

Shropshire Music 2003-2004



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BOX OFFICE

THE SHREWSBURY MUSIC HALL, THE SQUARE, SHREWSBURY SY1 1LH
TEL (01743) 281281 FAX (01743) 281283 EMAIL mail@musicHall.co.uk

Plus: Local Box Offices for those events outside of Shrewsbury - see Diary

SEATING: At the Music Hall and Bridgnorth - all seats are Reserved

In all other venues - the seats are Unreserved

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.

SPECIAL OFFERS: Only one offer applies to any one ticket, and all are subject to availability

Standby Discount Tickets: May be purchased on the door for students and children

Group Reduction: 10 tickets for the price of 8

* **Passport to Leisure:** Some discounts of up to 50% for events in SABC area

* **Young Person's Pass:** Offers discounts for events at the Music Hall

*More details from Music Hall Office

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



AT A GLANCE

Mon 29 Sep	Mid Wales Opera - 'Don Giovanni' Mozart	The Shrewsbury Music Hall
Fri 17 Oct	Concordia - A Venetian Entertainment	St. Mary's Church
Tue 21 Oct	Allegri String Quartet & Guest	The Lion Hotel
Mon 17 Nov	Natalie Clein cello, Paul Lewis piano	The Shrewsbury Music Hall
Fri 21 Nov	Kathleen Graham: A Scottish Celebration	Rhyn Park Arts Centre
Tue 9 Dec	Ex Cathedra: Christmas by Candlelight	St Chad's Church
Tue 27 Jan	Pasadena Roof Orchestra	The Shrewsbury Music Hall
Sun 8 Feb	Several Friends : baroque flute/cello/harpsichord	The Lion Hotel
Fri 27 Feb	Bluesy Susie: vocals/percussion/guitar	Whitchurch Leisure Centre
Sun 7 Mar	Solaris String Quartet: Chamber Series I	The Lion Hotel
Sun 21 Mar	James Kirby piano: Mozart/Chopin/Beethoven	Concord College
Sun 28 Mar	Barbican Piano Trio: Chamber Series II	The Gateway
Sun 25 Apr	Solaris String Quartet: Chamber Series III	The Lion Hotel
Sat 1 May	Mavin Khoo Dance Co: Indian Music/Dance	Bridgnorth Leisure Centre
Sun 16 May	Lucie Skeaping & The Burning Bush	The Shrewsbury Music Hall
Thu 27 May	Ex Cathedra - 'Brilliantly Bach'	St Mary's Church
Sun 20 June	Barbican Piano Trio & Friends: Chamber Series IV	The Gateway

Plus Lunchtime Concert Series - See Diary

Booking: See Booking Form and Information

SHROPSHIRE MUSIC BOOKING FORM

SEASON EVENTS

SAVER OFFERS	£	No.	Total £
SEASON SUPERSAVER All events (excl Friends Event)	128.00		
Chamber Series All 4 events	38.00		
Flexi Choice (10 events ✓ column indicated)	95.00		

Saver	Date	Event	Price £	No.	Child £	No.	Flexi Choice ✓ x 10	Total £
*	29 Sept	Mid Wales Opera	17.50		8.50			
*	17 Oct	Concordia	13.00		6.50			
*	21 Oct	Allegri String Quartet	13.00		6.50			
*	17 Nov	Natalie Clein/Paul Lewis	16.00		8.00			
*	21 Nov	Kathleen Graham	7.00		3.50			
*	9 Dec	Ex Cathedra: Christmas	12.00		6.00			
*	27 Jan	Pasadena Roof Orchestra	13.00		6.50			
*	8 Feb	Graham O'Sullivan - Just Friends	10.00		5.00			
F	22 Feb	Intro. Day: Chamber Series	7.50					
*	27 Feb	Bluesy Susie	7.00		3.50			
*	7 Mar	Solaris String Quartet: Chamber I	10.50		5.00			
*	21 Mar	James Kirby	10.00		5.00			
*	28 Mar	Barbican Piano Trio: Chamber II	10.50		5.00			
*	25 Apr	Solaris String Quartet: Chamber III	10.50		5.00			
*	1 May	Mavin Khoo Dance Co.	9.00		4.00			
*	16 May	Lucie Skeaping & The Burning Bush	14.00		7.00			
*	27 May	Ex Cathedra: Brilliantly Bach	11.50		5.50			
*	20 Jun	Barbican Piano Trio & Friends: Chamber IV	10.50		5.00			
TOTAL £								

F = Friends Event

* St. Mary's: side aisles are £1 less - please indicate

Cheques payable to: SHROPSHIRE MUSIC TRUST

If you require help with **TRANSPORT** - contact SMT Tel: 01952 510375

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Address.....

