

51st Little Missenden Festival, 2010

About our festival

Now in its 51st year, the Little Missenden Festival is a very intimate and special event. Composer David Matthews called it *England's best-kept secret festival*. A concert in the church of St John the Baptist is a unique experience: a small Saxon-cum-Norman building enriched with 12th-17th century wall paintings, dominated by a famous St Christopher (featured on the Festival's programmes and publicity for over 50 years).

The church has a fine immediate acoustic – and music heard at this intimate range has real impact and presence. The small and unspoilt village is in beautiful Chiltern countryside – yet not far from London, just beyond Betjeman's Metroland.

The Festival features promising young talents as well as famous artists and composers. The programme ranges from classic masterworks through less familiar (but no less intriguing) territory.

Quick guide to the Festival

This year you can enjoy:

- * *Consumed by a kiss*, a delicious *pasticcio* of excerpts from 17th century Italian operas (Monteverdi, Cavalli, Rossi, Caccini, etc), served up by Mark Tucker and Julia Gooding with an all-star instrumental group led by Pavlo Beznosiuk.
- * The Orlando Consort sing a splendid array of music from a magnificent 16th century royal encounter in Toledo, when Philip the Fair of Burgundy met his Spanish in-laws, King Ferdinand and Queen Isabella.
- * The brilliant Italian string quartet, **Quartetto Prometeo**, play Schubert's best-loved quartet (*Death and the Maiden*), with Schumann's 2nd Quartet and Salvatore Sciarrino's fascinating 7th Quartet, written for the Prometeo.
- * Libor Novacek leads us from Haydn's elegant classicism into the heart of red-blooded Romantic pianism – Chopin, Liszt and Janáček.
- * Susan Bickley and Iain Burnside perform Wagner's beautiful Wesendonck songs, and many others by Haydn, Wolf, Ivor Gurney and William Bolcom, with excerpts from the iconic *NMC Song Book*.

- * The electrifying young jazz pianist Tom Cawley brings his acclaimed trio, **Curios**.
- * **Joglaresa** perform an exuberant programme of **mediaeval songs and dances** from Moorish Spain, the Sephardic tradition and the Middle East.
- * An exciting young performer, **Laura Tivendale**, plays brilliant harpsichord pieces by **Scarlatti, Soler and contemporaries**, alive with vigorous rhythms and unexpected harmonies.
- * **Mark Bebbington** performs a programme of **English piano music**, including **Frank Bridge's fine sonata** and **John Ireland's Rhapsody** – and a piece by one of the Festival founders, the late **Richard Drakeford**.
- * Rising young stars **Gemma Rosefield** and **Tamsin Waley-Cohen** play solos and duets for violin and cello by **Ravel, Kodály, David Matthews** and **Richard Causton**.
- * **Desmond Shawe-Taylor** (Surveyor of the Queen's Pictures) gives an **illustrated lecture on Canaletto**. The National Gallery's autumn exhibition, *Venice: Canaletto and his Rivals*, starts a few days later.
- * **Poet Tobias Hill** reads from and talks about his work and its influences.
- * **Music by and for children** from three local primary schools, led by Janet Davey and Chika Robertson.

Supporting the festival

The Festival (including the Box Office) is run and operated by volunteers. We have an excellent team, but always value offers of help. If you'd like to know more about how you could help please tick the relevant boxes below.

The Festival is indebted to the Friends, and to all our sponsors. Their support enables the Festival to continue. Membership of the Friends entitles you to priority booking and provides financial support, enabling the Festival to keep up standards and commission new works. The Friends of the Little Missenden Festival is a registered charity (no 266028), so it can recover tax through Gift Aid on all its subscriptions (minimum £15 per annum for individuals and £20 for couples).

Future concerts and other aspects of the Festival can be sponsored by individuals or organisations.

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Food and drink

The Red Lion (near the church) provides lunchtime and evening meals. *The Crown* (by the village hall) serves lunchtime food Monday to Saturday – and now does B&B. There are also restaurants and pubs in Amersham, Great Missenden and the surrounding villages.

Festival teas are available after each Sunday concert at the village school.

How to get there

By road

Little Missenden lies on a loop off the A413 Amersham to Wendover Road, between Amersham (3 miles) and Great Missenden (2 miles).

By Rail

Metropolitan Line from Baker Street to Amersham, or Chiltern Railways from Marylebone to Amersham or Great Missenden. Bus services are limited, but taxis are available from Amersham (3 miles) or Great Missenden (2 miles).

