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TRAVELS IN TIME AND PLACE

Benjamin Britten – and more

30 JUNE – 4 JULY 2010



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Additional repertoire

The music of Benjamin Britten, performed in a coastal setting reminiscent of his beloved Suffolk, is a key theme of the 2010 East Neuk Festival.

Distinguished Scottish pianist and accompanist **Malcolm Martineau** shares the concert platform with two multi-award-winning young singers for programmes of Britten's much-loved folk song arrangements. In line with the East Neuk Festival's exploration of other composers who inspired Britten, additional repertoire is now confirmed for the two concerts: soprano **Katherine Broderick** has chosen Schubert's *The Shepherd on the Rock* (with the Scottish Chamber Orchestra's acclaimed clarinettist Maximilliano Martin) for her solo on Saturday 3 July, 4pm, while tenor **Robin Tritschler** will sing Schumann's *Dichterliebe* on Thursday 1 July at 4pm.

Martineau, who celebrated his 50th birthday this year, is a leading exponent of Britten whom he considers to be the definitive accompanist's composer because of his exceptional ear for colour and storytelling. Both concerts are in Crail Church.

Special offer CDs

The **Elias String Quartet** (recently listed in Gramophone Magazine as one of the world's top five young quartets) garnered rave reviews for their last Wigmore Live recording of Mendelssohn. Their recording for Sonimage Classics of Britten's Quartets, which they perform at the East Neuk Festival, is poised for release on 22 March. The East Neuk Festival and Sonimage are offering a special discount on the CD to ticket holders for the two Elias String Quartet Concerts at the East Neuk Festival:

- 2 July 4pm Crail Church
Schubert's Quartet in G minor, D.173 and Britten's Quartet No 1 in D, Op 25
- 4 July 2pm St Monan's Parish Church
Mozart's Quartet in A, K.464, The Drum and Britten's Quartet No 3, Op 94.

Go to www.sonimage.co.uk/Sonimage_Classics/EastNeuk.html to purchase the CD for £9.99 (instead of £12.99). Offer is valid until 30 June 2010.

A Mediterranean twist on a Scottish tune

Last year, in celebration of ENF Chairman Donald MacDonald's 70th birthday, the Festival commissioned Brian Schiele to create a special arrangement of the traditional Scots tune, *East Neuk o' Fife* for the line-up of Mozart Divertimento K.251. This year, Svend Brown has challenged the charismatic jazz bassist Renaud Garcia Fons to create a bass solo version for the *Festival Finale* on 4 July! Fons has accepted the challenge with alacrity – and we hope that by establishing this quirky tradition, we open up the possibility of many future arrangements of the tune.

Poetry

Fife boasts a remarkable heritage of poetry and is rich in poets, including such celebrated names as Douglas Dunn and Alasdair Reid. Throughout this year's festival many concerts will be prefaced by a poem peculiar to the place or music to be heard. By setting the scene this way, East Neuk Festival's artistic director Svend Brown hopes to enhance the listeners' pleasure in the landscape, historic venues and music of the East Neuk Festival.

Change of Venue

Late night concerts in atmospheric settings are hugely popular with festival audiences – leading to sold-out venues early on. In order to accommodate a larger audience, The Tallis Scholars *Victoria Requiem* concert with readings by Dr Richard Holloway at 10pm on Saturday 3 July is moving from St Monan's Parish Church (which quickly sold out) to the larger Kilrenny Church. Tickets for this event are therefore now back on sale.

Notes to editors:

General Festival information:

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