

Roman River Festival 2011

1-9 October



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Sat 1 October, 6pm

ALLEGRI MISERERE and other choral masterpieces

Armonico Consort

Christopher Monks *Director*

Allegri Miserere Mei and works by Purcell, Tallis, Victoria, Barber, Tavener and Byrd.

An evening of great choral music from the last 800 years, from the Armonico Consort's third CD which was described as *a programme of unending delight* by Gramophone Magazine. Since its debut ten years ago, the Armonico Consort has become one of the UK's most sought-after professional choirs, performing regularly at major festivals in the UK. A stunning choir in a beautiful church.

☆☆☆☆☆ The Independent

St Barnabas, Great Tey

£22.50 / £12.50 restricted view / £7.50

Sun 2 October, 11.30am

SOLO BACH IN ABBERTON

Juliet Jopling *viola*

Orlando Jopling *cello*

Chaconne from Violin Partita no. 2
Suite no. 6 in D major for solo cello

Two of Bach's great virtuoso solo works in our most intimate and atmospheric church.

St Andrew, Abberton

£7.50 / £2.50

Sun 2 October, 5pm

PUCCINI *LA BOHÈME*

Opera in a Weekend Singers

Hazel Gould *Director*

Dominic Harlan *Music Director*

An informal performance with piano of *La Bohème* created over a weekend by 45 intrepid singers and two of the country's most inspiring workshop leaders. Please see overleaf for details of how to participate.

Firstsite Art Gallery, Colchester

£10 / £5

Wed 5 October, 8pm

ENEGÅRD QUARTET

Arvid Enegård & Atle Sponberg *violins*

Juliet Jopling *viola*

Adrian Brendel *cello*

Beethoven *String Quartet in F minor Op. 95*

Maja Ratkje *Between Beethoven* UK première

Grieg *String Quartet in G minor*

The UK debut of the Enegård Quartet, Norway's most exciting new chamber group, featuring Roman River's first artistic director. *The playing is breathtaking... I am already looking forward to hearing them again* (The Strad)

St Mary the Virgin, Layer Marney

£17.50 / £7.50

Thur 6 October, 8pm

MATTHEW HUNT & TIM HORTON

Clarinet and piano recital

Works by Mozart, Brahms, and Debussy

Matthew is solo clarinet with the Deutsche Kammerphilharmonie. He gained fantastic reviews recently for his debut at the Salzburg Festival last year. *An out-of-this-world clarinettist* (Salzburg Festival review)

St Andrew, Fingringhoe

£17.50 / £7.50

Fri 7 October, 8pm

MOZART'S CLARINET QUINTET

Matthew Hunt *clarinet*

Engegård Quartet

Howells *Rhapsodic Quintet*, Bartók *String Quartet no. 5* & Mozart *Clarinet Quintet*

An elegiac opening by one of our great choral composers, a dramatic and energised quartet by Bartók, and Mozart's clarinet quintet, one of the great pieces of the chamber music repertoire.

St Mary the Virgin, Peldon

£17.50 / £7.50

Sat 8 October, 11.30am

SOLO BACH IN LAYER BRETON

Adrian Brendel *cello*

Bach Suites for cello no. 2 in D minor and 3 in C major

A rising star plays his favourite Suites.

St Mary the Virgin, Layer Breton

£7.50 / £2.50

Sat 8 October, 11.30am, 2pm, 4pm

FAMILY CONCERTS

Clara Biss *violin*

Ian Rathbone *viola*

Matthew Forbes *cello*

Nigel Hildreth MBE *presenter*

A new and specially devised programme with three of the most lively and brilliant string players we could lay our hands on! For any age, but especially fun for 5-12 year olds.

11.30am Nayland Village Hall

2pm Greenstead Community Centre (free)

4pm Abberton & Langenhoe Village Hall

£5 adults / £2.50 children

Sat 8 October, 6pm

CANDLELIT RECITAL

Arvid Engegård & Atle Sponberg *violins*

Adrian Brendel *cello*

Ian Brown *piano*

Works by Beethoven, Ravel and Bartók

Members of the Engegård Quartet are joined by one of our leading and best-loved musicians, founder member of the Nash Ensemble Ian Brown.

