

Tenby Arts Festival

24th September - 1st October 2016

Welcome to all you music lovers. Here is some information about the annual Tenby Arts Festival with an emphasis on the musical events. This year we are particularly proud to be able to present a concert given by the BBC Young Musician of the Year 2016 as well as many other brilliant evenings of music. the opening of the festival will be marked by a **Brass Ensemble** playing in Tudor Square at 11am.

24th September

Cantemus

The Messiah



Under the baton of Welsh National Opera conductor, **Alexander Martin**, singers from all over Pembrokeshire and beyond, choir members or not will rehearse and perform Handel's Messiah in the beautiful surroundings of St Mary's Church.

He became Chorus Master at WNO at the start of this season.

The choir will be accompanied by **Jeff Howard**, organist.

For the past 18 years, Jeffrey has held a post as vocal coach at the Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama and at Welsh National Opera and Welsh National Youth Opera.

For those wishing to join the choir there will be rehearsal before the performance during the day. There will be a charge of £7 for those taking part and in addition a refundable deposit for copies of the music/text.

St. Mary's Church

Rehearsals will be at 3pm - 5.30pm

Performance 6.30pm - 8pm

Tickets £8

Jack Harris

Jack Harris writes literate, compassionate songs, about subjects as disparate as Caribbean drinking festivals, the colour of a potato flower and the lives of great poets like Sylvia Plath and Elizabeth Bishop. These have won him considerable acclaim. The Telegraph voted his album 'The Flame and the Pelican' #5 in their top 10 Roots/Folk albums of 2012. Q magazine praised his 'unique lyrical mind', and Maverick UK awarded the record its full 10/10 rating. His writing and performance has also led to a great relationship with the English Folk Dance and Song Society (EFDSS), through whom he has been the recipient of a creative bursary award to write new songs in the old Folk idiom.

Jack is happiest when playing live. He has brought his music to a loyal, ever-growing audience, at festivals, venues across the world. On occasion he has opened for some of Folk's biggest names, including Anais Mitchell, Cara Dillon and Dick Gaughan. His live show is a riveting mix of song craft and theatrical story-telling, delivered with warm voice, dry humour and nimble, string-picking fingers. Come on out and see.

Church House

8.00pm

£10

Sunday 25th September

Jazz Brunch



Madi Stimpson Trio

Madi and his trio take you on a wide-genre-engaging journey via Django Reinhardt, Chet Atkins and Les Paul to some of Madi's contemporaries, including Van Morrison, Moving Hearts and even a bit of Frank Zappa. Jazz, Roots & Boots, perhaps, but always engaging with awe inspiring musicianship.

All this and a delicious meal with views across the picturesque Tenby Harbour.

Fourcroft Hotel

12 - 3pm

Tickets £15.00 in advance only from Fourcroft Hotel

Wednesday 28th September



Oriel Duo

Piano and Violin

Lucy Hewson

Lucy enjoys exploring and performing chamber music with the Oriel Piano Trio, Woodbury String Quartet and as a duo with Imogen Windsor. She has worked for D'Oyly Carte Opera, Carl Rosa Opera, English National Ballet, English Sinfonia, recorded with Robbie Williams, toured the USA with London City Opera and performed on the QE2. Lucy also plays viola and baroque violin.

Imogen Windsor

Imogen is a chamber musician, accompanist and piano teacher based in Bath, and she performs regularly across the UK. She currently works as a piano teacher and accompanist at Prior Park College. As well as working with choirs - performing in large-scale choral works such as Goodall's *Eternal Light* and Rossini's *Messe Solenne* - Imogen works with opera societies (most recently Bath Opera), both as répétiteur and as Musical Director.

The Duo will play pieces by Mozart, Fauré, Piazzolla and Messiaen

St Mary's Church

7pm

£10

Thursday 29th September

Tenby Male Choir

Founded in 1975, Tenby Male Choir has, over the past 40 years, grown from strength to strength not just in chorister numbers but also in its musical reputation under the guiding light of our Music Director Ian Williams [affectionately known as "Wilbur"]

and our accompanist Jill Williams [no relation]. Today, as a well-established Male Voice Choir in West Wales, at 50 choristers strong, the choir prides itself on the professional reputation that it has grown "From the Heart of Pembrokeshire.



