

LIBERATION

Jersey International Music Festival

8-10th May 2009

10 internationally acclaimed stars,
and over 500 local musicians perform
beautiful and atmospheric music in
stunning settings around the island.



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Festival Programme

Friday 8 May 2009

12.45pm : Liberation Reflection at the Old Magistrates Court

Poems and readings about Jersey's Liberation interspersed with Bach's beautiful cello suites played by Emmanuelle Dumas with an exhibition of Liberation photographs.

Tickets £5/£4 Concs available

7-10.30pm : Fête de la Musique at Mont Orgueil Castle

Nicola Benedetti, Krzysztof Chorzelski, Alexander Sitkovetsky, & Leonard Elschenbroich are joined by over 200 of the island's musicians in a stunning setting overlooking Grouville Bay. Enjoy wonderful chamber music including Handel's Passacaglia, Dvorak's Terzetto, and Brahms' String Quartet No 2 from the international stars in the marquee.

Explore the castle and experience fanfares from the battlements, poetry of liberation in the Tudor Chamber, young instrumentalists in the Great Hall, choirs, jazz orchestras and big bands including the Jersey Festival Choir, the Well Swung Jazz Orchestra, Jersey Island Singers, La Ronde Trumpeters, Musical Originals Singers, St Ouen's Ladies Choir and the Le Rocquier Big Band. Come early and enjoy the hog roast (from 6pm).

Tickets: £25 Marquee seat, £16 Ground Pass, Concs available

8.00pm : My Bass and Other Animals at the Jersey Opera House

Guy Pratt, the world renowned bass guitar player entertains with music & hilariously unbelievable tales of his journey from bored teenager to life with the stars including Madonna, David Bowie and Pink Floyd armed only with a bass guitar...Unmissable.

Tickets: £15

Saturday 9 May 2009

9.45am : Masterclasses at the Jersey Academy of Music

Enjoy a short performance by the Sitkovetsky Trio, and watch Masterclasses taken by the stars in which young musicians receive world class tuition.

Tickets: £5 entry payable on the door, Concs available

2-3.00pm : Al Fresco Concert at the Weighbridge

Opera Singers including Maya Sapone perform popular songs from the 1940's by Cole Porter and Gershwin as part of the Liberation festivities at the Weighbridge.

Tickets: Free

8.00 pm : Liberation Gala Concert at the Opera House

Nicola Benedetti, Carlos Bonell, the Sitkovetsky Trio and Friends celebrate Liberation Day through music and readings. A stunning Gala concert includes Falla's charming Spanish Dances arranged for guitar and strings, Smetana's ravishing Piano Trio, Schumann's thrilling Piano Quintet and poems on the theme of liberation. There will be a Q&A session with the Sitkovetsky Trio before the concert at 7pm.

Tickets: £25/£18 Concs available

Sunday 10 May 2009

10.00am : Community Choral Workshops at the Jersey Opera House

The day commences with choral workshops led by mezzo-soprano Janet Shell of the Royal Opera House inspiring Jersey community and school choirs co-ordinated by the Jersey Academy of Music.

Tickets: Free

10.30am : Coffee Concert at the Arts Centre

Exciting "rising star" Wu Qian, Tessa Grobel and several of Jersey's young pianists play a fun and quirky programme of Piano Duets to include Saint-Saens' Carnival of the Animals, Ravel's Mother Goose, Debussy's Petit Suite, Brahms' Waltzes & Hungarian Dances. Coffee will be served in the informal surroundings of Cafe Jacs.

Tickets: £8/£4 Concs available

1- 4.00pm : Jazz at Elizabeth Castle

A family day out in a Marquee at Elizabeth Castle with the First Lady of British Jazz Claire Martin & her trio headlining with popular jazz classics including "Too Darn Hot" by Cole Porter, and "How Deep is the Ocean" by Irving Berlin. Also performing are Carlos Bonell, Tessa Grobel and local jazz singer Caroline Hamilton. Come with a picnic and enjoy a glass of champagne.

