

THE
Suffolk Villages Festival



SPRING CONCERTS 2025

3pm, Sunday 2 February 2025, Sudbury Arts Centre at St Peter's CO10 2EA



Music for Candlemas J.S. Bach and his Predecessors

Francis Bamford *countertenor*, Stuart O'Hara *bass*

Gail Hennessy *oboe*

Psalmody, Essex Baroque Orchestra

directed by Peter Holman

We celebrate Candlemas, the feast of the Presentation of Jesus in the Temple, with two great cantatas by J.S. Bach, 'Ich habe genug' (for solo bass with oboe obbligato) and 'Komm, du süsse Todesstunde', and seasonal music by his Leipzig predecessors Johann Schelle and Johann Kuhnau. The programme includes two wonderful, contrasted settings by Heinrich Schütz of the Nunc Dimittis and Alessandro Marcello's famous oboe concerto.

tickets:

£20 (reserved)

£15 (unreserved)

6pm, Sunday 30 March 2025, St Mary's Church, Boxford CO10 5DU



Trio Goya

Schubert – Paganini – Dvořák

Kati Debretzeni *violin*

Sebastian Comberti *violoncello*

Maggie Cole *pianoforte*

Trio Goya makes a welcome return to SVF with a programme tailored to the historic Broadwood piano at Boxford. It features Schubert's large-scale, almost symphonic Trio no. 1 in B flat major and Dvořák's Trio in G minor Op. 26. Kati and Sebastian will also play Paganini's sparkling Duetto Concertante in A major.

'Trio Goya achieve a perfect instrumental balance in sensitive performances.'

The Gramophone

tickets:

£20 (reserved)

£15 (unreserved)

6pm, Monday 26 May 2025, St Mary's Church, Hadleigh IP7 5DT

Orlando Gibbons: a Celebration

Psalmody, The John Jenkins Consort
directed by Peter Holman

In this special concert we mark the 400th anniversary of the death of one of England's greatest composers; Orlando Gibbons died suddenly on 5 June 1625, while in Canterbury with the court to welcome Charles I's bride Henrietta Maria from France. We cover the whole range of Gibbons's music, from full and verse anthems (including 'This is the record of John') through madrigals ('What is our life' and 'The silver swan') and the amusing Cries of London, to his superb music for viol consort.

An enlarged Psalmody is partnered by a distinguished team of six viol players and chamber organ. A concert not to be missed.



tickets:
£20 (reserved)
£15 (unreserved)

3.30pm, Sunday 8 June 2025, Dedham Assembly Rooms

The Seventh SVF Musical Tea Party

Awake my Lyre: Music by Henry Purcell and John Blow

Gill Wilson & Emma Bishton *soprano*

Zachary Kleanthous *tenor*, Paul Torrington *bass*

Asuka Sumi & Patrick Rimes *violin*, Louise Jameson *bass violin*

Peter Holman *chamber organ*

Come and support SVF by enjoying a slap-up tea, starting with a glass of prosecco, with delicious music sung and played by leading members of Psalmody and the John Jenkins Consort. We contrast music by Purcell and his teacher and colleague John Blow, including Blow's delightful and innovative ode 'Awake my lyre', and Purcell's rarely performed ode to music 'Raise, raise the voice'.



tickets: £25

BOOKING INFORMATION

Booking opens on 18 November to Supporters (Friends, Patrons and Benefactors) of Suffolk Villages Festival, and on 25 November to the general public. To book tickets, please visit the website or telephone the box office.

Please note that we no longer issue paper tickets. You will receive email or postal confirmation with your allocated seat numbers, together with information about any special arrangements currently in place for our concerts.

SEASON TICKET

Buy a ticket for all three concerts (2 February, 30 March & 26 May) for £54 – a discount of 10%. The Musical Tea Party is not discounted because it is a fundraiser for SVF.

CONCESSIONS

Half-price tickets are available to full-time students and those under 30.

SEATING FOR CONCERTS

Top-price seats in the central section of the venue will be reserved, allocated on a first-come-first-served basis.

Unreserved seats will be at the side of the venue and may have a view which is partially obscured by a pillar.

SEATING FOR THE TEA PARTY

Seating is at tables with places reserved; when tickets are bought together the places will all be at the same table. Please let us know if you would like to be seated with people buying their tickets independently.

VENUE INFORMATION

Public car parks are clearly signposted in Sudbury, Hadleigh and Dedham but for ease of navigation we suggest the car parks in North Street, Sudbury (CO10 1JG), Magdalen Road, Hadleigh (IP7 5AD) and Mill Lane in Dedham (CO7 6DH). There is on-street parking at Boxford. Toilet facilities are available at all venues.

REFUNDS

We regret that refunds can only be given if the concert is sold out and we are able to sell on the ticket.

Every effort will be made to adhere to the advertised programme but please note that the organisers reserve the right to amend or cancel any part.

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