

# SHROPSHIRE MUSIC

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### At a Glance

Sat 27 Sept	Mid-Wales Opera "Tosca" Puccini	The Music Hall
Fri 17 Oct	Catherine Beynon harp	Berrington Church
Fri 31 Oct	Fitzwilliam String Quartet	Attingham Hall
* Sat 1 Nov	English Symphony Orchestra: Anya Alexeyev	Oaken gates Theatre
Wed 12 Nov	Emma Johnson clarinet	The Music Hall
Wed 19 Nov	Sirine "The Lord of Misrule"	Rhyn Park School
Sun 30 Nov	Cafe Mozart	The Lion Hotel
Tues 9 Dec	Ex Cathedra: Christmas by Candlelight	St. Mary's Church
Sat 24 Jan	JJB Leyland Band	St. Mary's Church
Tues 3 Feb	Pasadena Roof Orchestra	The Music Hall
Fri 27 Feb	Delta Sky Rock Band	Whitchurch Leisure Centre
Sun 8 Mar	Barbican Piano Trio Haydn/Schumann/Russian Series I	The Gateway
* Fri 13 Mar	English Symphony Orchestra: Michael Boehmann	Oaken gates Theatre
Thur 19 Mar	The Carnival Band	Wakeman School
Sun 5 Apr	Barbican Piano Trio Haydn/Schumann/Russian Series II	The Gateway
Thurs 16 Apr	Ex Cathedra: Musica Deo Sacra	St. Mary's Church
Wed 29 Apr	Allegri String Quartet Haydn/Schumann/Russian Series III	The Lion Hotel
Fri 1 May	Mugenkyo, Japanese Drummers	Bridgnorth Leisure Centre
* Sat 9 May	English Symphony Orchestra: Yehudi Menuhin	Oaken gates Theatre
Fri 15 May	Passacaglia Ensemble	Condover Church
Sat 30 May	City of Birmingham Touring Opera "Cunning Little Vixen"	The Music Hall

Booking: See Booking Form and Information

\*N.B.: for Wrekin events - see Main Diary

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# SHROPSHIRE MUSIC BOOKING FORM

## SEASON EVENTS

SAVER OFFERS	£	No.	Total £
★ SEASON SUPERSAVER All events	100.00		
● Haydn/Schumann/Russian Series All 3 events	20.00		
Pick 'n Mix (10 events/ column indicated)	75.00		

Saver	Date	Event	Price £	No.	Price £	No.	Pick 'n Mix / x 10	Total £
★ MH	27 Sept	Mid Wales Opera	14.00		10.00			
★	17 Oct	Catherine Boyson	6.00					
★	31 Oct	Fitzwilliam Quartet	10.00					
★ MH	12 Nov	Emma Johnson	10.00		8.00			
★	19 Nov	Sirina	6.00					
★	30 Nov	Cafe Mozart	8.00					
★	9 Dec	Ex Cathedra: Christmas	9.50		8.50			
★	24 Jan	JJB Leyland Band	8.00		7.00			
★ MH	3 Feb	Pasadena Roof Orchestra	10.00		8.00			
★	27 Feb	Delta Sky Rock Band	5.00					
★ ★	8 Mar	Haydn/Schumann/Russian I	8.50					
★	19 Mar	Carnival Band	7.00					
★ ★	5 Apr	Haydn/Schumann/Russian II	8.50					
★	16 Apr	Ex Cathedra: Musica Deo Sacra	9.50		8.50			
★ ★	29 Apr	Haydn/Schumann/Russian III	9.50					
★	1 May	Mugenyo	7.00					
★	15 May	Passacaglia Ensemble	8.00					
★ MH	30 May	C.B.T. Opera	14.00		10.00			
		Child	10.00		8.00			

Cheques payable to: SHREWSBURY & ATCHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL

TOTAL £

Access/Visa/Mastercard/Eurocard  
Expiry date

Lower Prices - St. Mary's - side aisles; Music Hall - rear 4 rows

## FRIENDS EVENT

Date	Event	£	No.	Total
1 Mar	Introductory Day: Haydn/Schumann/Russian Series	8.00		

TOTAL £

Cheques payable to: SHROPSHIRE MUSIC TRUST (Friends A/c)

I am interested in TRANSPORT:- From Shrewsbury to:

Bridgnorth  Whitchurch  Rhyn Park  Attingham  Condoover  Berrington

Name: .....

