2019-20 Concert Series
50th Anniversary Season

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Welcome to our 50th anniversary concert series. Linlithgow Arts Guild was formed in 1969 and to mark this anniversary, we decided to pull out all the stops to bring you outstanding performers who we felt that you would enjoy for this special season. We are offering you top musicians for a very reasonable price. Enjoy refreshments in the interval and have some thoroughly enjoyable evenings of wonderful music.

We are absolutely thrilled that STEVEN OSBORNE and his wife, JEAN JOHNSON, will be opening our season with a piano and clarinet recital, including music by Gershwin and Bernstein. Who better to start us off with a flourish?

We then welcome McOPERA ENSEMBLE, musicians from the Orchestra of Scottish Opera, who will be playing a programme including Stravinsky’s ‘The Soldier’s Tale’, using animated film which will be shown on the new screens in St Michael’s Parish Church. We are delighted to bring to you the world-famous and award-winning BRODSKY QUARTET, who are known for their performances of Shostakovich, so we are pleased they have included his 4th quartet in their programme. As our last concert of 2019, SCO WIND SOLOISTS AND RCS WIND STUDENTS will be joining forces to play Mozart, Strauss and also music from the 1920s.

2020 starts in a very exciting way as we present CATRIONA MORISON, BBC Cardiff Singer of the World 2017, and MALCOLM MARTINEAU, who is recognised as one of the leading accompanists of his generation. This should be a wonderful opportunity to hear these talented performers together in Linlithgow. We then go larger scale, with a chamber orchestra concert in the wonderful setting of St Michael’s Parish Church, with SCOTTISH SINFONIA, who are also celebrating their 50th anniversary. Their programme includes symphonies by Schubert and Dvořák with Smetana’s Má Vlast – The Moldau. This should be a very popular concert. Making a keenly anticipated return to us, KOSMOS bring their mixed programme of music from Western, classical, Balkan and Eastern European sources. Prepare to be swept away!

Yet another very high-profile recital is with internationally acclaimed violist, LAWRENCE POWER and pianist, SIMON CRAWFORD-PHILLIPS. We are so lucky to be able to invite such important performers to Linlithgow.

Our anniversary season ends with our AGM and concert on the 25th April, with Scottish saxophone and harp duo, BABAYAGA.

We hope that you will appreciate the extremely high quality of professional musicians who we have brought to you to celebrate a very important season. It is also wonderful to engage so many top Scottish performers. We will be delighted to see you at any of the events that may interest you. If you hope to come to a number of events, we invite you to join us and help to support the Arts Guild by taking out a subscription for the season, which will enable you to attend all the concerts at a very favourable cost.

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JEAN JOHNSON clarinet
STEVEN OSBORNE piano

GERSHWIN: 3 Preludes
BERNSTEIN: Clarinet Sonata
POULENC: Clarinet Sonata
Interval
BRAHMS: Cello Sonata No 2 in F major, OP 99
WEBER: Grand Concertant, Op 48

We are delighted to welcome JEAN JOHNSON and STEVEN OSBORNE to open our 50th anniversary season. Steven, who comes from Linlithgow, met American clarinettist, Jean, when she was playing with the Singapore Symphony Orchestra, and they are now husband and wife. Jean performs regularly in chamber music in the UK with her husband and is a member of the critically acclaimed trio ‘Metamorphoses’. She has recently released a recording of the Brahms and Rozsa Sonatas with Steven. Multi award winning pianist, Steven, is one of the UK’s most treasured musicians, whose insightful and idiomatic interpretations of diverse repertoire show an immense musical depth.

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Sat 19 Oct 2019, 7.30pm
St Michael’s Parish Church

McOPERA ENSEMBLE
with Flora Munro

programme includes:
BRAHMS: Trio for violin, horn and piano
Interval
STRAVINSKY: The Soldier’s Tale with 3 Pieces for solo clarinet

Music Co-OPERative Scotland was formed in the spring of 2012 by musicians from The Orchestra of Scottish Opera, Scotland’s only fully professional opera orchestra, to provide and generate a range of artistically exciting and diverse work in Scotland. Since that time, it has developed a wide portfolio of activity ranging from operatic productions to bespoke recording projects, orchestral performances and community outreach projects across a wide social and cultural demographic. Stravinsky’s iconic A Soldier’s Tale is a timeless parable about a fiddle-playing soldier who meets the devil and trades his violin for untold wealth. Delivered in Stravinsky’s trio version and presented by Flora Munro, this performance is accompanied by a commissioned film by Edinburgh-based director Roddy Simpson with artwork by Glasgow artist Derek Gray.

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Sat 9 Nov 2019, 7.30pm
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BRODSKY QUARTET
(string quartet)

TANAKA: ‘At the Grave of Beethoven’
BACH: C Major Fugue (arr. Paul Cassidy)
SHOSTAKOVICH: String Quartet No 4 Op 83

Interval

BEETHOVEN: String Quartet Op 131

Since forming in 1972, the BRODSKY QUARTET have performed over 3,000 concerts on the major stages of the world and have released more than 60 recordings. A natural curiosity and an insatiable desire to explore has propelled the group in a number of artistic directions and continues to ensure them not only a prominent presence on the international chamber music scene, but also a rich and varied musical existence. Their energy and craftsmanship have attracted numerous awards and accolades worldwide, while their ongoing educational work provides a vehicle to pass on experience and stay in touch with the next generation. The quartet are playing with their new leader, Gina McCormack.

