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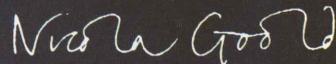
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Welcome

Welcome to the 1997/98 Season of the Guildford Philharmonic - a season which includes a wider variety of music than ever before, and an exciting range of repertoire, soloists, conductors and venues. Guildford Borough Council's imaginative and enlightened support of the Philharmonic gives audiences in the area the chance to hear professional music-making of the highest quality.

If you've never been to one of our events before, why not take advantage of the excellent new discount packages on offer, and if you have children, what better way to introduce them to live music than at one of the orchestra's special concerts?

We invite you to come to Burchatts Farm Barn, Stoke Park at 7.30pm on 1 October for a glass of wine and a chance to hear more about the season - do join us if you can (there are full details at the end of this brochure). We look forward to seeing you in the autumn.



Nicola Goold
General Manager



The Civic Concert

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Friday 10 October at 7.30pm

Civic Hall
Guildford

John Adams Short Ride in a Fast Machine
Tchaikovsky Piano Concerto No.1
Holst The Planets

Vasari Singers
Guildford Philharmonic

Jorge Luis Prats Piano
En Shao Conductor

The opening concert of the season includes one of the greatest of all orchestral pieces, Holst's toweringly popular Planets suite, together with Tchaikovsky's powerful concerto performed by the brilliant Cuban pianist Jorge Luis Prats. The evening begins with a short and joyfully exuberant work by the American composer John Adams, who said of its title "You know how it is when someone asks you to ride in a terrific sports car, and then you wish you hadn't?..."

Tickets: £12 (balcony), £9 (stalls), £3 (children, students & UB 40s)

NB usual subscription seats may not be available for this concert

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Guildford Philharmonic

The Guildford Philharmonic is at the heart of music-making in the south east, with a huge repertoire extending from the 17th century to the present day. The main concert season runs from October to June in a variety of venues around the Borough of Guildford, and in addition the orchestra is invited by other organisations to give concerts throughout London and the south of England. Recent and forthcoming venues include St John's Smith Square, Kenwood Lakeside, St Alban's Abbey, Westminster Abbey, and Borde Hill Gardens in West Sussex.

The Guildford Philharmonic's scope ranges from concerts for children and with children, via chamber concerts in more intimate venues, to large-scale choral and orchestral works. The repertoire covers everything from jazz and light music to new music. The emphasis is to work with young soloists

En Shao - *Principal Conductor*



wherever possible and to help these musicians at the outset of their careers.

The Chinese conductor En Shao was appointed Principal Conductor in 1995, following in the illustrious footsteps of Crossley Clitheroe (who founded the orchestra in 1944), Vernon Handley, Sir Charles Groves and Sir Alexander Gibson. With En Shao, the orchestra continues its work of attracting new audiences for all types of classical music and making concert-going an exciting experience.

The orchestra is funded and promoted by Guildford Borough, with assistance from the South East Arts Board, South East Music Trust, the Musicians' Union, and the Friends of the Philharmonic. It is grateful to corporate sponsors both local and national, and looks forward to many more such mutually beneficial relationships in the future.

Britten: Saint Nicolas

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Saturday 8 November 7.30pm

Civic Hall
Guildford

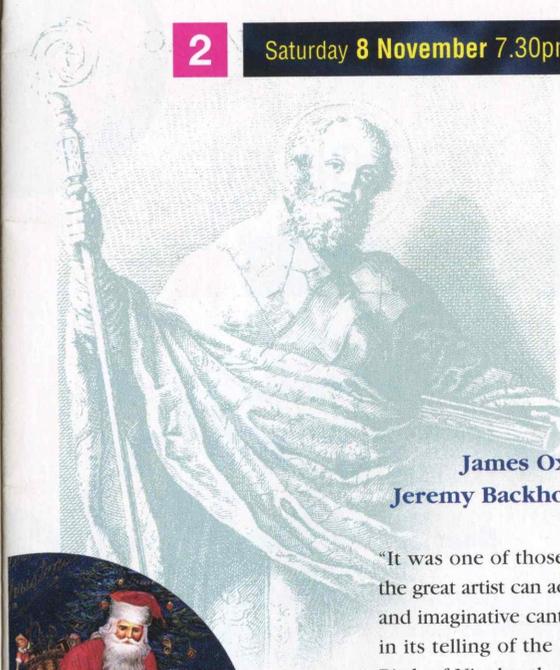
Choir of Ash Manor School

Choir of Howard
of Effingham School

Guildford Philharmonic Choir
Guildford Philharmonic

*and the winners of the Guildford
Philharmonic Choir's Young Choirboy
and Choirgirl of the Year Competition*