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Sent to: Box Office, The Music Hall, The Square, Shrewsbury SY1 1LH. Tel: (01743) 244255

Group Reduction:  
10 tickets for the  
price of 9  
(special extra reductions  
on request)

## Why not buy a Saver Ticket

SEASON SUPERSAVER 18 Concerts\* only £100.00

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## Venues

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Tel: (01743) 244255

### THE LION HOTEL\*

Wyle Cop, Shrewsbury  
Tel: (01743) 353107

### THE GATEWAY

Chester Street, Shrewsbury  
Tel: (01743) 355159

### THE WAKEMAN SCHOOL

Abbey Foregate, Shrewsbury  
Tel: (01743) 356246

### ST. MARY'S CHURCH\*

St. Mary's Street, Shrewsbury

### BRIDGNORTH LEISURE CENTRE

Northgate, Bridgnorth

Tel: (01746) 761541

### DISABLED PERSONS

Venues are fully accessible except for \* which are more limited. Please contact the hall prior to your visit so that any special arrangements can be made.  
For information in braille, large print and on tape Tel: 01952 510375



### ATTINGHAM PARK

Shrewsbury (on B4380, old A5  
at Atcham)  
Tel: (01743) 709203

### WHITCHURCH LEISURE CENTRE

Sir John Talbot's School, Whitchurch  
(south of town on B5395 / old A41)  
Tel: (01948) 664840

### CONDOVER CHURCH\*

Nr. Shrewsbury  
(off A49 just south of Bayston Hill)

### BERRINGTON CHURCH\*

Nr. Shrewsbury  
(off A458 at Cross Houses)

### RHYN PARK SCHOOL

St. Martins, Nr. Oswestry  
(off old A5 at Gobowen)  
Tel: (01691) 772273

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For details apply to:

Membership Secretary, Friends of the Shropshire Music Trust,  
21 Mylton Oak Road, Shrewsbury SY3 8UA

## Are you on the FREE Mailing List?

Shropshire Music Trust, FREEPOST, Shrewsbury SY5 6BR

Telephone: (01952) 510375

## Workshops

Many of the artists in the Season are available for other Performances and Workshops at economic rates in schools, community centres, homes etc. Where indicated artists are already doing workshops and are particularly suitable. Please enquire.

Shropshire Music Trust, Freepost, Shrewsbury SY5 6BR.  
Tel: (01952) 510375

# Shropshire Music Season

**SAT 27 SEPT MID WALES OPERA**

The Music Hall,  
Shrewsbury  
7.30 p.m.

## 'Tosca' Puccini

A riveting tale of passion, murder and political intrigue with all the ingredients of a great thriller. Puccini's marvellous melodies and brilliant orchestration create a truly breathtaking and memorable theatrical experience.

Winner of the prestigious Prudential Award for the Arts 1996 for "excellence, creativity, innovation and accessibility"

Pre-performance talk: 7.00 p.m.

Educational Workshops  
supported by the  
Walker Trust



**FRI 17 OCT CATHERINE BEYNON harp**

Berrington Church,  
nr Shrewsbury  
7.30 p.m.

Programme including Bach,  
Khatchaturian, Scarlatti, Berio

Countess of  
Monster Trust

This beautiful small medieval church is the perfect setting for an exquisite recital introduced by this young prize-winning artist showing the harp through the ages. Catherine is in demand as a concerto player and gives regular broadcasts. She will have made her BBC Prom debut in September.

