TUE 11 AUGUST

Masterclass: James
Baillieu, 2.30pm

Elephant Sessions,
7.30pm

WED 12 AUGUST

Mini Music Makers, 10am

Summer Academy: Faculty
Gala Performance, 7.30pm

THU 13 AUGUST

VOCES8: Lead Me Home,
7.30pm

FRI 14 AUGUST

Summer Academy:
Finale, 2pm

Ayanna Witter-Johnson,
7.30pm

SAT 15 AUGUST

Classically Black:
Recital I, 3pm

Julian Joseph Trio,
7.30pm

SUN 16 AUGUST

Classically Black:
Recital II, 3pm

Friday Night Is Music
Night, 7.30pm

TUE 18 AUGUST

Pavel Kolesnikov: Chopin's
Complete Nocturnes,
7.30pm

WED 19 AUGUST

Mini Music Makers, 10am

The Puppini Sisters,
7.30pm

THU 20 AUGUST

National Youth String
Orchestra, 7.30pm

FRI 21 AUGUST

Nik Kershaw, 7.30pm

SAT 22 AUGUST

Orchestra Baobab,
7.30pm

SUN 23 AUGUST

Novello Orchestra:
A Night at the Musicals,
7.30pm

TUE 25 AUGUST

The Four Seasons:
Rachel Podger and
Brecon Baroque, 7.30pm

WED 26 AUGUST

Mini Music Makers, 10am

BBC Philharmonic
Orchestra: Mendelssohn's
Scottish Symphony,
7.30pm

THU 27 AUGUST

Talisk, 7.30pm

FRI 28 AUGUST

London Symphony
Orchestra and Antonio
Pappano, 7.30pm

SAT 29 AUGUST

The Wooden Roots
Experience

Cory Band, 7.30pm

SUN 30 AUGUST

The Wooden Roots
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Sidiki Dembélé Ensemble
and Manchester
Collective, 7.30pm

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