



Swindon Recital Series

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NEWSLETTER - September 2017

Paul Turner opens the new Season on September 17th

Swindon Recital Series' founder and artistic director Paul Turner will open the 2017/18 Season of recitals on Sunday September 17th at the Arts Centre (please note the early start time of 7:00 pm).



This Season has been dubbed The '**Complete**' Series and on Sunday Paul will perform all the *Nocturnes* composed by Polish composer Frederic Chopin.

Born in 1810, all of Chopin's compositions include the piano and most are for solo piano. The *Nocturnes* are generally considered among the finest short solo works for this instrument and represent chamber music in its truest sense; Chopin, himself a noted pianist, preferred to perform in the intimate atmosphere of the salon rather than at larger public venues.

Chopin was well-known for his relationship with the French woman writer George Sand. He suffered from poor health and died in Paris

aged only 39, probably of tuberculosis. This concert represents a rare opportunity to hear all these exquisite compositions in one concert. These quintessentially Romantic works glitter, impress, embolden and move you to tears by turns – compulsive listening and a most promising and unmissable start to the new Series programme.

Tickets cost £15 (£12.50 concession), students £2.50, accompanied children (14 and under) free.

Bochmann plays Bach Lunchtime Concert – October 11th

Michael Bochmann, who has toured the USA and Canada playing Bach with Sir Yehudi Menuhin, will treat us to a performance that represents the unchallenged peak of solo violin music. More information in October's newsletter but make sure this date is in your diary

Season brochure

Details of all of the new Season's recitals may be found on the website and brochures are available at both the Wyvern and Arts Centre, the Central Library, the Museum and Art Gallery, the Richard Jefferies Museum and other venues. Please note the ticket prices do not include the theatre's booking fee.

In addition to the venues mentioned above a number of others are kind enough to display brochures and/or posters for us including:

STEAM
Holmes Music Shop
Platform, Lawn Community Centre
Old Town Post Office
Magnum

Deacons

Sound Knowledge (Marlborough)

Prospect Hospice

Sewcraft

Vince Ayris (shoe repairer) in Havelock Street

Sew Elegant in the Brunel

Coffee#1 (Canal Walk)

Costa Coffee (The Parade)

Café Nero (Bridge Street)

Pilgrim Centre (Regent Street)

Morrisons at Eldene

In Wroughton there is Berry's butcher's shop

St John's Church and Parish Centre

Ellendune Centre and library.

There are others as well - brochures and posters are passed on to our supporters for distribution we know not where. If you know of anywhere that would be prepared to support us in this way, please let the Secretary know.

Cash v Plastic

On the subject of ticket prices, the Treasurer would like to remind us all that SRS incurs a fee when we pay for tickets by plastic, so if you find it at all possible to pay by cash that would be much appreciated.

Swindon Museum and Art Gallery

Three interesting exhibitions running at the moment:

Modern British landscapes from the Swindon collection.

Ceramics and a contemporary and personal exploration of popular culture.

Beauty, celebrity and identity.

For more information on opening times and free lunchtime talks see:

<http://swindonmuseumandartgallery.org.uk>

Group discounts

Are you aware that the Swindon theatres offer discounts of groups of eight and above? For those of you who belong to a group such as U3A, the WI or ukulele groups (for example)

this could be especially useful.

More information available at:

<https://swindontheatres.co.uk/Online/groupoffers>

Swindon Choral Society's

The next concert takes place at 7:30 pm on October 7th at the Parish Church of St John the Baptist in Cirencester.

On the programme are Verdi's *Stabat Mater* and Rossini's *Petite Messe Solennelle*. SRS's Paul Turner is the pianist for this concert.

More information is available at

www.swindonchoral.org.uk.

Swindon Music Marathon

Dawn Ball, SRS former Committee member and Swindon piano teacher, is organising a 24-hour music marathon at the Immanuel United Reformed Church, Upham Road, from 9:00 am on Saturday October 7th until 9:00 am on Sunday October 8th.

Money is being raised by sponsoring the performers and will go to Brighter Futures, helping to pay for a new Radiotherapy Unit at Great Western Hospital.

Paul Turner will play Chopin's Nocturnes from midnight to 2:00 am Sunday morning if anyone would like to go along and listen.

More information from:

<http://www.facebook.com/swindonmusicmarathon>



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