James Oxley Tenor
Jeremy Backhouse Conductor



"It was one of those triumphs outside the rules of art which only the great artist can achieve": so wrote E.M. Forster of Britten's beautiful and imaginative cantata which combines adults' and children's choirs in its telling of the legend of Saint Nicolas. The work includes The Birth of Nicolas, the strangely primitive story of the Pickled Boys, the terrible storm at sea, and two well-known hymns for audience and choirs. The cantata was written for the centenary celebrations of Lancing College in July 1948, and it was the work which opened the first Aldeburgh Festival in that same year.

Tickets: £12 (balcony), £9 (stalls), £3 (children, students & UB 40s)
Details of the Singing Competition from: 01932 343625

NB This concert forms part of a new project which will develop links with different schools in the Borough each season.



Monday 17 November at 7.30pm

Dorking Halls

"Reflections" - a concert that is the culmination of a composition project organised by Surrey Youth Music & Performing Arts, involving secondary and primary schools from around Surrey. The programme will consist of popular classics on the theme of water (Britten, Smetana, Mendelssohn), with artwork projected during the music.

Keith Willis Conductor **Guildford Philharmonic**

Full details: 01483 728711



Mozart by Candlelight

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Friday 28 November at 7.30pm

Holy Trinity Church

High Street, Guildford

Programme includes:

Mozart **Symphony No.29**

Flute & Harp Concerto

Eine Kleine Nachtmusik

Exsultate jubilate

Music by Mozart's contemporaries

Guildford Philharmonic

Chamber Orchestra

Directed by **Hugh Bean**

The perfect setting of Holy Trinity Church with its glorious acoustic is the ideal venue for concerts of chamber music by candlelight, and you can end the evening with a glass of wine in Guildford's historic Guildhall just a few yards away.

Tickets: £12 (including post-concert glass of wine at the Guildhall), £9 (concert only), £3 (children, students & UB40s - concert only)

Concert sponsored by ^{solicitors} **HartBrown**



Saturday 29 November at 7.30pm

St Alban's Abbey

Vaughan Williams **Sea Symphony**

Simon Williams Conductor

Harrow Choral Society **Guildford Philharmonic**

Full details: 01923 770543



Handel's Messiah

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Saturday 6 December 7.30pm

Guildford Cathedral

Guildford Cathedral Choir

Guildford Camerata

Guildford Philharmonic
Chamber Orchestra

Soloists include **Judith Harris,**
John Oakman and **Edward Caswell**

Andrew Millington Conductor

The Choir of Guildford Cathedral and the Guildford Philharmonic Chamber Orchestra combine forces for the first time for this seasonal performance of Handel's great oratorio conducted by Andrew Millington, the Cathedral's Organist & Master of the Choristers.

Tickets: £12 (front nave and west gallery), £9 (rear nave)
£3 (children, students & UB40s)



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The Mayor of Guildford's Christmas Carols

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Sunday 21 December at 2.30pm

Civic Hall
Guildford

In association with the Guildford Philharmonic and the Rotary Club

Guildford Philharmonic Choir
Guildford Philharmonic Brass Ensemble

*Special guest appearance by
Father Christmas*

Jeremy Backhouse Conductor

Traditional carols for all the family, as well as festive music for brass and voices make this concert an ideal start to the Christmas season.