St Andrew, Fingringhoe

£17.50 / £7.50

Sun 9 October, 11.30am

HANDEL ARIAS AT EAST MERSEA

Caryl Hughes *mezzo-soprano*

Orlando Jopling *cello continuo*

Monteverdi *Pur ti miro*

Handel *Svegliatevi nel core, Hence Iris hence away,*
and other arias.

Handel's most ravishing arias and other rare gems sung by a young mezzo and accompanied by our artistic director.

St Edmund King & Martyr, East Mersea

£12.50 / £7.50

Programme continued overleaf

Sun 9 October, 6pm

JAZZ EVENING WITH SUPPER

The Swinging Garçons

Jamie Metcalfe *fiddle*

Steven Knight *guitar, vocals and saxophone*

Andy Metcalfe *guitar and vocals*

Olly Blanchflower *bass*

A virtuosic jazz hot-pot, inspired by Django Reinhardt and the Quintet of the Hot Club, 50's cool jazz, Argentinian tea-dance music, and what they loosely call 'latin'... though not as the Romans knew it.

Abberton Village Hall

£25 / £15 including supper by Jessica Cottrell

Sat 1 October, 10am - 4pm

Sun 2 October, 10am - 4pm Performance 5pm

OPERA IN A WEEKEND

Dominic Harlan & Hazel Gould

Your chance to create a version of *La Bohème* from scratch in just two days with Dominic and Hazel, two of the country's finest and most experienced workshop leaders. The emphasis will be on fun and the beautiful music of *La Bohème*, one of the most popular operas. All ages welcome. Places are limited to 45. There is more information and an application form on our website.

Firstsite Art Gallery, Colchester

£75 / £35 for two days workshops, coaching, rehearsals and performance

4, 5, 6, 7 October, 4 - 6pm

MASTERCLASSES and OPEN REHEARSAL

In collaboration with the Pimlott Foundation

Tues 4 Oct **Open rehearsal, Hunt / Engegård**

Weds 5 Oct **Clarinet coaching, Matthew Hunt**

Thurs 6 Oct **Chamber music coaching, Engegårds**

Fri 7 Oct **Piano coaching, Tim Horton**

Your chance to have one-to-one tuition from some of the inspiring musicians playing at the festival. If you are interested in this opportunity, please tick the box and we will send you more information and an application form. To listen will cost £5 on the door.

Old House Barn, Gt Horkesley CO6 4EQ

6 October, 9am - 3.30pm

MUSIC DAY

Dominic Harlan *Music Days Director*

Sarah Gabriel *Soprano*

Our music days involve a class of pupils in a day of songwriting, singing and drama. We regularly go into local primary schools, particularly those in areas of regeneration where musical experience is limited. The whole school enjoys the performance at the end of the day so that as many as possible can benefit from the experience.

Roman River Music is able to run this outreach project through grants from funding bodies and the generosity of our supporters. Any schools wishing to take part should please contact us.

Willow Brook Primary School

Roman River Festival 2011

1 - 9 October

Our 12th festival features a stunning choir the **Armonico Consort**, Juliet Jopling's exciting new quartet from Oslo the **Engegård Quartet**, the well-known musicians **Ian Brown** and **Adrian Brendel**, and my favourite clarinettist **Matthew Hunt**.

We are thrilled to be performing for the first time in the beautiful church at **Great Tey**, the source of the Roman River. Our family concert was sold out last year so we have added a new concert at **Nayland**.

The festival touches on ideas of heaven and hell, setting heavenly inspiration by Mozart, Allegri, Bach and Howells alongside fire and brimstone from Beethoven, Bartók and others. The two arresting images by our festival artist Jacqueline Taber, which we have juxtaposed on the front cover of this brochure, seem to me to have the same source of inspiration; heavenly Essex skies, and the play of dark and light in still life, in this case metaphors of vanity and other infernal temptations.

For many years **Dominic Harlan** has been inspiring pupils from various local schools as part of Roman River's Music Days, creating with them new musical works. This year you can create with him, in the space of a weekend, a performance of Puccini's **La Bohème**.

I hope you enjoy looking through the brochure and finding other delights; maybe heart-stopping Handel arias, irresistible dance rhythms from The Swinging Garçons, or solo Bach in remote churches. We look forward to welcoming you to the festival, and we are very grateful for your support and patronage without which we could not survive.

