HERTFORDSHIRE FESTIVAL OF MUSIC



Join us for an inspiring week of music, reflection, and community as we mark 80 years since the end of World War II. From stirring orchestral works to intimate recitals, historical talks, and inclusive performances, this year's festival explores themes of remembrance, renewal, and hope.

Festival Highlights

HERTFORDSHIRE FESTIVAL STRING ORCHESTRA FROM SHADOWS TO LIGHT • JAZZ CELEBRATION BROMPTON STRING QUARTET • HERTFORD WARTIME DISCOVERIES SOUNDBITES: SARAH-JANE BRADLEY IN RECITAL THE LANDSCAPE OF THE WANDERER: PAUL NASH... and more!

Online booking at: <u>www.hertsmusicfest.org.uk/events2025</u> Herts Festival of Music | Instagram | Facebook | LinkedIn Artistic Director: James Francis Brown





EVENT 1

NEW VIRTUOSI! Brompton String Quartet

SATURDAY 7 JUNE, 2.00PM – 3.00PM TICKETS: £5 – £15

Joseph Haydn, Peter Fribbins, Ludwig van Beethoven

QUAKER MEETING HOUSE, 50 RAILWAY ST., HERTFORD, SG14 1BA

EVENT 2

FROM SHADOWS HOPE SHALL RISE The Music of Reflection and Renewal

SATURDAY 7 JUNE, 5.00PM – 7.20PM TICKETS: £5 – £20

Marking the 80th anniversary of the end of the Second World War, this special concert brings together outstanding local musicians to reflect on themes of remembrance and hope.

Hertfordshire Festival Community Concert Band Chris McGinity Hertford Chamber Choir Manvinder Rattan

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EVENT 3

PENTECOST FESTIVAL SERVICE Music for Choir, Handbells, and Organ SUNDAY 8 JUNE, 10.00AM – 11.20AM FREE ADMISSION

Celebrate Pentecost in a special festival service led by the Reverend Simon Cutmore at All Saints' Church, Hertford. The Choir of All Saints', directed by Martin Penny, will present a selection of specially chosen works for the occasion. Tower bells will ring before the service, followed by organ solos, hymns, handbells, and choral performances.

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GUIDED WARTIME HISTORY TOUR OF HERTFORD

SUNDAY 8 JUNE, 2.00PM – 3.00PM STARTING POINT: HERTFORD WAR MEMORIAL, PARLIAMENT SQUARE TICKETS: £5. PLACES LIMITED – DETAILS ONLINE Step back in time with a guided tour uncovering Hertford's wartime history. Explore key sites and hear stories of resilience and adaptation during times of conflict. Period costumes are optional for those who'd like to add a historical touch.



Soundbites: SARAH-JANE BRADLEY & JAMES FRANCIS BROWN in recital

WEDNESDAY 11 JUNE, 1.00PM TO 1.55PM FREE ADMISSION

Sarah-Jane Bradley – viola James Francis Brown – piano

Robert Schumann James Francis Brown Lloyd Moore Johannes Brahms

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SONGS OF FRIENDSHIP AND ADVENTURE Making music together across generations DURING THE FESTIVAL YEAR...

This special educational project designed for local primary school students, aligning with the festival theme, Shadows to Light: Musical Journeys in Conflict and Peace. Commemorating 80 years since the end of World War II, the project connects young participants with older generations through music and storytelling.

EVENT 7

Illustrated Talk – HERTFORD DURING THE WAR The Evacuee Story I

THURSDAY 12 JUNE, 5.00PM TO 6.00PM TICKETS: £5

An opportunity for grandparents, grandchildren, and everyone in between to explore Hertford's wartime history through the experiences of evacuees. This illustrated talk brings personal stories to life, reflecting on feelings of displacement and disorientation, while highlighting how music has offered comfort and a sense of belonging in times of upheaval.

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EVENT 8

The Evacuee Story II A 1940s JAZZ CELEBRATION

FRIDAY 13 JUNE, 7.00PM – 8.15PM TICKETS: £5 – £15

Audiences will be transported by timeless classics, including: There'll Be Bluebirds Over The White Cliffs of Dover, I'll Be Seeing You, Tuxedo Junction, Stardust, and more.

Chris Eldred Trio, Chris Eldred (piano), Jess Radcliffe (vocals) Loz Garratt (bass)

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EVENT 9

THE LANDSCAPE OF THE WANDERER Three Pictures by Paul Nash SATURDAY 14 JUNE,

10.30AM – 12.00PM TICKETS: £5 – £12.50

Art historian Barry Dodge and composer James Francis Brown examine the life and legacy of wartime artist Paul Nash.

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EVENT 10

RELAXED REHEARSAL with Hertfordshire Festival String Orchestra SATURDAY 14 JUNE, 2:00PM – 2:45PM

FREE EVENT

Christopher Braime – conductor

Families with very young children, and people who may not ordinarily be able to observe the traditional 'silence' when attending live music events, are welcomed to watch and hear a

> professional orchestra at work. Noise may be made!

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EVENT 11 • FESTIVAL FINALE

Orchestral Concert FROM SHADOWS TO LIGHT

SATURDAY 14 JUNE, 7.30PM - 9.00PM TICKETS: £5 - £20





The Hertfordshire Festival String Orchestra Christopher Braime – Conductor Guy Elliott – Tenor • Chloe Harrison – Solo horn

Music by Edward Elgar • Benjamin Britten • Gustav Holst Ralph Vaughan Williams • Frank Bridge

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THROUGHOUT THE FESTIVAL

MUSIC IN MIND – LIVING WITH DEMENTIA

During the Festival period, specially trained musicians share the gift of music with selected care homes throughout the county of Hertfordshire via interactive online sessions for people living with dementia, including their carers and families. For those living with the condition, participating in music can bring not only an improvement in symptoms, but a sense of joy and elation for those taking part.

In collaboration with Sing from the Heart

BOOKING

FOR TICKETED EVENTS, PURCHASES CAN BE MADE ONLINE, WHERE FULL DETAILS ON PRICING, CONCESSIONS, ACCESS AND MAPS ARE AVAILABLE. PRE-BOOKING IS ADVISABLE. TICKETS WILL ALSO BE AVAILABLE AT THE DOOR, EXCEPT FOR EVENT 4, WHICH HAS LIMITED PLACES. With thanks to our supporters





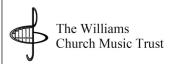




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