Postcode..... Tel:.....

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Northgate, Bridgnorth
Tel: (01746) 761541

CONCORD COLLEGE (Castle Sign)

Acton Burnell, Nr. Shrewsbury
(off A49 at Longnor)
Tel: (01694) 731631

THE GATEWAY

Chester Street, Shrewsbury
Tel: (01743) 355159

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 Fax: 01952 510350



THE LION HOTEL*

Wyle Cop, Shrewsbury
Tel: (01743) 353107

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Tel: (01743) 365478

THE SHREWSBURY MUSIC HALL

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

Workshops

Most of the artists in the Season are available for other Performances and Workshops at appropriate times in schools, community centres, homes etc. Where indicated **Workshops** artists are already doing other work and are therefore readily available, but please enquire on any

For further details contact: **Shropshire Music Trust, Freepost, Shrewsbury SY5 6BR. Tel: (01952) 510375. Fax: (01952) 510350**



Shropshire Music Season

MON 29 Sep MID-WALES OPERA

The Shrewsbury Music Hall, 7.30 p.m.

DON GIOVANNI Mozart Director: **Stephen Medcall**

In association with **SHREWSBURY MUSIC HALL**
Britain's foremost touring opera company present the amorous adventures of the legendary libertine and blasphemer - Don Juan, with music of unparalleled dramatic intensity and lyricism. With some of Mozart's best-known and most beautiful arias, this is regarded by many as the greatest of all operas.

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Workshops: with Sundorne Schools



FRI 17 Oct CONCORDIA

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

Directed by Mark Levy

ECCO VENEZIA BELLA - A Venetian Entertainment

voices/viols/lutes/harpsichord

What music would you have heard in the glorious age of the Gabriellis in the 1600's around St Mark's Square and the palaces lining the Grand Canal? This special programme explores the hidden face of Venetian music with its colourful answering ensembles of voices and instruments - using a large augmented group of this foremost early music ensemble including leading artists such as James Gilchrist (tenor), Thomas Guthrie (baritone) and Gary Cooper (harpsichord).

Related to Concordia's recent CD release and inspired in part by their work for the National Gallery's blockbuster Titian exhibition, the programme will also be complemented by spoken introductions given by one of the Gallery's art historians and accompanied by projections of related Venetian artworks.



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TUE 21 Oct ALLEGRI STRING QUARTET

with Suzie Meszaros viola

The Lion Hotel, Shrewsbury, 7.30p.m.

Mozart
John Woolrich
Haydn

String Quintet K515 in C
Death of King Renaud*
Quartet Op 64 No 5 in D The Lark

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*commissioned by the Allegri for Mozart's Bicentenary as a companion piece for K515

The much loved and respected Allegri are joined by their friend and colleague - the violist of the Chilingirian String Quartet, Suzie Meszaros, in a luscious programme featuring some of the world's most outstanding string quintet repertoire. Now entering their



second half century - the present members of the Allegri are the proud inheritors of the original ideals to create inspired performances of the great classical and romantic repertoire as well as to champion contemporary work, and are presently achieving ever higher accolades both in performance and on disc.

Open rehearsal: 5.00-6.00pm

MON 17 Nov

**NATALIE CLEIN
PAUL LEWIS**

**cello
piano**

The Shrewsbury Music Hall, 7.30 p.m.

Celebrity Recital

Beethoven
Webern
Schubert
Stuart MacRae
Beethoven

Cello Sonata No 5 in D Op 102 No2
3 Kleine Stucke Op11
Arpeggione Sonata
Three Pieces
Cello Sonata No 3 in A Op 69

Two of the world's most outstanding and charismatic new generation artists on a rare date outside of the major international centres.

