

Season Preview 2026


THAXTED FESTIVAL

Date	Artist/Programme (Information correct as at November 2025)
Fri 19 June 7.30pm	Opening Night: London Mozart Players with Matilda Lloyd, trumpet <i>Handel Water Music, Haydn Trumpet Concerto, Mozart 40.</i>
Sat 20 June 10am-12.30pm	Community Choirs EXTRA <i>Local community choirs showcase their repertoires.</i>
Sat 20 June 7.00pm	Fibonacci Quartet <i>One of Europe's leading young quartets play Beethoven, R Schumann and Fergus Hall.</i>
Sun 21 June 10 & 11.30am	Hard Hat Tours of the John Webb Windmill EXTRA <i>Learn all about the ongoing restoration of Thaxted's historic windmill.</i>
Sun 21 June 3.00pm	Roderick Williams, baritone & Susie Allen, piano <i>'Love flows as the Brook flows' Vaughan Williams, Finzi, Howells, Britten and more.</i>
Sunday 21 June 8.00pm	Emma Smith and Trio <i>An evening of the coolest sophisticated jazz singing from this rising star!</i>
Fri 26 June 10am & 11am	Classical Music Sensory Workshop EXTRA <i>Explore the magic of classical music through play, for babies (10am) and toddlers (11am).</i>
Fri 26 June 7.30pm	St Martin's Voices with Zeb Soanes <i>A journey around the Isles: a programme of words and songs round the British Isles.</i>
Sat 27 June 10am-12.30pm	Community Choirs EXTRA <i>Local community choirs showcase their repertoires.</i>
Sat 27 June 3.30pm	Community Ceilidh EXTRA <i>Come and dance your socks off with local musicians Turkey Street Ceilidh Band.</i>
Sat 27 June 7.30pm	Lizzie Ball, violin and vocals; James Pearson, piano <i>Encounters with Gershwin.</i>
Sun 28 June 11.00am	Festival Jazz Mass EXTRA <i>Wolfson College Chamber Singers perform a new Mass setting by Christopher Weston.</i>
Sun 28 June 1pm	Improvisation Workshop EXTRA <i>Join a jazz quartet in an exploration of improvised music.</i>
Sun 28 June 2pm	OperaBeatz! @ Audley End Miniature Railway <i>Family fun with super soprano Samantha Hay and beatboxer extraordinaire Andy Frost.</i>
Sun 28 June 7.00pm	Elena Urioste, violin & Tom Poster, piano <i>Innovative arrangements from #UriPosteJukeBox, plus Elgar, Clarke and Mozart.</i>
Fri 3 July 7.30pm	Sam Every 'Little' Big Band <i>West End Swings: stunning new jazz arrangements of musical classics.</i>
Sat 4 July Afternoon	Saffron Screen Film EXTRA <i>A silent film accompanied with live music.</i>
Sat 4 July 7.30pm	Samrat Majumder, guitar <i>A homage to Julian Bream's musical tour of Spain: Guitarra!</i>
Sun 5 July 5.00pm	Wild Arts Opera <i>Marriage of Figaro, Mozart's comic opera.</i>
Fri 10 July 7.30pm	Harry the Piano <i>Any tune played in any style at the drop of a hat – with requests!</i>
Sat 11 July 12noon	Lincoln Organ Recital <i>Composer, organist, pianist and arranger Iain Farrington.</i>
Sat 11 July 7.30pm	Junyan Chen, piano <i>Leeds 2024 Piano Competition runner-up plays Rachmaninov, Gershwin/Wild and Tanaka.</i>
Sun 12 July 10 & 11.30am	Hard Hat Tours of the John Webb Windmill EXTRA <i>Learn all about the ongoing restoration of Thaxted's historic windmill.</i>
Sun 12 July 5.00pm	Closing Night: Docklands Sinfonia <i>Ultimate Film Music: by Williams, Zimmer, Morricone + more. A whole family event!</i>