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Professor Joanna MacGregor OBE FRAM



Conductor

Stephen Belinfante

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Sue Belinfante

JOIN US!

Membership is open to any amateur musician in the area, subject to vacancies being available. Full time students pay a reduced subscription.

Rehearsals are held on Wednesday evenings in central Cheltenham. There is no formal audition, but new members join on a probationary basis to see if we suit each other.

If you are interested in joining as a player please send an email to orchestra@cheltenhamphilharmonic.co.uk

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Cheltenham Philharmonic Orchestra

2016-2017 Season





**Welcome to the
Cheltenham Philharmonic
Orchestra's 121st Season.**

On behalf of the whole orchestra may I warmly invite you to join us for another year of glorious music here in Cheltenham. When the Cheltenham Philharmonic Society was founded in 1895 its purpose was to bring to

Cheltenham works which had not been performed in the town or were but little known. Today this sentiment is still at the heart of the CPO. We have great pleasure in presenting our programme for the season and we hope you will find it innovative, exciting and most of all enjoyable.

This year's programme features concerts of American and English music as well as the return of our hugely popular Children's Concert. We end the year with a concert in memory of Colin Burrow, a great friend of the orchestra whom we sadly lost last season. We are delighted to welcome this year's soloists. Sue Black will join us once again and we are pleased to introduce Freya Ireland a young and exceedingly gifted percussionist from Gloucestershire. The orchestra will be conducted this year by Stephen Belinfante and our ranks have been swelled by many new talented players. We are sure it will be a memorable series of concerts and we look forward to welcoming you.

Michael Kilshaw
Chair, CPO

Book Now!

Tickets can be obtained from Cheltenham Town Hall Box Office by calling

0844 576 2210

or you may book online at

www.cheltenhamtownhall.org.uk

**Sunday 20th November : Americana
Pittville Pump Room, Cheltenham, 3pm**

Marquez : Danzon No.2
Gershwin : American in Paris
Creston : Marimba Concertino featuring Freya Ireland
Bernstein : On the Waterfront

Our exciting opening concert features a dazzling selection of music from Mexico and the USA. These twentieth century pieces build upon the European classical music tradition adding a delicious confection of jazz, folk and blues together with some unforgettable tunes!



Freya Ireland, aged 18, plays percussion, piano and clarinet. During 2016 she has been principal composer of the NYO, won the Royal Philharmonic Society's inaugural 'Duet Prize' for young composers, was a finalist in Gloucestershire Young Musician of the Year, and has been named as the Apprentice Composer-in-Residence for Wigmore Hall.

**Sunday 29th January : Winter Concert
Pittville Pump Room, Cheltenham, 3pm**

Fauré : Pavane
Strauss : Four Last Songs with Soprano Sue Black
Rachmaninov : Symphonic Dances

This is definitely the cure for the winter blues!

From music influenced by the renaissance courts and German poetry to ingenious fantasy, prepare to be soothed, deeply moved and enjoy the glorious melodies and pulsating rhythms in this emotionally charged and exhilarating concert.



Sue Black is a well known local soloist and vocal coach. She has performed most of the great leading roles in grand opera and has a wide repertoire from early music to new and contemporary works. Aside from singing, she conducts, has been a Stage Director and is currently Musical Director for a staging of The Magic Flute in March 2017.

**Sunday 2nd April : The Children's Concert
Cheltenham Town Hall, 3pm**

Walton : Henry V – Song from Agincourt
Williams : Jurassic Park
Beatles Medley
Cheltenham Philharmonic Wind Ensemble
Patterson : Three Little Pigs

Due to the huge success and popularity of our annual children's concert we have moved it to a much more spacious venue. This musical extravaganza is a must for children of all ages and their families, not only featuring singers from local schools, but also providing an unforgettable opportunity for the audience to connect with members of the orchestra.

Book early for this concert!

**Sunday 18th June : English Fantasy
Pittville Pump Room, Cheltenham, 3pm**

A concert in celebration of the life of Colin Burrow
Holst : Fugal Overture
Frank Bridge : The Sea
Arnold : English Dances
Holst : Cotswold Symphony

Although these pieces are not particularly well known, they represent some of the most beautiful English music ever written, full of lush melodies and gorgeous pastoral themes. Holst is featured twice in what has been a difficult year for our home-grown composer's birthplace museum - now being restored to its former glory.

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