

Churchill MUSIC

Notes

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Ruth Rogers joins CM Patrons

By popular demand, Ruth has visited Churchill Music more than any other musician. She has the rare ability to share not only the music itself, but the wonder that lies within it. In her performances, audience and ensemble alike seem drawn into a common spell, experiencing not merely a rendition of the music, but its living essence which has become a 'signature' for CM concerts.

Ruth has had and will have a huge influence on Churchill Music. She is much in demand nationally and internationally so we are deeply honoured that she has agreed to become a Patron. Her message to us is in your Events diary

Introducing Vi Ridge



We are delighted to welcome Vi Ridge, who takes over ticketing and Champion applications from Holly. Holly has done a wonderful job and will now bring her talents to securing grants for our projects, so she remains very much part of the Churchill Music team. Our ethos of treasuring our Champions remains at the heart of everything we do. With ticketing and Champion applications now managed together, Churchill Music will be even more streamlined.

Introduce a friend to help our concerts thrive

There is a growing national recognition of the importance of taking part in the arts, to improve health and wellbeing.

Churchill Music's world-class music events are accessible here, right on our doorstep. Each concert can enrich our community and bring people together through listening to and taking part in live music.

We invite only outstanding musicians who are specifically selected for their exceptional ability to communicate their music with our audiences in rural churches which have a good acoustic (excepting our Jazz in the garden event in June!).

Yet the future of these events depends on strong audience support. One of the best ways to help, is to introduce someone new to our concerts. Bringing a friend, neighbour, family member or colleague not only enhances their appreciation of great music but also helps build a larger, more vibrant audience. Together, we can ensure that world-class performances continue to flourish in our rural community for years to come.

Music education funding - nationally

"It doesn't matter how many times music and the arts are described as not being 'Core', they still help shape the core of young people more profoundly than almost anything else they study." Vaughan Fleischfresser. Churchill Music and Julian Forbes, have each met with Tessa Munt, MP asking if the government is really serious about music education and progression. Will it back that up with multi year funding and a real terms funding correction? Tessa agreed and said that she could and would write to the relevant ministers, and could also support with a written question.

More Churchill Music News

The Power of Music came to Sing for Fun



Music therapist Conor O'Brien gave a fascinating talk to our Sing for Fun group as part of our Power of Music project. Weaving in popular songs, Conor showed how film-makers and advertisers use music to change our perceptions and revealed what happens in the brain when we sing together. He could only touch the surface but it was a splendid introduction to our popular Power of Music project for the workplace.

Upcoming Events



Kosmos: Harriet MacKenzie; Meg Hamilton; Milos Milivojevic



CarmenCo : My My My Delilah



Guy Johnston 'cello; Tom Poster, piano

Churchill Young Musician Competition



Chamelion Wind Quartet



Joff Lowson Trio

Volunteer Spotlight

Could you be a CM Village Ambassador?



Like the tree spreading its branches across a village, **Churchill Music Village Ambassadors** could help our music reach further into the community. You'd share concert news through local newsletters, magazines and noticeboards, welcome new Champions into the fold, and feed back ideas that help us grow. If you love connecting people with great music, why not help us put down roots in your village? We'd love to hear from you! Contact jan@churchillmusic.org.uk or have a chat at one of our concerts.

Encore! Encore! It's Championship renewal time

Your new Events Diary is here and bursting with music that is guaranteed to move you! Every ensemble we've chosen has that rare, magical ability to draw you right into the heart of the music, just as Ruth Rogers has so amply demonstrated. The events diary also gives details about the imact that CM has had on education; well worth a read

Please invite a friend, a neighbour, a colleague, in fact anyone who deserves to have a break in their busy lives and bring them along. Live music uplifts and is always better shared; together we can keep world-class performances thriving right here on our doorstep.

To keep this music open to everyone, we've held our Championship and ticket prices *again.* As a Champion you enjoy discounted preferential tickets, the option of a season ticket with the same or similar seats at every venue, and newsletters with advance programme notes so you can get the very best from each concert.

Better still, your Championship doesn't just bring you closer to world class music locally, it supports vital music education for young people at a time when schools desperately need that help.

Championship is still just £15 per family; single Champions can bring one extra person at Champion ticket prices.

If you possibly can, please add a donation, however small. Gift Aid it and your support goes even further.

Apply: Online **or** complete and send the enclosed Championship application form. Then sit back, relax, and get ready to be swept away!

We look forward to welcoming you back.