

The University of Manchester

THE MARTIN HARRIS CENTRE

Season 2021/22

UATUOR **DANEI**

THE UNIVERSITY OF MANCHESTER'S INTERNATIONALLY RENOWNED RESIDENT STRING QUARTET.



Lunchtime Concert

Wolf Italian Serenade Borodin String Quartet No. 2

Two of the most tuneful classics of the string quartet repertoire open the Danels' season in sunny mood. Hugo Wolf's delectable Italian Serenade makes us regret he wrote so little instrumental music. Borodin's Second Quartet was famously used in the 1953 Broadway musical Kismet ('Stranger in Paradise', etc).

Venue Cosmo Rodewald Concert Hall

Time & Date

1.10pm, Thursday

7 October 2021

Price

FREE

Evening Concert

String Quartet in C minor Rott Wolf

String Quartet in D minor Wolf

A rare chance to hear two ambitious Austrian string quartets from the orbit of Wagner: the five-movement, 35-minute quartet by composer-organist Hans Rott, followed by the no less ambitious D minor quartet by Wolf and his gorgeously melodious Intermezzo.

Venue Cosmo Rodewald Concert Hall

Time & Date 7.30pm, Friday 8 October 2021

£15/£10/£3

Lunchtime Concert

Schubert Quartettsatz in C minor

Florent Gauthier 'Sabbath Bloody Viola' for solo viola **Camden Reeves** The Blue Windows (String Quartet No. 5) Shostakovich Elegy and Polka

A power-packed succession of short pieces, from stormy Schubert through a homage to the Black Sabbath, to Camden Reeves inspired by Chagall, and a taster for the Shostakovich cycle.

Cosmo Rodewald Concert Hall

Time & Date 1.10pm, Thursday 4 November 2021

Price FREE

Evening concert (with Richard Whalley)

Haydn String Quartet in B flat, Op. 76, No. 4 ('Sunrise') Piano Quartet in G minor (with Richard Whalley) Mozart Cherubini String Quartet No. 2 in C

Haydn's 'Sunrise', whose nickname derives from its magical opening, followed by Mozart's darkly expressive G minor Piano Quartet, and the second of six quartets by Luigi Cherubini, much admired by Beethoven.

Cosmo Rodewald Concert Hall

Time & Date 7.30pm, Friday 5 November 2021

£15/£10/£3

Lunchtime Concert

Brahms String Quartet No. 2, in A minor, Op. 51, No. 2

Brahms reportedly composed and ripped up 20 string quartets before releasing his first two for publication. The A minor, the more lyrical of the two, ends with a spirited csárdás.

Venue Cosmo Rodewald Concert Hall

Time & Date 1.10pm, Thursday 16 December 2021

FREE

Evening Concert (with Michel Lethiec and David Fanning)

Thierry Muller Kryštof Mařatka

Clarinet Quintet (first performance), with Michel Lethiec Clarinet Quintet 'Arboretum of Time', with Michel Lethiec

(UK premiere)

Dvořák Piano Quintet, with David Fanning

The Danels are joined by eminent French clarinettist Michel Lethiec in two contemporary quintets, and by David Fanning for Dvořák's evergreen Piano Quintet. Venue Cosmo Rodewald Concert Hall

Time & Date 7.30pm, Friday 17 December 2021

£15 / £10 / £3

Lunchtime Concert

Shostakovich String Quartet No. 1 in C, Op. 49 **Shostakovich** String Quartet No. 2 in A, Op. 68

Shostakovich sets out on his string quartet path with a deceptively modest piece, composed between his first public disgrace and the rigours of wartime. As war rages he expands his horizons and produces a masterpiece of self-assertion and defiance.