Tickets: £9 (balcony), £6 (stalls), £3 (children, students & UB40s)



A Night in Vienna

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Friday 30 January at 7.30pm

Civic Hall
Guildford

Programme includes:

Mozart	Haffner Symphony No.35 in D (K385)
	Piano Concerto No.21 in C (K467)
Lehar	Vilia (Merry Widow)
Johann Strauss II	Overture Die Fledermaus
	Adele's Laughing Song (Die Fledermaus)
	Blue Danube Waltz
	Fruhlingstimmen Waltz
	Tritsch-Tratsch Polka

Guildford Philharmonic

Katya Apekisheva Piano
James Lockhart Conductor

All over the world people celebrate New Year with the music of old Vienna. Join the Guildford Philharmonic in a marvellous evening of music, with two of Mozart's loveliest works in the first half and the magic of Johann Strauss in the second. A glass of champagne is included with the £12 & £9 tickets. Dress as appropriately as you like!

Tickets: £12 (balcony), £9 (stalls), £3 (children, students & UB40s)



The Tallis Scholars

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Friday 20 February at 7.30pm

Holy Trinity Church
High Street, Guildford

Peter Phillips Conductor

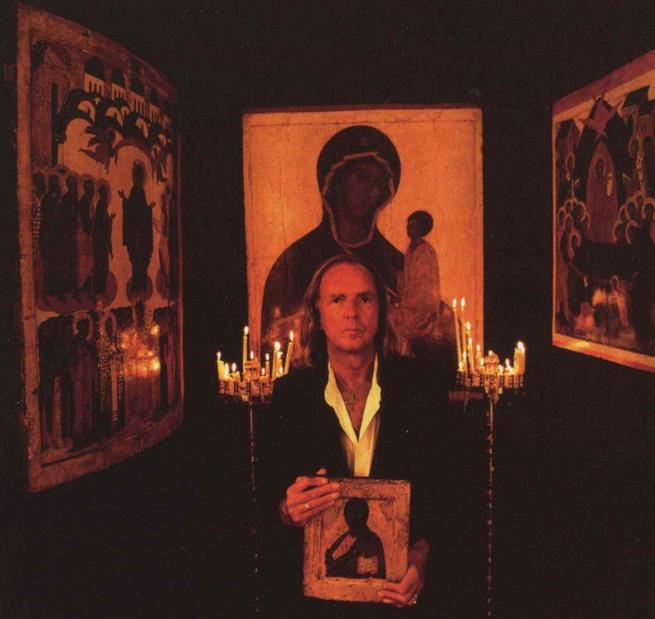
The Tallis Scholars have an international reputation as the world's leading exponents of Renaissance sacred music, and this is their first visit to Guildford. They will be singing music by Tallis, Sheppard, William Byrd, and John Taverner as well as music by John Taverner, one of this country's greatest living composers. John Taverner will be at the concert to introduce his own music in what will be a unique and unmissable occasion in the candlelit setting of Holy Trinity.

Tickets: £15 (to include post-concert glass of wine at the Guildhall)
£12 (concert only) £3 (children, students & UB40s - concert only)



Photographs of John Taverner by Malcolm Crowthers

Photograph of the Tallis Scholars by Clive Barda



Saturday 7 March at 7.30pm

Civic Hall, Guildford

Elgar *The Dream of Gerontius*

Jeremy Backhouse Conductor Guildford Philharmonic Choir

Tickets: phone 01483 444555

Wednesday 11 March

Dorking Halls

"Dragons": first performance of this new piece written specially for the occasion

Surrey Youth Music & Performing Arts' Education Concert

Keith Willis Conductor Guildford Philharmonic

Full details: 01483 728711

Thursday 12 March

Civic Hall, Guildford

Classical Road Show

Guildford Philharmonic

Full details: 01483 573485

Gala Evening

The Mayor of Guildford's Spring Concert

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Sunday 15 March at 7.30pm

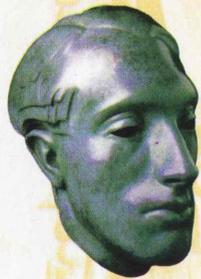
Yvonne Arnaud Theatre
Guildford

Programme includes: **Walton** **Façade**
Songs from the Shows
Guildford Philharmonic

Peter Robinson Conductor

This exciting event is the first time that the Yvonne Arnaud and the Guildford Philharmonic have combined their artistic forces to create a Gala Evening of music and theatre. The first half is a complete performance of William Walton's most popular work, his brilliant 1920s entertainment *Façade* to poems of Edith Sitwell. The second half will include music from Broadway and the West End. Peter Robinson is well known for his work with English National Opera, the Australian Opera, and with the British soprano Lesley Garrett in a number of highly successful albums and concerts.