Refreshments available

Tickets also from: Cross House Post Office Tel: 01743 761235 &  
Much Wenlock Books Tel: 01952 727877



**FRI 31 OCT FITZWILLIAM STRING QUARTET**

Attingham Park  
(The Picture Gallery)  
7.30 p.m.

Purcell Theatre Music and Fantasies  
Beethoven Quartet in F min Op 95 'Serioso'  
Glazunov Novelettes Op 15 No 1  
Schnittke Canon  
Schostakovich Quartet No 3 in F Op 73

Formed from the original distinguished Fitzwilliam, the quartet have a living link with the past through their close friendship with Schostakovich who entrusted them with the Western premieres of his last three quartets. They are also unique in being the only quartet to use both period and modern instruments to create the different sound world of each work, which often requires them - as in this case - to change equipment in the middle of a concert! This gives the listener a rare opportunity to hear for themselves how the scale and colours of the string quartet developed.

"Totally dedicated, passionately convincing playing"  
The Times



In association with  
the National Trust,  
Attingham Park

**WED 12 NOV**

Celebrity Recital

**EMMA JOHNSON** clarinet  
**JOHN LENEHAN** piano

The Music Hall,  
Shrewsbury  
7.30 p.m.



Weber Sylvana Variations  
Brahms Sonata in Eb maj Op 120 No.2  
Poulenc Sonata  
Messiaen L'Abime des Oiseaux  
Bliss Pastoral  
Giampieri Il Carnevale di Venezia

The eagerly awaited irresistible recital appearance - delayed from the spring - with this charming personality and her distinguished accompanist.

Emma's musicianship is phenomenal and since becoming the 1984 BBC Young Musician of the Year she has rocketed to international stardom, appearing regularly with the world's top orchestras and with a chain of successful recordings on the ASV label. She was recently awarded the M.B.E.



**WED 19 NOV SIRINU**

Rhyn Park  
School,  
St. Martins  
7.30 p.m.

## "The Lord of Misrule"

Sara Stowe soprano, keyboards  
Jon Banks harp, dulcimer, percussion  
Matthew Spring lute, hurdy-gurdy  
Henry Stobart recorder, bagpipes, wind



A seasonal revel through the extravagances that made up the twelve days of a medieval English Christmas, long before tinsel and the Age of Reason ...

Combining a staggering array of instruments with elements of theatre, ritual and dance - Sirinu's brilliant synthesis of scholarship, musicianship and vivacity of performance has won rapturous receptors around the world.

"Sirinu brought the house down at the South Bank -

one of the best concerts in this year's season" The Independent

In association with Rhyn Park Arts Series Tickets also from: Rhyn Park School



**SUN 30 NOV CAFE MOZART**

The Lion Hotel,  
Shrewsbury  
3.00 p.m.

Derek McCulloch proprietor  
Jenny Thomas flute  
Michael Sanderson violin/tenor  
Ian Gammie bass gamba/guitar



The programme covers the wide spectrum of substantial eccentric and charming aspects of the early classical repertoire.

Enjoy the ambience of the Viennese coffee houses and wine bars of Mozart's time, while being entertained by the more light-hearted side of Haydn, Mozart and their friends as they would have been played then.

Cafe Mozart's unsurpassed wizardry combines those magic ingredients of music and refreshment to create an authentic and relaxed atmosphere.

Informal seating and  
appropriate refreshment -  
coffee, cakes, wine

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**Furrows for Ford**

TUE 9 DEC

## EX CATHEDRA

St. Mary's Church,  
Shrewsbury  
7.30 p.m.

## Christmas by Candlelight

Ex Cathedra's ever-popular, unique celebration of seasonal music. If you can't get in - don't forget their Eastertime visit: see 16 April.

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NADFAS

SAT 24 JAN

## JJB LEYLAND BAND

St. Mary's Church,  
Shrewsbury  
7.30 p.m.