St. Mary's Church

8pm

£10.00

Sally Barker



Sally Barker is a singer's singer and a songwriter's songwriter. As a singer, songwriter, guitarist and producer Sally has had a long and varied career in music. A much respected solo artist with half a dozen solo albums to her name, she has also sung with Bob Dylan and Robert Plant.

In April 2014 Sally appeared in the final of the Voice UK 2014 championed by her mentor, Sir Tom Jones.

Sir Tom told Sally "For me, it was just full of emotion. It was just so beautiful that I couldn't help myself. You swept me off my feet".

Booking through Caffè Vista only

Caffè Vista

8pm

£10.00

Friday 30th September

*BBC Young Musician of the Year
in concert with his family*

Isata Kanneh-Mason - piano

Braimah Kanneh-Mason - violin

Sheku Kanneh-Mason - cello

Sheku Kanneh-Mason is a 17 year old cellist; he won the 2016 BBC Young Musician



competition to enormous critical acclaim. His playing was described as “electric”. He played the first cello concerto of his favourite composer, Shostakovich. This is a substantial concerto which would tax the powers of any virtuoso of the cello, yet this young man played the piece as naturally and fluently as if he had been born to do nothing else. Sheku and his siblings – there are seven children in the family, all prodigiously talented musicians – have established a secure and happy relationship with Tenby Arts Festival over the past two years. Sheku has played at the festival having, twice won prizes at the prestigious ‘Gregynog Young Musician’ competition; on the first occasion as winner of the strings section and on the second, last year, as overall winner of the competition. Tenby Arts Festival has a special relationship with the Gregynog competition, each year inviting winners of that competition to play at Tenby. This September, Sheku will appear at Tenby with five of his six siblings. They will play works by Mozart, Rachmaninoff, Bloch, Handel, Monti and, of course, Shostakovich.

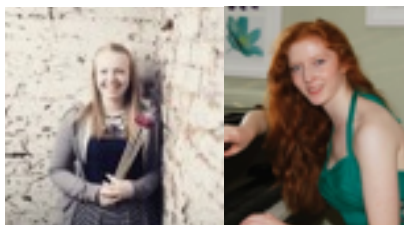
St Mary's Church

7pm

£12

Saturday 1st October

Gregynog 2016 Winners



Gregynog Young Musician of the Year 2016 Prize Winners' Concert

The festival has established a special relationship with the prestigious Gregynog young musician competition. Each year the overall winner of this competition together with one or more of the five instrumental section winners perform at Tenby. Standards are astonishingly high and the concert is always a highlight. This year's Gregynog Young Musician 2016 is the pianist Kirsty Chaplin. Kirsty is 17 and has won a scholarship to attend the Royal Academy of Music. Kirsty is joined by brilliant young percussionist Heledd Gwynant, also 17. Heledd is a member of the National Youth Orchestra of Great Britain and was previously member of Wales' National Youth Brass Band and National Youth Wind Orchestra. The two young artists will perform music by composers including Liszt, Haydn, Schumann, Rosauero, Mayuzumi, Debussy, and Chopin.

St. Mary's Church

2.30pm

£5

Festival Grand Finale

A Night of Romantic Opera

The acclaimed company **Swansea City Opera** (formerly Opera Box) are returning with a captivating show transporting audiences into the world of Romantic Opera. An enchanting evening of arias and ensembles accompanied by piano and performed by a carefully selected cast of singers from the major national and international opera

houses singing music from some of the most loved composers including Puccini, Verdi, Bizet, Mozart and many more.

Known for his colourful life in opera as Artistic Director of SCO, the evening will be hosted by the charismatic Brendan Wheatley introducing the ravishing music of the great romantic composers in his own inimitable style.

With all the clapping your 'tiny hands will not be frozen'!



De Valence
7.30pm
£15

Other fantastic events not to be missed.

Saturday 24th September

Book Fair
11am
Church House
Free

For the fifth year running the Book Fair is the popular opening event in Church House for the Tenby Arts Festival. We will have twenty authors for all to chat with, who are either Welsh based or have set their books in Wales.

Sunday 25th September

Tenby at Dawn

Harbour Beach

06:30am - 08:30am

Free (Voluntary donations to RNLI)

A guided tour of how to take better pictures in Tenby harbour.

