

THAXTED FESTIVAL

2020 Season Preview

Fri 19 June	7.30 pm	Guy Johnston, Cello; Brandenburg Sinfonia <i>Leading British cellist Guy Johnston opens our season with Elgar's elegaic Cello Concerto in E minor, along with Holst's haunting Invocation and Mark Anthony Turnage's Milo. Brahms' Symphony No.3 in F major and Delius' Miniatures complete an unmissable evening.</i> PLUS: FREE PRE-CONCERT TALK AT 6.00 BY STEPHEN DICKINSON OF THE ELGAR SOCIETY IN THAXTED UNITED REFORMED CHURCH.
Sat 20 June	7.00 pm	Brodsky Quartet <i>The renowned Brodsky Quartet performs two major works: Beethoven's late Opus 135 in F major, and Ravel's scintillating 1903 quartet, with Wolf's Italian Serenade and Puccini's I Christemi.</i>
Sun 21 June	7.30 pm	Benjamin Grosvenor <i>The internationally-acclaimed pianist plays Rameau, Beethoven and Liszt.</i>
Fri 26 June	7.30 pm	Armonico Consort - Director: Christopher Monks <i>The combined choral and orchestral ensemble of Armonico Consort perform Purcell's Dido and Aeneas, and Pergolesi's Stabat Mater.</i>
Sat 27 June	12.00 noon	Robin Walker plays Thaxted Church's Lincoln Organ <i>Robin returns to the Festival to play works by Wesley, Mendelssohn and many others, dating from the period of the Lincoln Organ's construction, revealing the full glories of this unique instrument.</i>
Sat 27 June	7.30 pm	Ronnie Scott's Jazz Orchestra, with Georgina Jackson <i>Now a regular hit in Thaxted, the star players of Ronnie Scott's bring the best of big-band standards and classic jazz hits, headed by the amazing trumpeter and vocalist Georgina Jackson.</i>
Sun 28 June	7.30 pm	The King's Men <i>The choral scholars of King's College Cambridge perform an evening of virtuosic close harmony; expect styles from Tallis to spirituals, jazz and popular, sung with impeccable precision.</i>
Fri 3 July	7.30 pm	The Yehudi Menuhin School String Orchestra <i>The impressive talent of this young string orchestra will delight as always in their appearances in Thaxted. They play Divertimenti by Mozart and Bartók, with Serenades by Tchaikovsky and Elgar.</i>
Sat 4 July	11.00 am	Family Concert – SIRINU: Sir Goward the Coward and the Feasty Beasty <i>Our popular relaxed event for all the family this year features story-telling action and music from an exciting ensemble of voice and early-music players.</i>
Sat 4 July	7.30 pm	Roderick Williams, baritone, with Susie Allan, piano: Beethoven and Schubert <i>Star baritone Roderick Williams performs Beethoven's seminal song cycle An die ferne Geliebte – To the Distant Beloved, and Schubert's Romantic Schwanengesang – Swansong (in English).</i> (THIS IS A CHANGE TO THE PROGRAMME ADVERTISED IN OUR BROCHURE.)
Sun 5 July	7.30 pm	The Katona Twins <i>Acoustic guitarists Peter and Zoltán Katona dazzled us at our launch event in 2018. They return with a varied programme from Bach to Bartók, Bernstein, Falla and Django Reinhardt.</i>
Fri 10 July	7.30 pm	The Mikado – Charles Court Opera <i>A welcome return of opera this season brings the versatile and dynamic Charles Court chamber opera company to perform this much-loved Gilbert and Sullivan classic.</i>
Sat 11 July	7.30 pm	The Pasadena Roof Orchestra <i>Dance band music of the 1920s and 30s performed with panache and flair by this big band; from Gershwin, Cole Porter and Irving Berlin to Duke Ellington, with a twist of British humour.</i>
Sun 12 July	7.30 pm	Brandenburg Sinfonia <i>Our resident orchestra closes our season with Bach's Double Violin Concerto and Brandenburg Concerto No.3, Vivaldi's Four Seasons, and Vaughan Williams' Dives and Lazarus.</i>

All events except the pre-concert talk on 19 June are in Thaxted Parish Church. All information is accurate as of February 2020. Thaxted Festival Foundation reserves the right to amend the programme if required by circumstances beyond its control.