

Sophie's Barn delights for the autumn - dates for your diary.

I am pleased to tell you we have four musical events in Sophie's Barn this autumn and you'd be very welcome to join us for all or some of them.

Friday 9th September, at 8pm

The very first performance by a newly formed group of four very fine young musicians (cellist Vlad and pianist Prach have been to Sophie's Barn before) plus an actor, calling themselves **Gazelleship**. They curate unconventional concerts which are developed through collaboration to illuminate music from intriguing angles. Their first concert is a very exciting project in which they are taking Beethoven's Kreutzer Sonata, Tolstoy's eponymous story, and the Janacek String Quartet which is based on the Tolstoy; and are going to weave them to create a coherent musical/dramatic narrative.

Sunday 11th September at 6pm

Two accomplished young musicians, Alessandro Fisher, tenor, and Ashok Gupta, pianist, let their hair down in an evening of light-hearted entertainment, with music and songs by Flanders & Swann, Tom Lehrer, Hoagy Carmichael and Samuel Barber.

Alessandro and Ashok have been performing together since they met at Clare College Cambridge, where Alessandro was a choral scholar and Ashok was organ scholar. Since then they have both gone on to perform extensively as soloists. Alessandro has, amongst others, appeared as Nanki Poo in Gilbert and Sullivan's *Mikado* and as tenor soloist in Beethoven's Mass in C. Ashok's recent performances include Rachmaninov's Second Piano Concerto and Gershwin's *Rhapsody in Blue*.

Come along for laughs, nostalgia and general merriment!

Light refreshments will be served following the concert.

Thursday 29th September at 7pm

Two musicians very well known to us, violist Rosie Ventriss and pianist Dan Tong, will play for us:

Rebecca Clarke Sonata,
Brahms Sonata in F minor Op.120.No.1 (last year they played the other Brahms Sonata for us),
and Schumann Adagio and Allegro.
Dan and Rosie are playing the Clarke and Brahms at the prestigious **Bridgewater Hall** in Manchester in January.

Saturday October 22nd, at 8pm

Violist Rosie Ventriss returns to us again for a residency with Sophia Rahman, piano (www.sophiarahman.com) in preparation for their evening recital at the **Purcell Room** on November 10th.

Provisional programme will include the (unofficial!) performance of the new viola sonata by Edwin Roxburgh and is likely to include Hindemith Sonata Op.11 No.4 too, and some light pieces by Milhaud.

Please let me know in advance if you plan to come to any of these concerts. (No tickets, but a retiring collection for Sophie's Silver Lining Fund.) So long as the paddock is dry enough we have plenty of parking in our garden.

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