Tickets: £20 (stalls), £15 (circle)



Walton conducting



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Saturday 28 March 7.30pm

Guildford Cathedral

Guildford Camerata
Guildford Philharmonic
Chamber Orchestra

Andrew Murgatroyd Evangelist
Matthew Hargreaves Christus
Sophie Daneman Soprano
Nicholas Kraemer Conductor

For many years conductor of the London Bach Orchestra, Nicholas Kraemer is one of the leading interpreters of Baroque music. This performance of Bach's masterpiece, on the eve of Passion Sunday, uses chamber choir, chamber orchestra and a team of gifted young soloists.

Tickets: £12 (front nave & west gallery), £9 (rear nave), £3 (children, students & UB40s)



Tea & Symphony

The Crossley Clitheroe Concert

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Sunday 19 April at 3.00pm

Civic Hall
Guildford

Programme includes: **Bach** **Concerto for 2 Violins**
Beethoven **Symphony No.7**

Andrew Haveron Violin (*sponsored by The Sir Charles Groves Endowment Fund*)
Siqing Lu Violin (*with support from the English Speaking Union*)

En Shao Conductor

A concert of great music for everyone. East meets West in the performance of Bach's Double Violin Concerto which features two of last season's most brilliant soloists - the British violinist Andrew Haveron and the Chinese violinist Siqing Lu. Tickets include interval tea and cakes.

Tickets: £12 (balcony), £9 (stalls), £3 (children, students & UB40s)



Songs of Farewell

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Saturday 2 May at 7.30pm

Guildford Cathedral

Brahms Academic Festival Overture
Mozart Requiem
Strauss Four Last Songs*

Guildford Philharmonic Choir
Guildford Philharmonic

Helen Field *Soprano
En Shao Conductor

All the works in this concert are of a valedictory nature, beginning with the Brahms overture that celebrates graduation at the end of the academic year. International soprano Helen Field sings Richard Strauss's hauntingly beautiful and autumnal Four Last Songs; and the Guildford Philharmonic Choir joins the orchestra for Mozart's final masterpiece.

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Tickets: £12 (front nave & west gallery), £9 (rear nave),
£3 (children, students & UB40s)

Alice in Wonderland

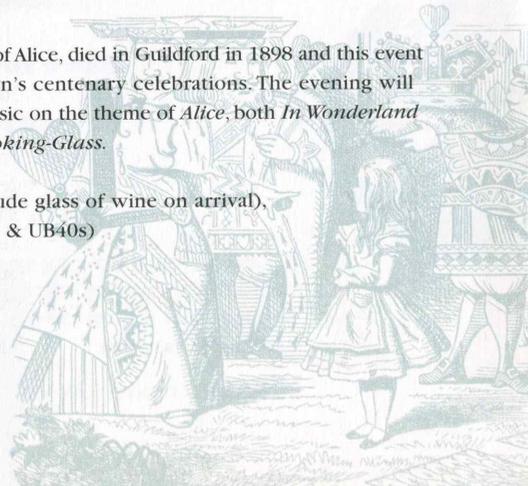
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Friday 15 May at 9.30pm

Electric Theatre
Guildford

Lewis Carroll, creator of Alice, died in Guildford in 1898 and this event forms part of the town's centenary celebrations. The evening will include words and music on the theme of *Alice*, both *In Wonderland* and *Through The Looking-Glass*.

Tickets: £12 (to include glass of wine on arrival),
£3 (children, students & UB40s)



Music, Water, Lights

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Saturday 20 June at 8.30pm

Guildford Lido

Guildford Philharmonic

En Shao Conductor

A special concert for a Midsummer evening in the evocative Italianate setting of Guildford's Lido. This will be a unique chance to experience the venue in a different light, with the Guildford Philharmonic playing music on a watery theme (including works by Handel, Vivaldi and Respighi), special lighting effects in the grounds, and Italian food and wine available.

