

Kestrel Music  
proudly presents  
its 8<sup>th</sup> festival:

# Around the World



Concerts  
16<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup>  
June 2026



**Summer Music  
in City Churches**

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Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> June  
**BELLA VISTA:  
ROYAL PHILHARMONIC  
ORCHESTRA** 7.30pm  
St Giles Cripplegate

The world-famous RPO performs a sunlit programme depicting the sights and sounds of Spain and Italy. Rossini *Barber of Seville* overture, Ravel *Pavane pour infante défunte*, Mendelssohn *Italian Symphony*, Rodrigo *Concerto de Aranjuez* with Royal Overseas League Gold Medallist Jack Hancher.



Jack Hancher, guitar  
Gergely Madaras, conductor  
Royal Philharmonic Orchestra

£35 / £17.50

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> June  
**THE SMILE OF THE  
FLAMBOYANT WINGS:  
BROTHER TREE SOUND  
STRING QUARTET** 1pm  
St Andrew by the  
Wardrobe

Brother Tree Sound on a journey from France to Spain with colourful string quartets by Debussy, Elizabeth Maconchy and Bulgarian composer Dobrinka Tabakova.



**Brother Tree Sound**  
Anna de Bruin, violin  
Thea Spiers, violin  
Sara Sheppard, viola  
Eve Littlefair, cello

£15 / £7.50

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> June  
**GREAT BRITISH  
CHORAL EVENSONG** 6pm  
St Giles Cripplegate

Traditional choral evensong on a grand scale, featuring music associated with cathedrals and churches around the British Isles. Including music by Tallis, Stanford and Sir James MacMillan. With congregational hymns.

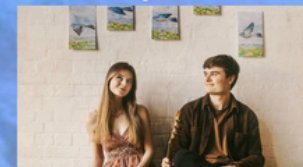


City of London Choir  
Paul Grealley, organ  
Daniel Hyde, conductor

*All welcome. Please register  
attendance in advance if  
possible, via website.*

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> June  
**OCEAN ROAD HOME:  
ELEANOR & GUS** 7.30pm  
St Giles Cripplegate

The award-winning young duo returns by popular demand with enchanting music inspired by travel overseas and home thoughts from abroad, combining folk, classical and contemporary. From Britten and the Schumanns to Charles Trenet and Joni Mitchell, in the duo's own arrangements.



Eleanor Grant, double bass & voice  
Gus McQuade, guitar

£25 / £12.50

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> June  
**SONGS OF SOUTH AMERICA:  
SONAS QUARTET** 1pm  
St Botolph-without-  
Bishopsgate

Mozart's darkly mercurial String Quartet no.15 contrasted with Clarice Assad's homage to the sounds of Latin America.



**Sonatas Quartet**  
Caroline Durham, violin  
Isabelle Allan, violin  
Eve Quigley, viola  
Alice Abram, cello

£15 / £7.50

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> June  
**NEW WORLD:  
BRASS OF THE ROYAL  
PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA** 7.30pm  
St Giles Cripplegate



A voyage from Europe to the Americas: Gabrieli to Gershwin with gorgeous vistas captured in music by Dvořák, Piazzolla and Ireland.  
£25 / £12.50

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June  
**I, CLARA: THE VIRTUOSA  
OF EUROPE** 7.30pm  
St Giles Cripplegate



The fascinating story in words and music of virtuosa, composer, wife and mother-of-eight Clara Schumann - and her pioneering international career.

Lucy Parham, piano  
Juliet Stevenson, actor  
£25 / £12.50

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Saturday 20th June  
**LOOK AT THE WORLD!**  
FAMILY CONCERT

6pm  
St Mary-at-Hill

Talented youth choir Hackney Choral joins City of London Choir and members of the RPO for Sir John Rutter's *London Town*, brilliant orchestral arrangements by Iain Farrington, and choral music to lift the spirits of all ages.



Hackney Choral  
William Bruce, conductor  
City of London Choir  
Daniel Hyde, conductor  
Members of the  
Royal Philharmonic Orchestra  
£20 / £10 / £5

Tuesday 23rd June  
**SICILIENNE:**  
CASSATT TRIO

1pm  
St Stephen Walbrook

Enchanting works for harp, flute and viola by Debussy, Ravel, Takemitsu and Fauré.