Booking Information

We have three price categories for events with reserved seats. **The cheapest seats in the church have a partly or completely obstructed view of performers, although the acoustic is excellent throughout.**

Please book early – seats are allocated on a 'first come first served' basis. If the seats you want aren't available we may send other-priced tickets. **Please mark 'Yes or No' in the last column to show which other prices would be acceptable.**

We'd hoped to make on-line and card payments possible this year, but sadly we've had to defer this yet again through illness.

Importance of email addresses: If you have an email address please enter it on the booking form. Email is the best way to tell you about cancellations, changes, or ticket availability. Phone numbers are also helpful even if you book by post. We'll keep your details confidential, use them only for the Festival or related activities, and never pass them to third parties.

Disability access: Please ring 01494 786749 if you'd like to come, but have disabilities. We'd like to know your needs so we can make suitable arrangements as far as we're able. Messages left on the answerphone will be dealt with promptly.

Event	Title	Date, Time, Place	Ticket Price	No of Tickets	Total Cost	Other acceptable prices
1	Pasticcio Tucker/Gooding/Beznosiuk	Fri 8 th Oct, 8.00pm, Church	£20		£	£20 Yes No
			£14		£	£14 Yes No
			£8		£	£8 Yes No
2a	SongTrees Little Missenden Infants	Sat 9 th Oct, 10.00am, Church	Adult £4		£	
			Child £2		£	
2b	SongTrees Prestwood Infants	Sat 9 th Oct, 12 noon, Church	Adult £4		£	
			Child £2		£	
2c	SongTrees Hyde Heath Infants	Sat 9 th Oct, 2.30pm, Church	Adult £4		£	
			Child £2		£	
3	Canaletto lecture	Sat 9 th Oct, 3.00pm, Village Hall	£6		£	
4	Iberian harpsichord, Tivendale	Sat 9 th Oct, 5.00pm, Church	£12		£	
5	Toledo Summit Orlando Consort	Sat 9 th Oct, 8.00pm, Church	£20		£	£20 Yes No
			£14		£	£14 Yes No
			£8		£	£8 Yes No
6	Quartetto Prometeo	Sun 10 th Oct, 3.00pm, Church	£20		£	£20 Yes No
			£14		£	£14 Yes No
			£8		£	£8 Yes No
7	Joglaresa Dancing at Tetuán	Wed 13 th Oct, 8.00pm, Church	£18		£	£18 Yes No
			£12		£	£12 Yes No
			£8		£	£8 Yes No
8	Libor Novacek, Romantic piano	Fri 15 th Oct, 8.00pm, Church	£20		£	£20 Yes No
			£14		£	£14 Yes No
			£8		£	£8 Yes No
9	Bebbington, English piano	Sat 16 th Oct, 12 noon, Church	£12		£	
10	Rosefield/Waley-Cohen	Sat 16 th Oct, 3.00pm, Church	£12		£	
11	Tobias Hill poetry	Sat 16 th Oct, 5.00pm, Village Hall	£6		£	
12	Curios Tom Cawley jazz	Sat 16 th Oct, 8.00pm, Church	£18		£	£18 Yes No
			£12		£	£12 Yes No
			£8		£	£8 Yes No
13	Susan Bickley & Iain Burnside, songs	Sun 17 th Oct, 3.00pm, Church	£20		£	£20 Yes No
			£14		£	£14 Yes No
			£8		£	£8 Yes No
TOTAL					£	

I enclose a **cheque** made payable to **Little Missenden Festival** for £ _____ : _____ and a **stamped addressed envelope**.
To avoid refunds please leave cheque open with a maximum value. **Block letters please.**

For each event you book that has more than one price category, we need to know whether you'd be willing to accept other prices if your first choice isn't available. **Please ring YES or NO in the last column to show which OTHER prices you're willing to accept.**
THE LOWEST-PRICED SEATS HAVE AT BEST A RESTRICTED VIEW.

Please send completed forms with a **cheque** and **stamped addressed envelope** to: **Festival Box Office, 30 Church Street, Chesham, HP5 1HU.**

Postal booking opens 7th Sept, 31st August for Friends. Ring **01494 862426** for reservations and booking enquiries **from September 28th only between 11.00am and 8.00pm** – or email **tickets@little-missenden.org**

Name _____ Address _____

Postcode _____

Telephone _____ Mobile _____ Email _____

Please include your **PHONE NUMBER(S)** and **EMAIL ADDRESS (if you have one)** in case the Box Office needs to contact you.

Sorry we can't yet take credit cards or on-line bookings. Tickets are not refundable.

We respond to requests as quickly as we can, but please remember the Box Office is not full-time, and is operated by volunteers.