**LAMMERMUIR FESTIVAL**

**AUTUMN SPECIAL**

Online: 8 – 20 September 2020

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EMBARGOED UNTIL 11.00am, 21 AUGUST 2020

* Twelve concerts audio and video-streamed over twelve days
* Five live broadcasts: four in partnership with BBC Radio 3 and one from Scottish Opera
* Concerts introduced by Kate Molleson
* Beethoven’s 250th anniversary year celebrated
* Continuing the Bach strand featured in every Lammermuir Festival since 2010
* Repertoire includes string quartets, piano quintets, violin and piano, trumpet and organ, viola da gamba, solo guitars, chamber ensembles and vocal music
* Artists include Dunedin Consort, Roman Rabinovich, Navarra Quartet, Sean Shibe, members of the Scottish Chamber Orchestra, Scottish Opera, Nicky Spence, Chloë Hanslip and Danny Driver, Joshua Ellicott, Philip Higham, Tom Poster, Coco Tomita, Jonathan Manson and Matilda Lloyd.
* Pay per view and festival pass available
* Scottish Opera live-stream free to view / BBC Radio 3 free to listen
* Performances available online for two weeks after initial broadcast

Lammermuir Festival will present an *Autumn Special* of twelve concerts streamed, in audio and video, daily from **Tuesday 8 – Saturday 19 September,** in place of the live performances originally planned for this year’s festival. The concerts, presented by BBC’s **Kate Molleson**, include five live broadcasts: one from Scottish Opera and four in partnership with **BBC Radio 3**. The concerts will be filmed live at Holy Trinity Church in Haddington, and Scottish Opera will broadcast live from Glasgow.

Artistic Directors **Hugh Macdonald** and **James Waters** said, “‘*All through the last few months we have been determined to present some live performances in September.  We are simply thrilled that with the support of our Friends, Benefactors and Supporters we are able to stream this exciting series of concerts including four live BBC Radio 3 relays.  We have worked with a terrific set of artists to create something which, while very different, has a real ‘Lammermuir’ feel.*”

The Lammermuir Festival’s *Autumn Special* will bring the same high quality of performance its audiences have come to expect and features the return of some of its favourite artists as well as new faces, such as the young, virtuoso trumpeter, **Matilda Lloyd**. Several of its former artists and ensembles in residence join the line-up: cellist **Phillip Higham**, pianist **Roman Rabinovich**, guitarist **Sean Shibe** and the **Dunedin Consort**.

The concerts will be pay per view online, there will be a special rate festival pass, and broadcasts will be available for viewing for a two-week period after their original showing.

The programme opens on Tuesday 8 September at 1.00pm with violinist **Chloë Hanslip** and pianist **Danny Driver** in a serene and soaring tribute to Beethoven. This is the first in the series of **four lunchtime concerts** which will be broadcast live on **BBC Radio 3.**

Wednesday 9 September at 1.00pm brings tenor **Joshua Ellicott** and pianist **Anna Tilbrook** in a song recital of Schumann, Vaughan Williams and Quilter. **The Navarra Quartet** and cellist **Philip Higham** perform *Schubert’s String Quintet in C D956* at 1.00pm on Thursday 10 September; and the fourth and final live lunchtime recital is on Friday 11 September, when pianist **Roman Rabinovich** plays a programme of Zipoli, Haydn and Beethoven’s *Appassionata Sonata.*

Scotland’s own award-winning guitarist **Sean Shibe’s** recital is at 8.00pm on Saturday 12 September. His programme includes 17th century Scottish pieces, music by Mompou, Poulenc and American composer Julia Wolfe’s LAD, in Sean’s own arrangement for electric guitar.

Although it is impossible to present orchestras this year, the festival is still able to bring you two piano concertos in chamber version. The first, *Mozart’s Piano Concerto in A K414*, performed by **Tom Poster** and the **Navarra String Quartet** will be streamed at 8.00pm on Sunday 13 September. The programme also features Britten String Quartet No. 3 and Mozart’s *Adagio in B minor K540.* The second piano concerto featured in the programme is a uniquely intimate performance of Beethoven’s Piano Concerto No. 3 in C minor Op 37 with **Roman Rabinovich** on 19 September - more details below.

On Monday 14 September at 8.00pm, music by Bach, Marais and Rameau, is performed by **Jonathan Manson** viola da gamba and **Steven Devine** harpsichord.

Winner of the 2020 Strings Final of BBC Young Musician, the brilliant young Japanese-born violinist **Coco Tomita** is in recital with **Kan Tomita** piano on Tuesday 15 September at 8.00pm.

Two outstanding young artists **Matilda Lloyd** trumpet, winner of the 2014 BBC Young Musician Brass Final, and **Martin Cousin** piano join the festival for the first time in a colourful programme from Marcello, to English composer Deborah Pritchard as well as Charlier, Gershwin, Montbrun and Brahms, on Wednesday 16 September at 8.00pm.

The acclaimed **Dunedin Consort** have performed at every Lammermuir Festival since it began in 2010. They bring another programme of great baroque repertoire on Thursday 17 September at 8.00pm, with **John Butt** directing a concert of Purcell’s instrumental music and songs, with soprano **Mhairi Lawson.**

Lammermuir Festival is joined by **Scottish Opera** for the third consecutive year. They return to be part of this Autumn Special with star tenor **Nicky Spence**, in Janáček’s *The Diary of one who Disappeared*. Directed by Stuart Stratford with members of the Orchestra of Scottish Opera this special broadcast will be live streamed from the Theatre Royal in Glasgow on Sunday 20 September at 7.30pm.

The *Autumn Special*draws to a close with pianist **Roman Rabinovich**and members of the **Scottish Chamber Orchestra** who perform Mozart *String Quintet in G minor* and the aforementioned Beethoven’s *Piano Concerto No. 3 in C minor Op 37*at 8.00pm on Saturday 19 September.

For details of how to view concerts, please see www.lammermuirfestival.co.uk

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**The Lammermuir Festival**

Patron: Steven Osborne

The Lammermuir Festival was founded in 2010 by artistic directors Hugh Macdonald and James Waters. It now presents concerts of world-class classical music in September each year in one of Scotland’s most beautiful counties – East Lothian. The festival is usually based around the wonderful 15th century Collegiate Church of St Mary’s in Haddington, and spreads all over the county, reaching more than 50 venues in its first 10 years of operation. Its strapline is Beautiful Music in Beautiful Places. This year, due to the current pandemic, it will be streamed from one venue in East Lothian, and from The Theatre Royal in Glasgow.

The festival has close relationships with key Scottish Ensembles such as Dunedin Consort, BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra, Scottish Opera Scottish Chamber Orchestra, Hebrides Ensemble, Red Note Ensemble and National Youth Choir of Scotland.

The Lammermuir Festival won the 2017 Royal Philharmonic Society Award for Festivals and Concert Series

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