Cassatt Trio  
Suzy Willison-Kawalec, harp  
Emer McDonough, flute  
Abigail Fenna, viola

£15 / £7.50

Tuesday 23rd June  
**INVITATION TO JOURNEY:**  
RACHEL NICHOLLS &  
MICHAEL DUSSEK

7.30pm  
St Giles Cripplegate



Join international soprano Rachel Nicholls on a journey from the City of London across the channel, in beguiling songs by Walton, Duparc, Debussy and Poulenc.

Rachel Nicholls, soprano  
Michael Dussek, piano  
£25 / £12.50

Wednesday 24th June  
**A PIANIST ABROAD:**  
VIV McLEAN

1pm  
St Giles Cripplegate



Lyrical musical love-letters to their homes in Vienna, Norway and Poland by Beethoven, Grieg and Chopin.

Viv McLean, piano

£15 / £7.50

Wednesday 24th June  
**VOICES OF THE WORLD:**  
ART DECO TRIO

7.30pm  
St Giles Cripplegate

Jazz takes on traditional melodies, shanties and spirituals: *Amazing Grace* and *Steal away to My love is like a red, red rose* and *The Sailors' Hornpipe*. Plus Iain Farrington's *Voices of the World*, composed for the Coronation.



Art Deco Trio  
Peter Sparks, clarinet  
Kyle Horch, saxophone  
Iain Farrington, piano

£25 / £12.50

Thursday 25th June  
**A BOHEMIAN RHAPSODY:**  
TIER 3 TRIO

1pm  
St Giles Cripplegate

Dvořák's celebrated 'Dumky' piano trio, full of Slavic folk melody.



Tier3 Piano Trio  
Joseph Wolfe, violin  
Jonathan Ayling, cello  
Daniel Grimwood, piano

£15 / £7.50

Thursday 25th June  
**FRENCH CONNECTIONS:**  
MARK BEBBINGTON &  
ALISTAIR MCGOWAN

7.30pm  
St Giles Cripplegate

BAFTA-winning actor/comic Alistair McGowan joins Mark Bebbington to narrate Poulenc's enchanting *Babar the Elephant* plus entertaining music by Satie, Ravel and Debussy - with a twist that's bound to make an impression.



Mark Bebbington, piano  
Alistair McGowan, narrator

£25 / £12.50

Friday 26th June  
**ISLANDS AND HIGHLANDS:**  
CITY OF LONDON CHOIR

7.30pm  
St Giles Cripplegate

Picturesque folksong and heavenly harmonies - from Britain to Bavaria. Includes Shearing's *Songs & Sonnets of Shakespeare* and Elgar's *From the Bavarian Highlands*.



City of London Choir  
Timothy End, piano  
Daniel Hyde, conductor

£30 / £15



## VENUES

### St Giles Cripplegate

Fore Street, Barbican EC2Y 8DA  
🚶 St Paul's, Moorgate, Barbican, Farringdon  
Approach via London Wall/Wood Street

### St Andrew by the Wardrobe

St Andrew's Hill, Queen Victoria Street EC4V 5DE  
🚶 Blackfriars, St Paul's, City Thameslink

### St Botolph-without-Bishopsgate

Bishopsgate EC2M 3TL  
🚶 Liverpool Street

### St Mary-at-Hill

Lovat Lane EC3R 8EE  
🚶 Monument, Bank

### St Stephen Walbrook

39 Walbrook EC4N 8BN  
🚶 Bank, Mansion House



## BOOKING INFORMATION

All seating is unreserved. Ticket prices are shown as full price (adult) and half-price (student/25 and under).

A Season Ticket (£120) grants access to all festival concerts.

Lunchtime concerts are at 1pm and last approx 1 hour.

Evening concerts (Tuesday to Friday) begin at 7.30pm and refreshments will be available. There will be an interval unless stated otherwise on the website listing.

The family concert on Saturday 20th June begins at 6pm and lasts an hour. Child tickets are available.



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