Tickets: £25 seated at a table /£15 picnicing on grass, Children free

Tickets Include entry to the Castle and transportation on the Castle Ferry

6.00pm : Yacht Concert at the Bay of Beauport

International guitar legend Carlos Bonell plays a Spanish programme including Albeniz's Asturias, Tarrega's Recuerdos de la Alhambra and Falla's Miller's Dance on a yacht in the picturesque bay of Beauport. Carlos will be surrounded by a flotilla of boats enjoying amazing playing.

Tickets: Bring your own boat or charter seats from Jersey Sailing (Tel: 747738)

7.00pm : Jersey Choir Concert at Jersey Opera House

The culmination of a day's choral workshops starring Janet Shell of the Royal Opera House & Maya Sapone, featuring a variety of Jersey's choirs and young instrumental ensembles. The programme concludes with a medley of popular war time favourites.

Tickets £8/£4 Concs available

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Festival Artists

International performers include:

Nicola Benedetti - Violin

"Benedetti has the gift of communication in spades"
The Independent



The Classic FM Artist of the Year & Classical Brit Award Winner's credentials include a string of No 1 albums. She continues to captivate audiences and critics with her performances and poise.

Carlos Bonell - Guitar

"A Masterclass in Magic"
BBC Music Magazine



A regular soloist with the world's leading orchestras such as the Royal Philharmonic, Carlos' recordings are regarded as some of the best ever and include Hollywood soundtracks as well as a Grammy nominated recording with John Williams.

Claire Martin & her Jazz trio

"The Madonna of British Jazz"
The Sunday Times



The multiple award-winning First Lady of British Jazz's voice is by turns, soaring, powerful, sensuous, and sultry. Since her first album was selected as Album of the Year by the Times she has won Best Vocalist 5 times at the British Jazz Awards and received accolades across the world.

Leonard Elschenbroich - Cello

"an extraordinary and unique gift"

Anne Sophie Mutter



Winner of this year's Borletti-Buitoni Trust, this rising star has performed with the greatest international conductors including Valery Gergiev, and Christoph Eschenbach. Chamber music partners include Gidon Kremer at "Les Muséiques", Basel, Katia & Marielle Labèque at the Verbier Festival, and Anne-Sophie Mutter.

Krzysztof Chorzelski – Viola

"Thrilling performance, bound for classic status"
The Times



Since 1996 Krzysztof has played viola in the highly acclaimed Belcea Quartet recording exclusively for EMI Classics. The quartet's recordings have been awarded the Gramophone, MIDEM and Diapason d'Or Awards. A Professor at the Guildhall, he guests at international festivals with the Alban Berg Quartet and the Quatuor Ysaye.

Wu Qian - Piano

"Richly coloured, majestic, with dreamy lyricism."
The Independent



Tipped as the next "big thing" in 2007, Wu Qian has won multiple scholarships, awards and prizes making her Queen Elizabeth Hall debut at the age of 15 and performing in many of the leading venues in the world.

Alexander Sitkovetsky - Violin

"One of the Stars of the New Century"
The Strad



Since making his solo debut performance in Montpellier at the age of eight, Alexander has featured as a soloist at many famous venues across Europe - the Royal Festival Hall, Salla Verdi in Milano & Palais des Congres, Antibes. A protégé of Menuhin, together performing Bach's Double Concerto on tour & duets at St James' Palace.

Janet Shell

"Admirably effortless... great musical refinement"
El Pais



Janet has performed roles for English National Opera, Welsh National Opera, at the Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, and was the first singer to perform live on Classic FM

Guy Pratt – Bass Guitar

My Bass and Other Animals

*"Wonderfully indiscreet ****"*
Mojo



The world renowned bass guitarist and session musician has played and toured with Pink Floyd, Madonna, David Bowie Michael Jackson, Jimmy Page and Tom Jones.