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Music Society



2022
2023 **CONCERT**
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Welcome

It's great to be back for another season! We celebrate our 70th birthday this year – our first concert was held in Hexham's old grammar school in 1952 – and we mark the occasion with six very different concerts highlighting the sheer talent and artistry to be found in the world of chamber music today.

We begin on 4th October with a solo recital by **Dominic Degavino**, the young pianist who made such an impression when he played at the Queen's Hall in March with the Mithras Trio.

The **Pelléas Ensemble** are rising stars on the chamber music scene and their programme of music for viola, flute and harp on 15th November includes arrangements of Tchaikovsky's *Swan Lake* and Debussy's *Prélude à l'Après-Midi d'un Faune*, a piece that helped to change the course of 20th-century music.

Bradley Creswick, who plays for us on 29th January 2023, needs no introduction to a Tyne Valley audience! He will be joined by his regular musical partner, **Margaret Fingerhut**, for a programme that includes Elgar's noble violin sonata and the beautiful *Romance* by Dvořák.

Then, on 19th February, we have a concert by the exciting young **Dudok Quartet** from Amsterdam and they are followed on 10th March by the inspirational baroque violinist, **Rachel Podger**, who brings a programme ranging from J S Bach to traditional Celtic and English tunes.

The season ends on 1st April with the return of the **Mithras Trio**. We're delighted that they're able to join us again and Dvořák's great *Dumky Trio* is the perfect way to bring our season to a close.

Tempted? Subscribe now at www.hexhammusic.net or complete the form at the back of this brochure.

Individual tickets are available from www.queenshall.co.uk or from the hall's box office.

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Tuesday, 4th October 2022 - 7.30pm
Queen's Hall, Hexham

Dominic Degavino (piano)



'Degavino is a pianist to watch'
- London Evening Standard

Programme

Beethoven	Piano Sonata no. 3 in C major, op. 2 no. 3
Amy Beach	Five Improvisations, op. 148
Schubert	Allegretto in C minor, D915
Brahms	Piano Sonata no. 3 in F minor, op. 5

This concert is sponsored by the Tillet Trust as part of its DEBUT programme.

Annual General Meeting

The society's AGM will be held in the White Room at the Queen's Hall immediately before this concert at 6.30pm. Please come and join the discussion!

Tuesday, 15th November - 7.30pm
Queen's Hall, Hexham

Pelléas Ensemble



'Delightful music-making by three very fine young musicians'
- Keswick Music Society

Programme

Debussy (arr. Tunnicliffe)	Prélude à l'Après-Midi d'un Faune
Rebecca Clarke (arr. Tunnicliffe)	Four Songs
Jolivet	Petite Suite
Dowland (arr. Tunnicliffe)	In Darkness Let me Dwell/ If my Complaints Could Passions Move
Purcell (arr. Tunnicliffe)	Fantasia upon One Note
Ethel Smyth	Variations on Bonny Sweet Robin
Tchaikovsky	Selections from Swan Lake

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Sunday, 29th January 2023 - 3.00pm
Queen's Hall, Hexham - note earlier starting time

Bradley Creswick (violin) & Margaret Fingerhut (piano)



'Bradley has become a regional treasure'
- Thorben Dittes, Sage Gateshead

'One of the most radiantly musical of pianists'
- International Piano



Programme

Beethoven Violin Sonata no. 8 in G major, op. 30 no. 3
Dvořák Romance in F minor, op. 11
Bartók Romanian Dances, Sz. 56
Elgar Violin Sonata in E minor, op. 82

Friday, 10th March - 7.30pm
Queen's Hall, Hexham

Rachel Podger (violin)



'There is probably no more inspirational musician working today'
- Gramophone

An evening of baroque music for solo violin

Programme includes

Bach Toccata and Fugue, BWV 565, arr. for solo violin in A minor
Tartini Violin Sonata no. 17 from *Piccole Sonate*
Traditional Celtic and English tunes, including from Playford's *Dancing Master*

Sunday, 19th February - 3.00pm
Queen's Hall, Hexham - note earlier starting time

Dudok Quartet



'An intense listening experience that will have you on the edge of your seat.'
- The Strad

Programme

Mozart String Quartet no. 23 in F major, K590
Tchaikovsky String Quartet no. 1 in D major, op.11
Shostakovich String Quartet no. 5 in B flat major, op. 92

Saturday, 1st April - 7.30pm
Queen's Hall, Hexham

Mithras Trio



'The Mithras Trio's playing was urgent and lyrically passionate [...] This was a vivid and vibrant performance.'
- Planet Hugill

Programme

Beethoven Piano Trio in E flat major, op. 1 no. 1
Bridge Phantasie Trio in C minor (Piano Trio no. 1)
Dvořák Piano Trio no. 4 in E minor, op. 90 ('Dumky')

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By phone - 01434 652477

In person - Queen's Hall, Beaumont Street, Hexham, NE46 3LS

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2022/2023 season at a glance

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We are also on Twitter - @hexhammusic.

Programme arranged and presented by the Hexham and District Music Society.
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the Queen's Hall on Tuesday, 4th October at 6.30pm. All are welcome.
The Hexham and District Music Society is a registered charity - Number 253761.