Natalie became '94 BBC Young Musician of the Year (shortly before she appeared with the Allegri Quartet in Shrewsbury), and first ever British winner of the Eurovision Competition for Young Musicians in Warsaw. She made her concert debut at the BBC Proms in '97 since when her career has continuously gained momentum. She has appeared with most of the UK's major orchestras and conductors, made her US debut with the California Symphony, and is in great demand as a recitalist and chamber music player with artists such as Imogen Cooper, Stephen Kovacevich, Steven Isserlis and Emma Johnson.

Paul is one of the most sought after artists of his generation appearing regularly in recital, chamber music, and as a concerto soloist at the world's major musical venues and festivals. His highly acclaimed Schubert Piano Sonata Series recently won him the 2003 South Bank Show Classical Music Award, the Royal Philharmonic Society's Instrumentalist of the Year award and Classical Brits Young British Classic Performer of the Year. His first recording for Harmonica Mundi won the prestigious Diapason d'Or award '02 since when he has released two others to tremendous critical acclaim.

Natalie Klein: "A passion and maturity beyond her years - a truly compelling artist" The Observer

Paul Lewis: "An exceptional artist - acute stylistic instinct - both a sharp intellect and a wonderfully fluid musicality - an outstanding recital" The Telegraph



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FRI 21 Nov **KATHLEEN GRAHAM**

Rhyn Park Arts Centre, St Martins, 7.30p.m.

A Scottish Celebration of Music & Dance

voice/clarsach/step dance

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Kathleen hails from the Isle of Skye and whilst from a very musical background - she could sing before she could even talk - she also has a Scottish Music degree (Royal Scottish Academy). Steeped in the Gaelic tradition she sings of her love for her island home in her native language as well as songs in Scots and even some jazz numbers. Together with her creative clarsach (Scottish harp) she delivers a performance full of sensitivity and warmth, and as a talented dancer encourages the audience to also have a go!

Local Box Office: Rhyn Park Arts Centre Tel: 01691 776500

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TUE 9 Dec **EX CATHEDRA**

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

Christmas by Candlelight

The always packed, now traditional and ever popular unique celebration of seasonal music with readings.

Book early!



TUE 27 Jan **PASADENA ROOF ORCHESTRA**

The Shrewsbury Music Hall, 7.30p.m

By popular demand - another evening of toe-tapping fun and syncopated sophistication with the multi-talented musicians and sensational singers of the Pasadena Roof Orchestra celebrating the repertoire of the great entertainers - Louis Armstrong, Bing Crosby, Fred Astaire, Duke Ellington, Ray Noble, Jack Hylton, Paul Whiteman, Bix Beiderbecke, Billie Holiday and many, many more.

This Orchestra has travelled the world bringing musical joy to audiences of all ages.

Whether you love hot jazz classics, the thrill of swing, the romantic evergreens of the golden era of popular music, or the heady days of the '20s & '30s - this programme is for you.

If you couldn't get in before - book now!



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SUN 8 Feb **'SEVERAL FRIENDS'**

The Lion Hotel, Shrewsbury, 3.00p.m.

Graham O'Sullivan
Joseph Crouch
Steven Devine

baroque flute, recorder
cello, gamba
harpsichord

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Programme includes: Bach, Handel, Telemann, Blavet, Lclair and others

A fascinating 18th century French and German baroque journey which illuminates the friendships and connections between some of the leading composers of the time (Telemann, for instance was godfather to Bach's second son, and Handel corresponded with Telemann over many years).

These three present-day musical friends, on a national tour, are all rising stars on the early music scene playing regularly with groups such as the English Concert, Hanover Band, European Union Baroque Orchestra, Academy of Ancient Music, the Parley of Instruments, The Sixteen, the Consorte of Musicke and the Orchestra of the Age of Enlightenment.