Cosmo Rodewald

Time & Date 1.10pm, Thursday 24 February 2022

Price FREE **Evening Concert**

Shostakovich String Quartet No. 3 in F, Op. 73 Shostakovich String Quartet No. 4 in D, Op. 83 Shostakovich

String Quartet No. 5 in B flat, Op. 92 Three masterpieces, leading to the first pinnacle of Shostakovich's string output: No. 3 moves from playful energy, through extremes of violence and lament, to a questioning conclusion; No. 4 adds folk- and Klezmer-derived idioms to the mix;

Venue Cosmo Rodewald Concert Hall

Time & Date

7.30pm, Friday 25 February 2022 Price No. 5 combines symphonic scale and range with cryptic personal messages.

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Afternoon Concert

Shostakovich

Shostakovich String Quartet No. 6 in G, Op. 101 String Quartet No. 7 in F sharp minor, Op. 108 Shostakovich Shostakovich String Quartet No. 8 in C minor, Op. 110

In the post-Stalin era Shostakovich makes a fresh start in deceptively straightforward but profoundly touching tones. His first two minor-mode quartets take us to cryptic self-examination. Finally the colossal five-movement Ninth $traces\ a\ complex\ journey\ back\ to\ hard-won\ jubilation.$

String Quartet No. 9 in E flat, Op. 117

Cosmo Rodewald Concert Hall

Time & Date 1pm-3pm, Saturday 26 February 2022

FREE

Evening Concert

Shostakovich String Quartet No. 10 in A flat, Op. 118 Shostakovich String Quartet No. 11 in F minor, Op. 122 Shostakovich String Quartet No. 12 in D flat, Op. 133

Shostakovich starts to ponder his legacy and the possibility of a cycle of 24 quartets in all the different keys. The classically structured, tensely dramatic Tenth is followed by the seven-movement, sardonic Eleventh, and the twomovement, expansive Twelfth, which explores twelve-note rows and extremes of contemplation and energy.

Cosmo Rodewald Concert Hall Time & Date

7.30pm, Saturday 26 February 2022

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Afternoon Concert

Shostakovich String Quartet No. 13 in B flat minor, Op. 138 Shostakovich String Quartet No.14 in F sharp, Op. 142 Shostakovich

String Quartet No.15 in E flat minor, Op. 144

Follow Shostakovich, if you dare, into the darkest of the dark: intimations of death, screams of pain, laments for lost beauty, and an unblinking stare into the void.

Venue Cosmo Rodewald Part of the Concert Hall

> Time & Date 🔛 1pm-3pm, Sunday 27 February 2022

> > FREE

Lunchtime Concert

Sofia Gubaidulina Reflections on the Theme B-A-C-H String Quartet in G minor, L.91 **Claude Debussy**

Debussy's String Quartet of 1893, written when the composer was 31 years old. Sofia Gubaidulina's Reflections on B-A-C-H joins a long tradition, dating back to Johann Sebastian himself, in taking the letters of the composer's name and turning them into the notes of a musical theme.

Venue Cosmo Rodewald Concert Hall

Time & Date 1.10pm, Thursday 24 March 2022

> Price FREE

Evening Concert

String Quartet No. 5 'Song of Alkonost' (UK premiere) Lera Auerbach **Steve Reich** String Quartet No. 3 in E flat minor, Op. 30 **Tchaikovsky**

A quartet by a mythical woman-headed bird; a commemorating of the trains that took the Jews to Auschwitz; and a passionately eloquent quartet to conclude the

Venue Cosmo Rodewald Concert Hall

Time & Date 7.30pm, Friday 25 March 2022

Price

All concerts take place in the Cosmo Rodewald Concert Hall unless otherwise stated. Please note that there is reserved seating for all Quatuor Danel evening and afternoon concerts at the MHC.

Seating for all Thursday lunchtime concerts is unreserved.

Café Arts, based within the foyer of the Martin Harris Centre serves light refreshments, hot and cold drinks, and alcoholic beverages.

Quatuor Danel season tickets are available. Please contact the box office for further details.

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Shostakovich Cycle Tickets Discount

Full Price - £35 (approx. 41% discount on 4 chargeable concerts)

Concessionary Price – £25 (approx. 37% discount on 4 chargeable concerts)