Tickets: £9 (adults), £3 (children - only if accompanied by an adult)

NB The pool will not be available for swimming on this occasion!



Summer Serenade with Fireworks

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Saturday 11 July at 8.00pm

Shalford Park
Guildford

Guildford Philharmonic

John Bradbury Conductor

Guildford's answer to Kenwood Lakeside is right on your doorstep: the tree-lined splendour of Shalford Park is the setting for our increasingly popular annual summer concert with fireworks. A perfect evening out for the whole family! Bring a picnic and enjoy favourites from the classical repertoire while the stars come out and the fireworks begin. John Bradbury conducts and introduces the concert.

Tickets: £12 (adults), £3 (children, students & UB40s)



Booking Information

There are fourteen concerts in the 97/98 season of the Guildford Philharmonic, and these are numbered from 1 to 14 on this brochure. There are also a few concerts which are not part of the main season and these appear below shaded bars on the brochure with an appropriate telephone number for bookings as tickets for these cannot be booked on this form

This season we will be operating a new Flexible Subscription Scheme which will allow you to pick and choose the concerts you wish to attend

Subscriptions NB If you subscribed for 96/97, please return your booking form by 20 August in order to retain your existing seats; and please include your Civic Hall seat numbers (if known) on the booking form

The following discounts will apply to multiples of tickets booked:

	1 to 3 concerts - no discount
Bronze Subscription:	4 to 5 concerts - 15% discount
Silver Subscription:	6 to 8 concerts - 20% discount
Gold Subscription:	9 to 11 concerts - 25% discount
Diamond Subscription:	12 to 14 concerts - 30% discount
Party Bookings:	20% discount on 10 or more tickets

Special benefits: Gold and Diamond Subscribers are invited to a Reception after the Civic Hall concert on Saturday 8 November
In addition, anyone booking a Diamond Subscription will be sent a free bottle of Champagne!

How to book Civic Hall Box Office: 01483 444555
Monday - Friday 9.30am - 6.00pm
Saturday 9.30am - 4.30pm
45 minutes before each concert at the appropriate venue

- Fill in the booking form with your appropriate choices of concert, price, number of tickets, etc.

If you wish, you can leave the TOTAL box empty for the Box Office to make the appropriate deduction if you are booking for more than three concerts

- Choose your method of payment:

Cheque payable to **Guildford Borough Council**

Direct debit for easier payment, use the Direct Debit scheme and spread the cost of your tickets over 6 months starting on 1 October. Direct Debit is only available to customers spending £100 or more on flexible subscriptions. Please fill in the direct debit form and post with your booking form to the Civic Hall Box Office

Credit card (Visa/Access) - by booking form or phone (01483 444555)

- Enclose a stamped addressed envelope and post this form with your payment to: Box Office, Civic Hall, Guildford, Surrey, GU1 2AA

Booking Form

concert number	full price tickets (subject to discount)	No. required	child/stu/UB40 (No. required)	concert number	full price tickets (subject to discount)	No. required	child/stu/UB40 (No. required)
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	Stalls (£9)	<input type="text"/>			Circle (£15)	<input type="text"/>	
2	Balcony (£12)	<input type="text"/>		9	Front nave/west gallery (£12)*	<input type="text"/>	
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*Please delete as appropriate to indicate your choice.

No. of full price seats

total price for full price seats (as listed above, before discount) £

% of discount deductible (see opposite page for details) £

SUB TOTAL £

No. of children/student & UB40 seats

(No further discount for these seats) £

96/97 subscribers' existing seat numbers Stalls/balcony

GRAND TOTAL £

Lunchtime Recitals

at the Guildhall, High Street, Guildford



1997

17 October

Kathryn Rhian-Price (cello)
& Iwan Llewelyn Jones (piano)

14 November

Nigel Cliffe & Julius Drake
Schubert's *Schwanengesang*

12 December

The Angell Piano Trio

1998

9 January

The Felsen Trio

6 February

Belcea String Quartet

6 March

Geister Piano Trio

10 April

Andrew West (piano)

15 May

Joy Farrall (clarinet)
& Paul Turner (piano)

12 June

Priya Mitchell (violin)
& Robert Kulek (piano)



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