Orlando Jopling, Artistic Director

| BOOKING FORM | Full price | Aged 25 or under | TOTALS |
|---|---|-------------------------|---------------|
| FESTIVAL PASS* | @ £160 | @ £75 | |
| Allegri Miserere 1 Oct, 6pm Great Tey | @ £22.50 @ £12.50 (restricted view) | @ £7.50 | |
| Opera in a Weekend (you will be sent further information) | @ £75 | @ £35 | |
| Solo Bach in Abberton 2 Oct, 11.30am Abberton | @ £7.50 | @ £2.50 | |
| Puccini La Bohème 2 Oct, 5pm Colchester | @ £10 | @ £5 | |
| Engegård Quartet 5 Oct, 8pm Layer Marney | @ £17.50 | @ £7.50 | |
| Matthew Hunt & Tim Horton 6 Oct, 8pm Fingringhoe | @ £17.50 | @ £7.50 | |
| Mozart's Clarinet Quintet 7 Oct, 8pm Peldon | @ £17.50 | @ £7.50 | |
| Solo Bach in Layer Breton 8 Oct, 11.30am Layer Breton | @ £7.50 | @ £2.50 | |
| Family Concert/Nayland 8 Oct, 11.30am Nayland | @ £5 | @ £2.50 | |
| Family Concert/Greenstead 8 Oct, 2pm Greenstead | @ free | @ free | |
| Family Concert/Abberton 8 Oct, 4pm Abberton | @ £5 | @ £2.50 | |
| Candlelit Recital 8 Oct, 6pm Fingringhoe | @ £17.50 | @ £7.50 | |
| Handel Arias at East Mersea 9 Oct, 11.30am East Mersea | @ £12.50 | @ £7.50 | |
| Jazz Evening with Supper 9 Oct, 6pm Abberton | @ £25 | @ £15 | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I would like to become a supporter of Roman River Music (please add a minimum of £25 to the total) <input type="checkbox"/> I authorise you to reclaim the gift aid on my supporter's donation <input type="checkbox"/> I would like to be coached by one of the performers (you will be sent an application form) | | | TOTAL |

*Festival Pass gives entry to all concerts including the jazz and supper, free entry to masterclasses and open rehearsal and a free festival programme.

How to book tickets

Please fill in and tear off the **BOOKING FORM**, making your cheque payable to **Roman River Music**, and send with SAE to: Zélie Jopling, South Green Farmhouse, Fingringhoe, CO5 7DP; or book online from 1 August via our website with our new online system using Paypal. Tickets to listen to masterclasses will be sold at the door.

This year we are giving our friends and supporters priority booking. Their ticket applications will be processed on Monday 18 July or thereafter as they arrive. Any remaining seats will be allocated on Monday 8 August. It is not too late to become a supporter. All you need to do is tick the box and add a minimum of £25 to your order. All seats are unreserved.

Venue addresses, maps, directions and suggestions on where to eat locally will be sent out with the tickets. Wine and refreshments are offered by each church, and we encourage you to give a small donation towards the upkeep and restoration of the wonderful buildings we are so lucky to use.

Box Office 01206 729 356

Roman River Festival takes place in atmospheric churches in a beautiful coastal region of Essex, with wide, open skies above peaceful estuaries, and delicious local wine, beer and seafood. There are excellent B&B's and places to eat listed on our website. We are within two hours drive from London and Cambridge.

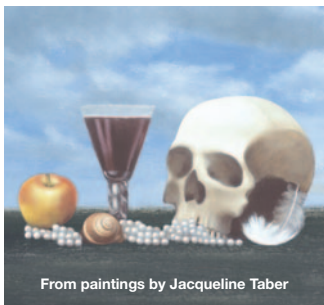
Without our supporters and funders our education work and festival could not happen. This year the Essex County Council Chairman's Fund, the Rothermere Foundation and Colchester Youth Arts Partnership have given support. Our warmest thanks to them, to you for your continued support, and to Jacqueline Taber for the use of her striking pictures *Spring Sky Essex* and *Vanitas*.

Support our education work

Our work with children and music depends on the generosity of our supporters. If you would like to help, please tick the box on the booking form, or get in touch.
We welcome your input, ideas and feedback.

Front of House Team

Help us look after our audiences during the festival week and get free tickets. Please contact us.



From paintings by Jacqueline Taber

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