Formerly the Leyland Dab/NFL Band, the Leyland's meteoric rise through the brass band superleague under their innovative and flamboyant musical director

Richard Evans is unsurpassed. All England Masters and British Open Champions their concert reputation is second to none and this will be an evening of brilliance, professionalism and sheer enjoyment.

TUE 3 FEB

## THE PASADENA ROOF ORCHESTRA

The Music Hall,  
Shrewsbury  
7.30 pm

SHREWSBURY MUSIC HALL

MAJESTIC CONCERTS

## Rhythm is our Business

Classic songs from Gershwin, Porter, Berlin and the like, in arrangements from Duke Ellington, Louis Armstrong and others, plus those specially crafted for the Orchestra.

Truly the 'creme de la creme' - the orchestra has an unrivalled international reputation over twenty-five years for their stylish performances of the showband music of the 1920's, 30's and 40's.

They present a fun concert with the emphasis on superior vintage hot dance tunes of the era, and the authentic sound, splendid repertoire and inspired humour makes for a delightful night out.

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FRI 27 FEB

## DELTA SLY

Whitchurch Leisure Centre,  
Sir John Talbot's School  
7.30 p.m.

Delta Sly are a four-piece rock band whose electrifying and upbeat shows are a foot tapping mixture spanning four decades of 'pop'ular music that has audiences of all ages asking for more.

They were chosen for Yehudi Menuhin's Live Music Now! scheme as the leading band in this country able to reach the broadest audience and who use music technology to encourage young people to experience the thrill of performing live music.

*"With Delta Sly, we were told to expect the best. They were better"* Daily Telegraph

In association with Sir John Talbot's Arts Series  
Tickets also from: Whitchurch Leisure Centre

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Workshops

## THE HAYDN/SCHUMANN/RUSSIAN SERIES

## Barbican Piano Trio

I Sunday 8 March, 7.30

II Sunday 5 April, 7.30

The Gateway, Shrewsbury

## Allegri String Quartet

III Wednesday 29 April, 7.30

The Lion (Adam Ballroom), Shrewsbury



Each of the series features one of Schumann's romantic and poetic chamber works complemented by the grace and delicacy of Haydn, with a towering Russian work capturing the spirit and mystery of this fascinating country - Schostakovich, Borodin and the lesser-known lush Arensky, colleague of both Rimsky Korsakov, Tchaikovsky and Rachmaninov.

By popular demand we welcome again the outstanding, young Barbicans and the much-loved Allegri giving one of their final concerts with their original cellist.

Introductory Day: The Gateway - with Alan Farnill - Sun 1 Mar

The Friends will again be arranging an illuminating Day Course on the works to be played in this Series.

Tickets will include coffee and afternoon tea.

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SUN 8 MAR

THE HAYDN/SCHUMANN/RUSSIAN SERIES I  
BARBICAN PIANO TRIO

The Gateway,  
Shrewsbury  
7.30 p.m.

Mozart Trio in C Hob XV 27  
Schostakovich Trio in E min Op 67  
Schumann Trio No1 in D min Op 63  
Informal Introduction: 7.00 p.m.

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THU 19 MAR

## THE CARNIVAL BAND

The Wakeman School, Shrewsbury  
7.30 p.m.

### "Henry VIII's Rock 'n' Roll Band"

Celebration, festivity, irreverence and exuberance - the spirit of Carnival is universal whether in medieval Paris or contemporary Notting Hill, and the Band regularly crosses the boundaries of folk, traditional early and world music. In their ten years together they have performed to the widest variety of audiences from the South Bank to village halls and some years ago they teamed up with Maddy Prior for their now traditional sell-out December tours. All five are classically trained and play with renowned orchestras and early music groups, but they play in the Carnival Band for fun - brilliantly transforming a concert with their zany eccentric approach into more of an event.