Special Lunch Tickets from The Lion

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THE CHAMBER SERIES

Barbican Piano Trio & Solaris String Quartet

I	Sunday 7 Mar	The Lion Hotel	Solaris Quartet
II	Sunday 28 Mar	The Gateway	Barbican Piano Trio
III	Sunday 25 Apr	The Lion Hotel	Solaris String Quartet
IV	Sunday 20 June	The Gateway	Barbican Piano Trio

A Series with two outstanding ensembles now well-known to Shropshire audiences, ranging from the late 18th to the 20th century - each with their own theme, and linked by Brahms.

The **Solaris** present three major giants from the quartet repertoire - **Brahms, Britten** and **Beethoven** in each programme, ranging from the profound Rasumovsky Quartets through the lyricism of Brahms to our own Benjamin Britten, including the last major work he wrote - his reflective Quartet No 3, based on his opera Death in Venice.



The **Barbicans** present their new discovery Sergei **Taneyev** (1856-1915) - the Russian Brahms - a wonderfully full blooded and passionate composer whose major chamber works they are to record. That composer is complemented in each programme by a **Mozart** masterpiece and **Schumann**, including his dearly loved



Piano Quartet - one of the most popular chamber works of all!

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PRE-SERIES INTRODUCTORY DAY:

The Gateway, Sunday 22 February

Given by Dr. Robert Meikle, this popular Day Course provides an illuminating insight into many of the works to be played during the Series.

Tickets include coffee, afternoon tea and wine with your picnic lunch

#27 Feb BLUESY SUSIE

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

Susie Smethwick vocals/percussion *Sponsored by*
Craig Webb guitars **DELMAR PRESS**

Bluesy Susie are a popular duo with a difference - They present a varied range of musical idioms including Jazz, Blues, Latin, Folk, Rock & Roll and Pop - and include classic hits by the likes of Frank Sinatra, Nat King Cole, Ella Fitzgerald, Elvis Presley, Neil Young, Eva Cassidy and Norah Jones. With their charismatic and friendly approach audiences enjoy being an integral part of the duo's live performances, which range from colleges to Ronnie Scotts, music therapy units to Festivals and the BBC to bandstands.

"Excellent, brilliant, inspiring, educational, fun"
 Sunday Times

Local Box Office: Whitchurch Leisure Centre Tel: 01948 660660

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SUN 7 Mar SOLARIS STRING QUARTET

The Lion Hotel, Shrewsbury, 7.30p.m.

Chamber Series I



Brahms Quartet in C min Op 51 No 1
Britten Quartet No 1 Op 25
Beethoven Quartet Op 59 No 1 Razumovsky

Special pre-concert supper Tickets from The Lion

SUN 21 Mar JAMES KIRBY piano

Concord College, Acton Burnell, 3.00p.m.

Mozart Sonata in F, K533 No 494
Chopin Fantasia in F min Op 49
 Impromptu in Ab Op 29
 Two Nocturnes: D♭ Op 27 No 2 and F min Op 55 No 1
 Waltz in Ab Op 34 No 1
Beethoven Sonata No 23 in F min Op 57 Appassionata

Following James' first popular full-length recital in 02/03 we are delighted to have secured a date for another this season in this fine new concert hall, where you will be treated to two great classical sonatas complemented by a lyrical potpourri of Chopin. Well known in Shropshire as pianist of the Barbican Trio, James is in increasing demand as a recitalist throughout the world including regular tours to Russia - and as a sought after tutor, is also a professor at London University.

Local Box Office: Acton Burnell Post Office
 Tel: 01694 731356

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SUN 28 Mar BARBICAN PIANO TRIO

The Gateway, Shrewsbury, 7.30p.m.



Chamber Series II

Mozart Piano Trio in C K548
Schumann Piano Trio No 3 in G min Op 110
Taneyev Piano Trio in D Op 22

Informal Introduction: 7.00p.m.

SUN 25 Apr SOLARIS STRING QUARTET

The Lion Hotel, Shrewsbury, 7.30p.m.

Chamber Series III



Brahms Quartet in A min, Op 51 No 2
Britten Quartet No 3 Op 94
Beethoven Quartet Op 59 No 3 Razumovsky

Special pre concert Supper Tickets from The Lion

SAT 1 May MAVIN KHOO DANCE CO.

Bridgnorth Leisure Centre, 7.30p.m.

