

Surrey Mozart Players

The Surrey Mozart Players are widely regarded as one of the top non-professional chamber orchestras in the country. The orchestra was founded in the early 1970s by Richard Temple Savage, who continued to direct the orchestra until his retirement in 1990. Now numbering around fifty musicians drawn from Surrey and the surrounding counties, the orchestra presents five or six concerts a season, covering a wide range of repertoire from the Baroque to the late 20th century.

The orchestra appointed Paul Hoskins as its Music Director in 1992, a post that he held until 2002, and has also worked regularly with such established conductors as Peter Stark and Robin Ticciati. Our current Music Director is Kenneth Woods, who enjoys a successful career as conductor and cellist in both Britain and North America.

It has always been Surrey Mozart Players' policy to encourage emerging young soloists, and the orchestra has recently had the pleasure of performing with Alexandra Wood, Maja Bogdanovic, Victoria Sayles, Jane Lindsay and Peter Facer. Over recent seasons, the orchestra has also performed with internationally renowned artists: Emma Curtis, Nicola Benedetti, the Sitkovetsky Trio and Michael Collins.

The Surrey Mozart Players are proud to be a founder contributor to the Guildford Spring Music Festival, and have presented the final Gala Concert at each of these biennial events.



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The orchestra welcomes new members, particularly in the string section. Anyone interested in playing or supporting the orchestra by becoming a Friend is invited to contact Gillian Wallace on 07976 853989

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The Surrey Mozart Players has gone from strength to strength in recent years

A large audience enthusiastically enjoyed a programme of lighter-weight French orchestral music. Kenneth Woods and the Surrey Mozart Players were on fine form.

The Surrey Advertiser, December 2016

...full of marvellous harmonic effects and tonal colours, it received a masterful performance, with first-class contributions from the melodious woodwind section, the dramatic brass and skilled strings...

The Surrey Advertiser, June 2016, (En Saga by Sibelius)

The piece received a lively scintillating performance from this remarkable orchestra and its enterprising American-born conductor.

The Surrey Advertiser, December 2015, (Mendelssohn Trumpet Overture)

The symphony ended with tremendous energy, an exhilarating close to an exhilarating evening. This talented orchestra goes from strength to strength, season by season.

The Surrey Advertiser, September 2014, (Symphony no.5 in F major by Dvorak)

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SEASON 2017 2018



MUSIC DIRECTOR
Kenneth Woods
LEADER
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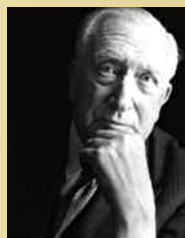


Welcome to our 2017-8 Season!

William Walton was one of the giants of British music, the true heir to Elgar, whose mastery of the orchestra was unmatched during his lifetime. Our 2017-8 season begins and ends with two of his three iconic concertos for string instruments. In September, we're joined by the exciting young violist Luba Tunnicliffe for a performance of his widely loved Viola Concerto, a work which has anchored the viola repertoire for decades. Then, in our season-ending gala, we are joined by Parry Karp, one of the great American cellists, for Walton's lyrical and brooding Cello Concerto. It is the sound of the cello which also dominates Dvorak's warm-hearted and poetic Eighth Symphony, the work with which we close our season.

"Poetic" is a fine word to describe the Beethoven Violin Concerto, the work with which Chloë Hanslip, one of Britain's leading violinists, makes her SMP debut in December. Throughout the heart of our season, it is the music of Beethoven, his predecessors and contemporaries which provides the foundation of our programme.

In addition to his Violin Concerto, we look forward to Beethoven's Pastoral Symphony and later his First Piano Concerto in beautiful Menuhin Hall. Mendelssohn's First Symphony, written at the astonishing age of just fifteen years old, is no piece of juvenilia, but a fiery homage to Beethoven, full of the kind of turbulence and lyricism which also mark his Overture to The Fair Melusine.



William Walton

But the major work of the year promises to be Haydn's Creation, presented as part of the Guildford Spring Music Festival. This work of profound wisdom and deep joy promises an evening of music which will live in the heart and memory for a long time when heard in the magnificent acoustic of Holy Trinity Church.

I invite you to join us!

Kenneth Woods, *Music Director*

Visit our website at www.surreymozartplayers.com



The Electric Theatre, Guildford



Saturday 16th September 2017 7.30pm The Electric Theatre
MOZART Overture *Don Giovanni*
WALTON Viola Concerto
BRAHMS Symphony No. 2
SOLOIST Luba Tunnicliffe - *Viola*
Courtesy of the Countess of Munster Trust
CONDUCTOR Kenneth Woods
Adults £19 Children u/16 £9.50 Box Office: **01483 501200**



St Teresa's School, Effingham



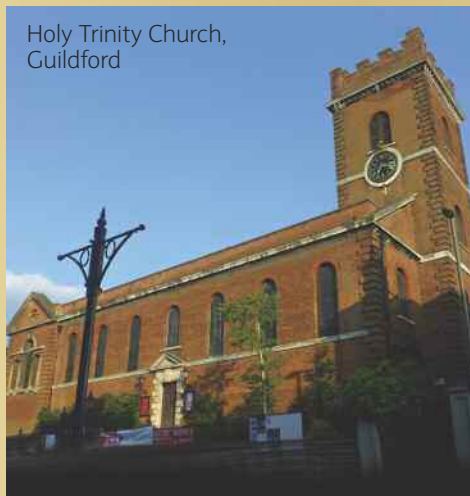
Saturday 2nd December 2017 7.30pm St Teresa's School
ROSSINI Overture *The Thieving Magpie*
BEETHOVEN Violin Concerto
BEETHOVEN Symphony No. 6 *Pastoral*
SOLOIST Chloë Hanslip
CONDUCTOR Kenneth Woods
Adults £19.00 21s & under £5 Family ticket 2 adults + 2 children £40
Tickets available from Guildford Tourist Information Centre
155 High Street, Guildford GU1 3AJ Box Office: **01483 444334**
Or book online: www.guildford.gov.uk/visitguildford



Menuhin Hall, Stoke D'Abernon



Saturday 10th February 2018 7.30pm The Menuhin Hall, Stoke D'Abernon
MOZART Overture *Così fan tutte*
BEETHOVEN Piano Concerto No. 1
MENDELSSOHN Overture *The Fair Melusine*
MENDELSSOHN Symphony No. 1
SOLOIST James Brawn - *Piano*
GUEST CONDUCTOR Edward Farmer
Adults £19 Children u/16 £9.50 Box Office: **08700 842020**
www.yehudimenuhinschool.co.uk



Holy Trinity Church, Guildford



Saturday 24th March 2018 7.30pm Holy Trinity Church
GUILDFORD SPRING MUSIC FESTIVAL GALA CONCERT
HAYDN The Creation
Guildford Chamber Choir and Occam Singers
SOLOISTS Josephine Goddard *Soprano*, Stephen Mills *Tenor*, Timothy Edlin *Bass*
CONDUCTOR Kenneth Woods
Tickets available from Guildford Tourist Information Centre
155 High Street, Guildford GU1 3AJ Tickets available from 30 October 2017
Adults £20 Concessions £10 Box Office: **01483 444334**
Or book online: www.guildford.gov.uk/visitguildford



Saturday 23rd June 2018 7.30pm Holy Trinity Church
SEASON FINALE GALA CONCERT
WAGNER Prelude *Die Meistersingers*
WALTON Cello Concerto
DVORAK Symphony No. 8
SOLOIST Parry Karp - *Cello*
CONDUCTOR Kenneth Woods
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