

THAXTED FESTIVAL

2018 Season Preview

Fri 22 June	8.00 pm	Armonico Consort, Gonville and Caius College Choir, Granta Chorale <i>Christopher Monks, with a magnificent array of voices distributed around Thaxted Church, will re-create Tallis' 40-part Spem in Alium, Striggio's 60-part Mass, and works by Hildegard of Bingen.</i>
Sat 23 June	7.00 pm	Endellion Quartet <i>The acclaimed string quartet perform Dvorak's ever-popular Romantic American Quartet, plus works by Beethoven and Haydn.</i>
Sun 24 June	7.30 pm	Brandenburg Sinfonia – Conductor: Robert Porter <i>Thaxted Festival's Resident Orchestra returns with two festive Bach Suites, folk-inspired Bartok, Bach-inspired Stravinsky, and Classic FM-inspired Karl Jenkins!</i>
Fri 29 June	8.00 pm	Freddy Kempf – piano <i>Virtuoso pianist and former BBC Young Musician award-winner Freddy Kempf makes his Thaxted debut with scintillating Chopin, Rachmaninov, and a new Jazz-Baroque fusion.</i>
Sat 30 June	11.00 am	Family Concert – Carnival Band <i>All the family will enjoy a 'Strictly' dance tour of music from Renaissance to Modern – with the chance for the young to strut their stuff!</i>
Sat 30 June	7.30 pm	Rodolfus Choir – Director: Ralph Allwood <i>Ralph Allwood returns to Thaxted, this time with the finest of young professional voices performing choral works from across the centuries – plus a brand new Thaxted commission.</i>
Sun 1 July	7.30 pm	A Night with the Ronnie Scott's Jazz Orchestra <i>Big band jazz classics come to Thaxted with an all-star line-up of top musicians from Ronnie Scott's legendary London club.</i>
Fri 6 July	7.30 pm*	Junior Guildhall Symphony Orchestra <i>Hugely impressive on previous Thaxted visits, today's young musicians bring us Elgar's Enigma Variations, plus a concerto to be played by the winner of the 2017 Lutine Prize.</i>
Sat 7 July	12.00 pm	Robin Walker plays Thaxted Church's restored Lincoln Organ <i>An organ virtuoso who combines a wide recital schedule with directing music at Corpus Christi College Cambridge, Robin's programme will show the range of this fine instrument.</i>
Sat 7 July	7.30 pm	Opus Anglicanum – 'The Seeds of Love' <i>This superb vocal ensemble, with narration by the BBC's Zeb Soanes, returns to Thaxted with folk music arrangements by Vaughan Williams, Percy Grainger, Cecil Sharp and many others.</i>
Sun 8 July	7.30 pm	Sheku Kanneh-Mason – cello, with Isata Kanneh-Mason, piano <i>Sheku dazzled the audience and judges to win the 2016 BBC Young Musician of the Year. He brings a range of cello sonatas to his Thaxted debut, with his sister Isata on piano.</i>
Fri 13 July	8.00 pm	Christopher Weston and Friends <i>Essex's own piano maestro brings friends to Thaxted to play music for piano, soprano and saxophone from the late nineteenth and early twentieth century.</i>
Sat 14 July	7.30 pm	The Ronnie Scott's Club Quintet perform 1959: The Year that Shaped Jazz <i>Ronnie Scott's Jazz Club musicians are renowned for their playing with all the Jazz 'Greats', and will swing us through the range of styles in which they are complete masters.</i>
Sun 15 July	7.30 pm	Brandenburg Salon Orchestra – Conductor: Bob Porter, with soprano soloist <i>A gala performance of favourite tunes in Thaxted's own Last Night – of the Festival!</i>

*Time to be confirmed.

All events are in Thaxted Parish Church. All information is accurate as of October 2017. Thaxted Festival Foundation reserves the right to amend the programme if required by circumstances beyond its control. Final details will be available in the Thaxted Festival 2018 season brochure, and at www.thaxtedfestival.org.uk, from February 2018.