



MARLBOROUGH COLLEGE

# CONCERT SERIES

NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER 2016



Photo © Company Picture /Playground Entertainment

## Wolf Hall Live!

### Music from the award winning tv drama will open the new season

**The music from Wolf Hall – the multi-award winning television adaptation of Hilary Mantel's two novels of Tudor intrigue – opens the 75th season of the Marlborough College Concert Series.**

For this unique 'Wolf Hall Live!' concert the composer of the original score, Debbie Wiseman, will be conducting the Locrian Ensemble of London.

Joining them to read excerpts from the first two novels in Mantel's Tudor trilogy will be the actor Anton Lesser who played Sir Thomas More in the television series.

"Most projects start with a script," explains Wiseman, "and then I see the production as it's being edited and start work at that stage on sketching out the score ... writing to picture and working closely with the director."

"The score is there to help the audience navigate their way through the drama, and as the music was thematic – there was a very definite Cromwell theme and Anne Boleyn theme – it meant I was able to use these themes

in many different guises and orchestrations as the story unfolded."

"With Wolf Hall I started writing themes based on the scripts, and I'd composed Cromwell's Theme and Anne Boleyn's theme before Peter (Kosminsky, the Director) had started shooting. He actually took my demos for the themes on set with him as he was filming."

This concert does, of course, have a strong local connection. Wolf Hall, between Great Bedwyn and Burbage, was the Seymours' home where Henry VIII met the young Jane Seymour, his future Queen. Wolf Hall has long since vanished and is now little more than a name on a few signposts, the name of a farm and of a later Manor House that has seen better days. ■

Extracts from a feature by Tony Millett on August 25th.

**Read the full article at Marlborough News Online –**

<http://www.marlboroughnewsonline.co.uk/features/arts-entertainment/5951-wolf-hall-live-debbie-wiseman-brings-music-she-composed-for-the-tv-drama-to-open-marlborough-college-concert-series>

## Buy tickets for Season 75

**The Box Office is now open.**

Series and individual ticket requests can be made on our new season booking form, downloadable from – [http://www.mcdbman.org.uk/mccs/downloadables/booking\\_201617.pdf](http://www.mcdbman.org.uk/mccs/downloadables/booking_201617.pdf)

You can also request a booking form by calling Box Office Information on – 01672 892566, or by emailing – [mccstickets@btinternet.com](mailto:mccstickets@btinternet.com)

Please send completed forms with cheque payment and an SAE for postal replies to –

MCCS Box Office, Marlborough College, Marlborough, SN8 1PA.

For last minute ticket requests, please contact Box Office Information. However, please note, we are unable to process credit card purchases over the telephone.

Discounts apply for customers booking for four or more concert events (see full Terms and Conditions on the booking form).



Photo © Michael Leckie

# Season Preview

Season 75 opens in just a few days on Sunday, September 18th, at 7:30pm with a Wolf Hall themed evening. Award winning composer Debbie Wiseman will direct the Locrian Ensemble of London, and Anton Lesser will provide narration.

Sunday, November 6th, when we will host the Band of the Grenadier Guards, lead by Director of Music Major Philip Stredwick.

Early in the New Year, the Series resumes with a recital by the Academy of Saint Martin in the Fields Sextet, who will perform three pieces in an afternoon programme from 3:00pm: Strauss 'Capriccio' Sextet, Brahms Sextet in G, and Tchaikovsky 'Souvenir de Florence.'

And for the season finale, we wel-

come the Choir of Saint John's College Cambridge, lead by Acting Director of Music John Challenger.

All concerts are hosted in the Memorial Hall except for the finale which will be in the College Chapel.

I'm sure you will agree, it promises to be another great cycle of world class performances, at exceptionally good prices (as little as £14 per ticket when booking for the full series). ■



Academy of St. Martin in the Fields Sextet - Photo © Chris Walling

Barely a month later, on Sunday, October 9th, also at 7:30pm, Paul Turner will offer a piano recital with works to include: Mozart Suite in C (K.399), Beethoven Sonata in C# minor (Op.27, No. 2 'Moonlight'), Chopin Waltz in C# minor (Op.64, No.2), and Mussorgsky 'Pictures at an Exhibition.'



Paul Turner  
Photo © www.viephotography.co.uk

Our third performance is at 7:30pm on the evening of Remembrance

## Changes for the new season

**Change is in the air, and for the forth-coming season we are delighted to announce a number of improvements and enhancements to the Series.**

In addition to five concerts and recitals given by world class musicians and performers, we will also offer two pre-concert talks.

We are grateful to Robin Nelson who has offered to share his knowledge and appreciation of the piano works on Paul Turner's programme, and the chamber works to be performed by the Academy of Saint Martin in the Fields Sextet.

Pre-concert talks are free to attend and will be hosted in the Goodison Hall on the College campus one hour before the concert programme commences.

Also new, and to accompany each concert, we will offer a complimentary glass of Mionetto prosecco on arrival. We acknowledge the generous support of our new sponsor Mionetto in making this treat available to our audiences.

Crafted since 1887, Mionetto is produced in the hills of Italy's breathtaking Veneto region. Surrounded by the dramatic Dolomites, it is a region that produces exceptional fine wines. ■



Lead Sponsor

THE  
**MERRIMAN**  
PARTNERSHIP  
SOLICITORS EST. 1738

The Merriman Partnership has been serving the Marlborough area since 1738. The Partnership has a long tradition of providing a full range of legal services to both businesses and individuals, often to several generations of the same family.

[www.merriman-partnership.co.uk](http://www.merriman-partnership.co.uk)  
01672 515846