

Islington U3A – Classic Concerts Group

Archive of Visits 2018-to 2019

- Omar Puente and Friends as part of the EFG London Jazz Festival in a stirring and affectionate tribute to the Cuban violinist's late wife at King's Place.
- Cellist Truls Mork in a superb performance of Dvorak's perennially popular Cello Concerto with the London Symphony Orchestra at the Barbican.
- One of LSO Discovery's entertaining and informative free lunchtime concerts featuring members of the 2018/2019 LSO String Experience scheme.
- A highly entertaining programme of music by Janacek, Myslivecek and Dvorak from the LSO Wind Ensemble
- The youthful Southbank Sinfonia in a hugely varied and enjoyable programme of (mostly) 20th-century pieces for string orchestra.
- Stephen Hough giving a scintillating performance of Saint-Saens's fifth Piano Concerto followed by a magical encore of *Clair de Lune*.
- Soprano Carolyn Sampson accompanied by Joseph Middleton in a delightful programme of French chansons.
- A wonderful couple of sets from jazz pianist Ivo Neame at King's Place- Young Korean violinist Hyeyoon Park and her accompanist Sholto Kynoch in a superb recital of Szymanowski and Beethoven in a very welcome Sunday morning coffee concert at Wigmore Hall.
- The young choristers of New College, Oxford in a programme of Advent and Christmas music specifically devised by their chorus master to reflect the musical fare heard at the College.
- The highly impressive UK debut of Amir ElSaffar's Rivers of Sound on the opening night of the London Jazz Festival offering a fascinating fusion of world and jazz vibes.
- An extremely lively rendition of George Gershwin's 'An American in Paris' as part of the London Philharmonic Orchestra's French Fancies concert, brilliantly conducted by Enrique Mazzola.
- Verdi's mighty Requiem sung and played with gusto by the students at the Guildhall School of Music, given the opportunity to perform at the Barbican Centre.
- The superb Jacob Kirckman harpsichord housed in another new venue for us, the Handel House in Brook Street.
- The prodigiously talented pupils of The Purcell School playing chamber works by Mendelssohn, Villa-Lobos and Ravel in St James's, Piccadilly
- Macedonian pianist Simon Trpčeski in a thrilling recital of Grieg, Mendelssohn and Rimsky-Korsakov.
- Cellist Steven Isserlis in Elgar's seminal *Cello Concerto* with the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra, topped and tailed with Britten's *Four Sea Interludes* and Rachmaninov's *Symphonic Dances*.
- The BBC Singers in a highly unusual programme of choral works by Debussy and Pizzetti at LSO St Luke's.
- An all-Handel concert celebrating the 21st anniversary of the Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health.

- A delightful lunchtime programme of Schumann and Mendelssohn from the highly talented Amatis Piano Trio.
- Highly unusual Christmas music, both ancient and modern, superbly sung by the Choir of Merton College Oxford in Temple Church.