

NEXT CONCERT

## Vida Guitar Quartet

Mark Ashford, Chris Stell, Amanda Cook, Mark Eden



## Yatton Music Society

**Saturday 26 Sep 2026 at 7.30pm**

St Mary's Church, Yatton

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No Reserved Seating.

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## YATTON MUSIC SOCIETY

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## The Mandolinquents



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# The Mandolinquents

**The Mandolinquents** feature everything from hot swing and ragtime instrumentals from the mandolin orchestras of the 1930s: Irving Berlin, Mozart, Ravel and Tchaikovsky to lively reels and beautiful traditional Irish airs to Chinese and Brazilian folk tunes. All this played with infectious fun, off-beat humour and stunning virtuosity on mandolin, mandola, mandocello, mandobass and classical guitar, with the occasional burst of song or fiddle.

## **Simon Mayor - mandolin, violin, guitar, vocals**

'One of the world's great mandolinists' (BBC Radio 3), as well as a fine fiddle player, guitarist, composer and wit, Simon's many-faceted career has taken in two nights at Wembley Arena as soloist with the BBC Concert Orchestra, his own series on BBC Radio 2, an album in the Classic FM Top Ten chart, causing mayhem at a Canadian humour festival, having a song featured on The Simpsons, and, most memorably, a trip through the square window on BBC TV's iconic Play School!

## **Hilary James - voice, mandobass, guitar**

'One of Britain's finest voices', Hilary has recorded six solo albums, including collections of Scottish, English and Irish folksongs; traditional blues and forays into French chansons, Berlioz and Irving Berlin. She has featured on Radio 4 (Woman's Hour), Radio 3 (In Tune), Radio 2 (top ten playlist) and Classic FM, as well as stations from Los Angeles to Latvia. As well as her fine singing she plays guitar on anything from Vivaldi to an Irish jig. She also has an unlikely taste in bass instruments, most famous amongst them is her mighty mandobass!

## **Richard Collins - banjo, guitar, mandolin... and banjo jokes!**

One of the hottest and subtlest 5 string banjo players around, three time UK banjo champion, Richard Collins first picked up a guitar at the age of nine and within a couple of years was stunningly adept on a number of stringed instruments including the mandolin, guitar and bass. Richard is also in much demand as a session musician; he's a regular face on the West End stage and at the National Theatre.

## **Gerald Garcia - guitar**

Gerald is equally at home at the Wigmore Hall or Glastonbury Pop Festival. One of the world's finest guitarists, he's toured with the likes of John Williams and Paco Peña, appeared with such diverse talents as Michel Legrand, Barbara Streisand, Larry Coryell, Wayne Shorter, and guitarist John Williams. He has six solo albums out on the Naxos label... and has the wackiest sense of humour!

# Programme

*The Mandolinquents don't have a fixed programme but it will include many from the list below. There will be an interval.*

**The Typewriter** (Leroy Anderson arr Mayor)

**The Dance of the Sugar Plum Fairy** (Tchaikovsky arr Mayor)

**The Wayfaring Stranger** (American trad. arr Mayor/James/Collins)

**Si Bheag Si Mhor / Lord Inchiquin** (Turloch O'Carolan arr Mayor)

**Little Rabbit** (American trad. arr Mayor)

**Will You Come to the Bower** (Moore arr Mayor)

**Fireflies** (Simon Mayor)

**Summer** (Chinese trad arr Garcia)

**Czardas** (Monti arr Mayor)

**Concerto for Mandolin, Movt 2 Andante** (Vivaldi arr Mayor)

**Summer** (Chinese trad arr Garcia)

**The Shearing's Not for You** (Trad arr Mayor)

**The Buttermere Waltz** (Mayor)

**The Piccolino** (Berlin)

**If Your Kisses Can't Hold the Man you Love** (Vivien Ellis 1903-1996)

**Slavonic Dance #1** (Dvorak arr Mayor)

**The Spider in the Shed** (Mayor/James)