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Sat 30 Nov 2019, 7.30 pm
St Michael’s Parish Church

SCOTTISH CHAMBER ORCHESTRA WIND SOLOISTS & ROYAL CONSERVATOIRE OF SCOTLAND WIND STUDENTS

NIELSEN: Wind Quintet Op 43
SIEBER: Serenade
POULENC: Sonata for clarinet & bassoon
MOZART: Divertimento for 6 winds
STRAUSS: Suite in Bb Op 4

We welcome the SCOTTISH CHAMBER ORCHESTRA WINDS in a joint venture with selected invited players from the ROYAL CONSERVATOIRE of SCOTLAND. The exciting collaboration between the winds of the SCO and students from the RCS is now in its fourth year. Together they have performed many of the greatest large-scale works for wind. The pieces selected for this concert were written in the 1920s, with the exception of Mozart’s Divertimento and the Strauss Suite.

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CATRIONA MORISON
mezzo-soprano
MALCOLM MARTINEAU piano

SCHUMANN: Gedichte der Königin, Maria Stuart
SCHUMANN: Frauenliebe und Leben
MAHLER: Rückert Lieder
Selection of English songs

CATRIONA MORISON, from Edinburgh, was the first British winner of the BBC Cardiff Singer of the World 2017, Main Prize and Song Prize (jointly).

“Catriona Morison is a great discovery, a singer with great charisma and simply angelically guided mezzo-soprano” Andreas Falentin, Concerti

MALCOLM MARTINEAU was born in Edinburgh and is recognised as one of the leading accompanists of his generation. He has appeared throughout Europe, the USA and Australia and was appointed International Fellow of Accompaniment in 2009.

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Sat 14 Mar 2020, 7.30pm
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KOSMOS ENSEMBLE

HARRIET MACKENZIE, violin
MEG ROSALEEN-HAMILTON, viola
MILOŠ MILIVOJEVIĆ, accordion

A dazzling programme of mixed musical themes and compositions from Western classical, Balkan and Eastern European sources.

KOSMOS ENSEMBLE is redefining the relationship between classical and world music. The trio has twice been winners of 'Selected Artists' by the Making Music organisation and has gathered accolades from all over the world. United by a shared passion for improvisation, music from around the globe as well as the rigours of classical training, each member of Kosmos is an international soloist in their own right and brings individual flavour to the group.

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Sat 4 Apr 2020, 7.30pm
Linlithgow Academy Theatre

LAWRENCE POWER,
viola / violin
SIMON CRAWFORD-PHILLIPS, piano

YSAYE: Poème Élégiaque
VIEUXTEMPS: Viola Sonata
Interval
Georges HÜE: Thème Varié
FRANCK: Violin Sonata

LAWRENCE POWER is one of today’s foremost violists, in demand worldwide as a recitalist, concerto soloist and chamber music partner. His artistry and penetrating musicianship gain him constant plaudits around the world.

SIMON CRAWFORD-PHILLIPS has established an extraordinarily varied career as soloist, chamber musician and conductor. Simon is the founding member of the Kungsbacka Piano Trio and from next season becomes a regular member of the Nash Ensemble

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Sat 25 Apr 2020, 7.30pm (AGM)
8.00pm (prosecco & chocolates)
8.30pm (concert)

Linlithgow Academy Theatre
BABAYAGA

KAREN DUFOUR (saxophone)
GWEN SINCLAIR (harp)

Gustav BUMKE: Notturno, op 45
Eddie McGuire: Three Chinese Pieces
MUSSORGSKY: Pictures at an Exhibition

BabaYaga are the unusual combination of saxophone and harp. The duo’s name refers to one of the movements from ‘Pictures at an Exhibition’ by Modest Mussorgsky, inspired by a witch from Russian folklore. Taking advantage of the varied sound colours, BabaYaga are committed to exploring original repertoire for saxophone and harp and contributing to the development of it.

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In 1968, Linlithgow Town Council, against the background of an Art Exhibition put on by Richard Demarco, whose irrepressible enthusiasm for modern art and for persuading the unconvinced to appreciate it was infectious, was enlightened enough to organise a fortnight of culture in the town. Mrs Julia Wade, then a member of the Council, was designated to bring this about.

Distinguished exponents of the arts were invited and duly came to give talks and lead discussions and seminars. Robert Ponsonby, the then Director of the Edinburgh International Festival, was the music expert. Allen Wright, and Conrad Wilson, the Drama Critic and the Music Critic respectively of The Scotsman also came to Linlithgow. And so it came to be that at one of the many “chummy chats,” Robert Ponsonby said to Mrs Wade: “Why don’t you start an Arts Guild in Linlithgow?” and continued “Well, you could invite the Scottish National Orchestra to give a concert here”. Seeing her surprise, he went on: “You could have half of it here and the other half could go to some place like Dornoch.” And that is exactly what happened. (Needless to say, these six words give little hint of the feverish activity that followed). Inspired by this success a public meeting was held at which it was agreed to found an Arts Guild in Linlithgow. At this meeting Baillie David Cook became Chairman, Bob Sagar Hon. Treasurer and Mrs Wade was appointed Hon. Secretary (in fact, chief executive!) a position which she filled for 12 years. Julia was then Chairman for 3 years. Latterly she was Hon. President. By this time, contact had been made with the Scottish Arts Council who would help with programming and financing.

We are still going strong 50 years later and looking forward to the next 50 years of wonderful music!
Membership and Season Tickets for the 2019-20 Season

Membership of Linlithgow Arts Guild (SCIO) is included in the price of our season tickets. Season tickets include entry to all of the concerts detailed in this brochure. (Membership also provides support for the Arts Guild and enables the member to participate at the AGM and have a guaranteed seat at all our events).

Season ticket holders have the benefit of a substantial discount on the cost of a full set of tickets for the season. Membership may also be purchased without a season ticket for £10.

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