



MARLBOROUGH COLLEGE

CONCERT SERIES

NEWSLETTER

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Covid Safety Advice

Important information for ticket holders for the Tallis Scholars

Your checklist before attending this concert:

Please answer the following questions on the day of the concert:

- Have you felt hot or cold or shivery today?
- Do you have a new persistent cough? (This means coughing a lot for more than an hour.)
- Do you have a loss of smell or taste?
- Have you had recent contact with anyone who is ill with Covid?

If you or anyone in your party attending the concert answers "YES" to any of these questions, we respectfully ask, in the interests of the safety of the College and of the town community that you do not attend the concert.

We further request that all adult members of your party should be:

- 'double vaccinated' and /or have taken a lateral flow test with a 'negative' result on the day of the concert

By supporting our requests, you will be helping to safeguard future performances in our concert series.

For your safety while attending the Tallis Scholars concert:

Arrivals

1. Please bring a face covering to wear in the Chapel (unless you are exempt)
2. If you are arriving on foot, please enter the College via the gate into the main Court of College, where you will be directed to the west door of the Chapel
3. If you are arriving by car, please park as usual in the Water Meadows car park and proceed to the 'basin' area in front of the Memorial Hall – marshals will be on hand to direct you

We will endeavour to keep waiting times to an absolute minimum, but please do bring an umbrella if the weather is inclement!

Inside the Chapel

1. Please use the sanitiser available before entering the Chapel
2. Seating in the Chapel will be socially distanced, though audience members from the same household /bubble will be able to sit together
Please note – the gallery will be reserved for College pupils and staff only
3. To minimise audience circulation in the Chapel, the performance will be approximately one hour with no interval.

Other Advice

4. Toilet facilities will only be available before the concert – marshals will direct you to the available facilities
5. Unfortunately, for Covid hygiene reasons, we will not be able to offer our customary glass of Mionetto at this concert, but hope to do so at subsequent concerts.

Take your seats for Opening Night

After a year of absence, we are brimming with excitement and anticipation for first night with the Tallis Scholars. The performance will include Allegri's Miserere and music by Palestrina. It's a treat you won't want to miss!

Under the leadership of its founder Peter Phillips, the ensemble has established an enviable reputation as one of the foremost advocates worldwide for Renaissance sacred music. It's a testimony to Phillips who for nearly five decades has dedicated his life to researching and performing the polyphony repertoire.

Giving around 80 concerts annually in sacred and secular venues, the ensemble has made in excess of 2300 performances, most notably in the Sistine Chapel, Rome in April 1994 on completion of the restoration of the Michelangelo frescos, and earlier the same year in the Basilica of Santa Maria Maggiore commemorating the 400th anniversary of the death of its illustrious Maestro di Cappella, Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina.

Highlights for the 2021 /22 season include planned for tours of Canada and USA, visits to Belgium, Italy, and Sweden, plus numerous festival appearances.

Sadly, last month's celebration of 500 years since the death of Josquin des Prez' was postponed until July 2022. It would have been the final piece of the 'Josquin 500' project, performing all 18 of the composer's masses during a four-day event in Berlin. ■



Our Autumn programme:

Tallis Scholars (choral) – Sunday, 19th September

Imogen Cooper (piano) – Sunday, 10th October

Jess Gillam (saxophone) – Sunday, 7th November

Doors open 6:45pm and concerts commence at 7:30pm.
All concerts are subject to prevailing Covid constraints and may be cancelled or postponed at short notice.

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