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World Famous Indian Music and Dance Troupe

As the leading exponent of Indian dance in this country today, Mavin Khoo combines classical and contemporary explorations of the famous South Indian dance style bharata natyam and the Indian martial arts form kalari. Without radically altering these classic forms they tap the rich reserves within them to engage the contemporary mind with a passion and dynamism that reaches all audiences of all ages and all cultural backgrounds.

"Sublime and extraordinary" The Guardian

Local Box Office: Bridgnorth Leisure Centre Tel: 01746 761541



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SUN 16 May LUCIE SKEAPING & THE BURNING BUSH

The Shrewsbury Music Hall, 7.30p.m.

Lucie Skeaping singer, violin, rebec, percussion
Ben Harlan clarinet, zurna
Roderick Skeaping violin, mandolin, rebec, yayli-tambour
Robin Jeffrey oud, laouto, darabukka, guitar
Jon Banks kanun, cymbalom, accordion
Robert Levy double bass

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Exuberance, defiance, celebration and ribald wit all come together on the emotional rollercoaster ride that is a Burning Bush performance. Combining Klezmer, exotic Arab-influenced dance music from the old Ottoman world and haunting, mystical ballads of the Jewish ghetto, Burning Bush cross cultural boundaries in music both timeless and topical. Featuring the amazing voice of BBC personality Lucie Skeaping and the breathtaking, unbridled virtuosity of clarinetist Ben Harlan, this multi-talented, multi-racial sextet presents music that is impossible to resist whatever your background, as audiences from Zagreb to rural Shropshire will confirm. A magical journey into nostalgia, hope and joy.

"A terrific listening experience - Burning Bush captures the life-blood of living" The Times



*"An absolute joy - grace, passion and virtuosity
 The Telegraph (- as seen and heard in Polanski's Oscar-winning movie) The Pianist)*

*"The original world music where Europe, Africa and the Orient freely mingle"
 The Independent*

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THUR **27 May EX CATHEDRA**

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



Brilliantly Bach

- JS Bach** Singet dem Herrn (BWV 225)
- Komm, Jesu, Komm (BWV 229)
- Jesu, meine Freude (BWV 227)
- Lobet den Herrn alle Heiden (BWV 230)

The Bach cantatas and motets are one of the most popular and enduring pinnacles in world music making.

Ex Cathedra performs four of these glorious works for single and double choir in the perfect setting of St. Mary's Church, Shrewsbury.

Bach's genius has moved and inspired music-lovers and musicians for centuries - Mozart was reported to be delighted by Singet dem Herrn when he visited St Thomas's Church in Leipzig, and the motets were the only Bach vocal music that Beethoven had in his library. Unlike his other music for chorus, which contains solo arias and recitatives, Bach's motets are exclusively choral and so provide a wonderful insight into his mastery of the choral form as well as a beautiful exploration into man's quintessentially spiritual nature.

Workshop for all Singers with Jeffrey Skidmore, based around the programme: Friday 5th or 19th March.



SUN **20 Jun BARBICAN PIANO TRIO & FRIENDS**

The Gateway, Shrewsbury, 7.30p.m.

Chamber Series IV



- Mozart** Divertimento in Bb for Piano Trio K 254
- Taneyev** Piano Quartet in E Op 20
- Schumann** Piano Quartet in Eb Op 44

Informal Introduction: 7.00p.m

FREE LUNCH-TIME CONCERTS

The Shrewsbury Music Hall, 1.10-1.55 p.m.

- Tue 16 Sept **Paul Hardy** piano
(including world premiere of Rolf Hind's "Universal Slide" commissioned by the Music Hall)
- Tue 20 Jan **Debbie Bennett** soprano **Liz Keetley** piano
- Tue 24 Feb **Duo Manoso** flute and guitar

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Yehudi Menuhin's Live Music Now! Artists
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.

A Jazz Saturday

At Sundorne School, Shrewsbury in March.

Workshops for jazz players and an Introduction to Jazz for young musicians who want to learn more!

Evening concert for all!

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Mary Webb School, Pontesbury, 7.30pm.
Tickets and Further Details Tel: 01743 790650

Also: Spring Event