Meeting point: The Croft, opposite the Cliffe-Norton hotel

Finish point: Castle Hill.

Bring warm clothing and a camera - digital, film or a phone.

Festival Church Service

St Mary's Church

10am

A Special Service of sung Eucharist to launch the Festival

All Welcome

Sandcastle Competition

Castle Beach

11am - 2pm

Free

A perennial favourite of the festival and a great way for parents and children to take part together. Your entry does not even have to be a castle, see sculpture above. So get your creative juices working and come and have fun with bucket and spade. Who knows, you might even win a prize.

Poetry Please

Caffè Vista

4 -6pm

Free

A free event to which all are welcome. An informal presentation of poetry readings and discussions. You are invited to bring along your favourite poem or one you have written yourself.

Wednesday 28th September

Brother David

Church House

1pm

Tickets £5

A reading of poetry from Brother David's new collection.

Br David Hodges is a monk at the Cistercian Abbey on Caldey Island., off Tenby. He is novice master and librarian and also grows herbs and lavender. On the Seventh Wave is his seventh book and will not be available on Amazon

(www.davidhodgespoetry.co.uk)

Thursday 29th September

Watercolour Techniques

Church House

2pm

£5

Graham Hadlow, well known and popular local artist will give a talk on watercolour techniques with some practical demonstration.

Graham is also donating one of his paintings to be raffled to raise money for the festival.

Tenby Art Festival is also well known for its variety of interesting talks. Here is a list of them

Monday 26th September

Sunderland Flying Boats

John Evans
Church House

2pm

£5

Human Evolution

Our Place in Natural History

George Hancock

Were we created in our present form by intelligent design, or did we evolve from earlier species? If we evolved, then how and when? Are we still evolving, and if so how will we end up?

Church House

4pm

£5

The Hands of Genius

Graham Short

“I can do something that no one else on a planet of 7 billion people can.” Carving The Lord's Prayer on the head of a pin, and engraving the words, 'Nothing is Impossible' along the sharp edge of a Wilkinson Sword razor blade.

Church House

7.30pm

£12 (includes light supper)

Tuesday 27th September

The Banana Lady - Joséphine Baker

Josephine Hammond

A talk about the famous American-Parisian jazz singer of the twenties and thirties, notorious for having danced in a skirt made of bananas.

Sounds great fun but she had a serious side too. Find out about her courage working for the Resistance during World War II and her fight against racism.

Fourcroft Hotel

3pm (followed by tea)

£5

Thursday 29th September

Sinking the Laconia

Helen Charles

Helen will be presenting a riveting and informative account of the sinking of the Laconia in 1942. She will provide some interesting memorabilia and photographs of the catastrophic event and the devastating aftermath. A talk on this tragic event of World War II

Church House

4pm £5

Friday 30th September

Sylvia Plath & Ted Hughes

Robert Smith & Dr Kanneh-Mason

A talk about the famous and iconic poetic couple, darlings of the sixties. The tragedy of Sylvia's early death and the brilliance of their poetry will be examined. The film "Sylvia", a biography of the poet starring Gwyneth Paltrow and Daniel Craig (yes, Mr James Bond himself) will also be shown.

Church House

2pm

£7

Saturday 1st October

The Last Bastard

Augustus John – A personal reminiscence

Tristan de Vere Cole

Tristan, born in 1935, is acknowledged to be the last illegitimate son of the great artist Augustus John. He was brought up largely in the eccentric Bohemian lifestyle of the John household before going on to careers in the Navy, show business and writing. He will recount his fascinating and often hilarious experiences with illustrations of Augustus John's works and photos of his life, family and career. Tristan was an English television director for many years. He is best known for *Orion's Belt*, the TV series *Z-Cars*, and *Bergerac*. The picture shows Tristan with his father Augustus John in 1937.

Church House

4.30pm

£5

There is something to please everyone in the festival. A few events not mentioned so far include:

Pint Sized Plays on Monday and Tuesday evenings.

The Shakespeare Ladies' Club - a one woman play by Alison Neil on Tuesday evening.

The Grand Raffle - prize being an original watercolour by Graham Hadlow.

Then there are exhibitions on in the various art galleries and museums around the town.

**For more information about any of these events see our website:
www.tenbyartsfest.co.uk**

Come along and enjoy our festival. We look forward to welcoming you.