"Irresistible charm - astonishing repertoire ... a bizarre array of weird and wonderful instruments ... a virtuoso performance" *The Sunday Times*

"Without doubt the jolliest disc to land on my desk recently is the Carnival Band's *Jump for Joy*" *Early Music Today*

In association with The Wakeman School

Tickets also from The Wakeman School



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Workshops

SUN 5 APR

## THE HAYDN/SCHUMANN/RUSSIAN SERIES II BARBICAN PIANO TRIO

The Gateway,  
Shrewsbury  
7.30 p.m.

Haydn Trio in E Hob XV 28  
Arensky Trio in D min Op 32  
Schumann Trio No2 in F min Op 80  
Informal Introduction: 7.00 p.m.

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*Richard and Heather Gray*



Workshops

THU 16 APR

## EX CATHEDRA

St. Mary's Church,  
Shrewsbury  
7.30 p.m.

### "Musica Deo Sacra"

A programme of music that was dedicated to God - centred on the important and richly harmonic sacred works, published as "Musica Deo Sacra", of the English renaissance composer Thomas Tomkins and his contemporaries - Gibbons, Weelkes and Child, set in the European context of this period including Monteverdi (Italy), Schütz (Germany) and Sweelinck (Holland)

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"Miraculously exciting ... soaring moments ... blazing light" *The Times*

During the spring Ex Cathedra will be holding introductory workshops for local choirs and singers on technique and repertoire related to this concert.



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WED 29 APR

## THE HAYDN/SCHUMANN/RUSSIAN SERIES III ALLEGRI STRING QUARTET

The Lion Hotel,  
Shrewsbury  
7.30 p.m.

Haydn Quartet in G min Op 20 No3  
Schumann Quartet in A Op 41 No3  
Borodin Quartet No2 in D  
Open Rehearsal: 5.00 p.m. - 6.00 p.m.  
Anyone is welcome to listen

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FRI 1 MAY

## MUGENKYO

Bridgnorth  
Leisure Centre  
7.30 p.m.

### Japanese Taiko Drummers

MugenkYO took Shrewsbury by storm last season - Their sell-out performances enthral with the energy, driving rhythms and visual excitement of this increasingly popular traditional art form - using festival costumes, banners and comic masks. Britain's first professional Taiko drum group, they studied under the top masters in Japan, have won a Japan Festival Award for their services to Japanese culture, and appeared on

programmes as diverse as the James Whale Show on ITV and BBC Radio 4.

Tickets also from:  
Bridgnorth  
Leisure Centre



FRI 15 MAY

## THE PASSACAGLIA ENSEMBLE

Condover Church,  
nr Shrewsbury  
7.30 p.m.

Annabel Knight, Louise Bradbury  
recorders, baroque flute  
Robin Bigwood harpsichord  
Reiko Ichise viola da gamba



### "The Bird Fancier's Delight"

Programme includes London theatre composers - Purcell, Williams, Croft plus music from the French courts - Marais, Rameau, Couperin.

An attractive programme for a spring evening in another delightful country setting, recreating that 'most gentlemanly pastime' of 18th century chamber music playing. The

Passacaglia are one of the liveliest young groups specialising in authentic baroque performance and already have an impressive record of success - they were prizewinners at the International Early Music Network Young Artists' Competition, represented Great Britain in the recent European Broadcasting Union Young Artists' Day and record regularly for the BBC. Refreshments available

Tickets also from: Condover Post Office.  
Tel: 01743 872216

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PASSACAGLIA  
THE SOLICITORS

SAT 30 MAY

CITY OF BIRMINGHAM  
TOURING OPERAThe Music Hall,  
Shrewsbury  
7.30 p.m.SHREWSBURY  
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## "The Cunning Little Vixen"

Janacek (by its original Czech title:

"The Adventures of Vixen Sharp-Ears")

At last we are able to reintroduce to Shropshire this mould-breaking company on its 10th birthday national tour with another of its legendary productions directed by award-winning Graham Vick hot from Glyndebourne and La Scala, Milan.

