

Yatton Music Society

2022/2023 Season

Concert dates

Autumn Season

24th September, 2022

Meera Maharaj and Dominic Degavino (flute & piano duo)

22nd October, 2022

Helen Reid (piano)

26th November, 2022

Hollie-anne Bangham (opera and friends from 'The Note Warehouse')

Spring Season

21st January, 2023

Jonathan Rees (cello) with Mark Austin (piano)

25th February, 2023

Bristol Brass Consort

25th March, 2023

Roth Guitar Duo

22nd April, 2023

Imogen Triner (oboe) with Sally Bartholomew (bassoon) and James Drinkwater (piano)

20th May, 2023

Kramer Durcan Duo: Miriam Kramer (violin) with Nicholas Durcan (piano/organ)



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YATTON MUSIC SOCIETY

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Members' Newsletter

Autumn, 2022



Supporting and championing
voluntary music

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Chairman's Autumn Greetings

We now look forward to a new season of concerts and hope that this proceeds without the restrictions which we faced during the last season. It will be good to return to normality although we will still be careful.

The season starts on the 24th September with a performance by Meera Maharaj [flute] and Dominic Degavino [piano]. Meera studied at the Royal Northern College of Music and the Royal Academy of Music where she won first prize in the flute competition. As well as performing with Dominic Meera regularly performs with the guitarist James Girling as the Meraki Duo. Dominic studied at Chetham's School of Music and the Royal Northern College of Music before completing his studies at the Guildhall School of Music and Drama. As well as solo work he is a passionate chamber musician, and plays in the Mithras Trio which was formed while at the Guildhall. The Trio are currently members of the BBC New Generation Artists Scheme and broadcast regularly on BBC Radio 3. They will be playing music by composers who made England their home and American composers with foreign backgrounds. I would encourage you to come and hear these brilliant young artists.

On the 22nd October we welcome Helen Reid to give a piano recital. Helen first came to public attention when she appeared on BBC2 in the National Keyboard Finals of the BBC Young Musicians competition whilst studying at Chetham's School of Music. She continued her studies at the Royal Holloway University, and the Cologne Music College before completing a Master's Degree at City University and the Guildhall School of Music and Drama. Helen has performed all around the United Kingdom as well as performances in Spain, Slovakia, Hungary, Germany, Austria, and the Czech Republic. David Matthews' Piano Concerto was composed for her and she gave the first performance at the Dartington International Summer Festival. Helen is a professor of piano at Bristol University and leads the Professional Studies course at the Guildhall.

We are always keen to support local musical initiatives and on 26th November we will welcome Hollie-anne Bangham [mezzo-soprano] who is currently running 'The Note Warehouse' in Yatton whilst also performing with English Touring Opera. We are pleased that Hollie-anne will be performing for us again, and follow with interest her progress since graduating from the Royal Northern College of Music and Drama. Hollie-anne will be joined by friends from the 'The Note Warehouse' to provide a varied evening of musical entertainment.

We always try to provide a wide range of music and in the new year we can look forward to a cello and piano concert, a symphonic brass quintet, a guitar duo, a concert by 'Quorum' - oboe, bassoon and piano, and the welcome return of the Kramer Durcan Duo [violin and piano]. The duo performed for us last May and several audience members asked that we try to get them to perform for us again. Luckily Miriam and Nicholas said how much they had enjoyed the concert and would be delighted to return.

We are hoping that this season audience numbers will return to those of pre-pandemic. Please encourage friends and neighbours to come and hear quality music at very reasonable prices. To be able to keep up the standard of our concerts we need audiences of around 80 to cover costs.

We have welcomed back Naomi Sager to the committee and have also welcomed Simon Johnson. Both have a wealth of musical experience on which we can draw but unfortunately do not bring the average age of the committee members down. We are planning the 2023/2024 season but need some younger people to join the committee to ensure the future of the Society and to give us confidence to plan further ahead. In writing an article for the Yatton History Society about the Society it was sobering to note that 3 members of the committee have served over 40 years since the Society was founded!

On a personal note I look forward to welcoming you back on the 24th September. Please enter via the Chapter House door as pre-lockdown. We will have a selection of CD's available and ask for a donation to YMS funds. Refreshments will be available in the concert interval – again donations are welcomed to help cover costs. Come and support all our brilliant performers and enjoy live music in the wonderful acoustics of St. Mary's.

Mike Blackwell, Chairman,
August 2022