Committed to high quality, very accessible productions this enchanting story of the cycle of life is for families and all ages and features a colourful mix of singing animals and humans including a children's chorus of fox cubs.

Don't miss it!

Fully staged with orchestra, in English



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## English Symphony Orchestra

An exciting inaugural series of full-scale Orchestral Concerts featuring the Orchestra's Principal Conductor William Boughton, their Conductor Laureate Lord Yehudi Menuhin and three highly acclaimed soloists.

**Sat 1 November** - Conductor: William Boughton Soloist: Anya Alexeyev piano  
Mozart Overtures "Don Giovanni" & "La Clemenza di Tito"/Linz & "Paris"  
Symphonies/Piano Concerto No 22

**Fri 13 March** - Conductor: William Boughton Soloist: Michael Boehmann violin  
Prokofiev Classical Symphony/Respighi Ancient Airs & Dances/  
Gounod Petite Symphony/Mendelssohn Violin Concerto in E min

**Sat 9 May** - Conductor: Lord Yehudi Menuhin  
Schubert Italian Overtures/Brahms Serenade No 2/  
Mozart Serenata Notturna/Haydn "Clock" Symphony

**TICKETS - Super Value Subscription Package** £9 - £27 (Family £55/£70)  
**Single Tickets** £4 - £10 (Family £20/£25)

From: **Oakengates Theatre**, Telford TF2 6EP  
Tel: 01952 619020

Tickets also available from: usual agents including -  
Telford Centre Information Kiosk, Shrewsbury Travel Time & News and many towns in Shropshire

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the performance and appreciation of Classical music.

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THE BBC RADIO SHROPSHIRE  
LUNCH-TIME CONCERTS

TUESDAYS 1.10 - 1.55 p.m.

at The Music Hall, Shrewsbury

Fortnightly:

Autumn from Sept 23 - Nov 18

Spring from Jan 27 - Mar 31 (inc. Mar 17)

Summer from Apr 21 - Jun 16

Silver Collection



Shropshire Music Trust is pleased to reintroduce Yehudi Menuhin's young Live Music Now! artists into the area linked to The Music Hall's Lunchtime Series.



Autumn Oct 21 Julie Stewart flute Pablo Gonzalez piano

Spring Mar 3 "Off the Beaten Track" percussion duo

Summer Apr 21 Wendy Neiper mezzo Stephen Watkins piano

As well as their concert, the artists will be playing in various homes and community venues for disabled and disadvantaged people - furthering the Scheme's aim to take high quality professional music-making to places and people not normally accessible to it.

## Booking Information

## BOX OFFICE

THE MUSIC HALL, THE SQUARE, SHREWSBURY. TEL: (01743) 244255

Plus: The Venues for those events  
in Bridgnorth, Whitchurch and Oswestry,  
and local outlets for Berrington and Conover - see diary

**SEATING:** At the Music Hall and Bridgnorth Leisure Centre - all seats will be numbered. In all other venues the seats will not be individually numbered.

FOR ALL VENUES, EARLY BOOKING IS ADVISABLE.

**PRIORITY BOOKING** (by post): Friends & Savers: 20 August.

Please allow for processing time. Tickets will be sent in early September.

**GENERAL BOOKING:** 3 September.

**STANDBY DISCOUNT TICKETS:** May be purchased on the door for students and children. Subject to availability.

**GROUP REDUCTION:** 10 tickets for the price of 8.

**REFUNDS:** The Trust cannot refund money or exchange tickets. However, it will try to resell tickets, once all other tickets are sold, with an administrative charge of £1 per ticket.

**LATECOMERS:** The Trust reserves the right to refuse admission until a suitable break or the first intermission.

**TRANSPORT:** Where requested we will try to arrange transport to events outside of Shrewsbury. See Booking Form.

The right is reserved to alter artists or programmes if necessary.