



Carducci Festival

21st – 23rd May 2010

Highnam
Gloucestershire

The Carducci Quartet

Matthew Denton violin
Michelle Fleming violin

Eoin Schmidt-Martin viola
Emma Denton cello



The Carducci Quartet is delighted to welcome you to their fourth Highnam Festival. Joined by clarinet virtuoso **Julian Bliss** and the exciting classical guitarist **Michael O'Toole**, the weekend promises to be a sumptuous feast of music making.

Events will take place at the beautiful **Holy Innocents Church**, the new **Gambier Parry Hall** and the magnificent **Highnam Court**. We hope that you'll be able to join us for this inspiring weekend which combines high quality concerts, with free opportunities for children, young people and families, supported by the Cavatina Chamber Music Trust.

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Friday 21st May

Death and the Maiden
7.30pm Highnam Church

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Haydn String Quartet Op.9 No.4 in D minor

Moeran String Quartet in Eb

Schubert Schubert String Quartet No.14 in D minor, D810
'Death and the Maiden'

This opening concert features a delightful early work by Haydn, a wonderful quartet by Moeran enriched with Irish airs, jigs and reels and concludes with one of the greatest chamber works ever written – Schubert's iconic 'Death and the Maiden' Quartet.

Free tickets for children and students are available for this concert, sponsored by the Cavatina Chamber Music Trust.

6.30pm Pre-concert event Tom Fenton explores the history of Holy Innocents Church. Free to ticket holders

Saturday 22nd May

Masterclasses

11am-1pm Gambier Parry Hall

FREE EVENT

Come and watch young clarinet players take part in a morning of masterclasses with internationally renowned clarinettist **Julian Bliss**.

"It isn't just his technique, though that is astonishing enough. It's the wit, poise and vivacity in his playing. In short, it is the pure intuition leading him straight to the heart of what he plays." THE TIMES

Free entry – no ticket required

Saturday 22nd May

Quintets by Candlelight
7.30pm Highnam Church

Julian Bliss clarinet with the Carducci Quartet

Weber Clarinet Quintet Op.34 in Bb major

Mendelssohn String Quartet No.6 in F minor, Op.80

Mozart Quintet for Clarinet and Strings K581

Prodigiously-talented young clarinetist Julian Bliss will join the Carducci Quartet to perform these delightful and virtuosic Weber and Mozart masterpieces.

Free tickets for children and students are available for this concert, sponsored by the Cavatina Chamber Music Trust.

6pm Patrons and Friends of the Carducci Quartet are invited to join the Quartet for drinks at Highnam Old Rectory.

Sunday 23rd May

Family Concert & Paint the music
11am Gambier Parry Hall

FREE EVENT

Join the Carducci Quartet for musical fun and games followed by a chance to 'paint the music'. Discover the amazing sound world of the string quartet and be creative. Booking is not essential, but please arrive early to be sure of your place.

Duration approx 1 hour.

Sunday 23rd May

Fandango Finale

3pm Highnam Court Orangery

The Carducci Quartet with Michael O'Toole guitar

Programme to include works by **Vivaldi**, **Boccherini** and **Ginastera**.

The Festival ends with a recital in which the Carducci Quartet are joined by the wonderful classical guitarist Michael O'Toole, in a programme to include Boccherini's exhilarating 'Fandango' Quintet in the beautiful setting of Highnam Court Orangery.

From **1pm ticket holders may explore the picturesque grounds of Highnam Court**, including the Rose Garden, the Bluebell Wood and the Monet Lake.

£4 from every ticket will be donated to the Pied Piper Appeal.

DIRECTIONS

For Highnam Church and the Gambier Parry Hall (GL2 8DG):

From Gloucester take the A40 (sign posted 'Ross-on-Wye'). Then 1km from Over roundabout, turn right at the traffic lights onto B4215 (sign posted 'Newent'). After 250 metres, turn left into car park.

For Highnam Court (GL2 8DP):

From Gloucester take the A40 (sign posted 'Ross-on-Wye'). At Highnam roundabout take third exit (no signpost). Continue up the drive to car park.

PARKING

Space in the Church and Hall car park is limited, so at busy times audience members may be asked to park in residential roads nearby. Please allow enough time for parking.

Additional Information



To book tickets for the festival, please complete the booking form and return it with a stamped addressed envelope to:

Carducci Festival, Elmdon,
Southwood Road, Shalden,
Alton GU34 4DX

Please make all cheques payable to 'Carducci Music Trust'.

Gloucestershire is a wonderful area for a weekend visit. For more information regarding **accommodation** in the local area, please contact us or call Gloucester Tourist Information Centre on 01452 396572.

If you have any queries, please email carduccitrust@gmail.com or call **01420 86267**.

Alternatively, tickets can be booked on-line at **www.ticketweb.co.uk**

And by phone on **08444 771 000**

Please tick here if you would like to receive up to date news and details of Carducci concerts

The Carducci Music Trust



The Carducci Quartet is passionate about the positive role that classical music can have in the community, and dedicated to inspiring the next generation of musicians.

The Carducci Music Trust is a charity which supports the educational and concert work of the Carducci Quartet by:

- Building audiences for the future
- Inspiring young musicians
- Enabling performances of the highest calibre

Audience members can support the work of the Carducci Music Trust by becoming a Friend or Patron.

Friend Membership £25 (individual) • £40 (couple or family)

Young Friend Membership £5

Patron Membership £150

Gold Patron Membership £400

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The Carducci Quartet

"The Carducci String Quartet astonished with their ability and maturity." THE INDEPENDENT

"...technical rigour, penetrative musical insight and lively yet unified individualism...winning in every sense of the word..." THE IRISH TIMES

Winner of the Concert Artists Guild Competition in New York, the Kuhmo International Chamber Music Competition and several other major prizes, the Carducci Quartet is recognised as one of today's most exciting young string quartets.

The 2009-10 season will see them perform over 90 concerts worldwide, including London's Wigmore Hall and Washington's Library of Congress. Tours include Spain, Portugal, Denmark, France, North and South America and Australia, as well as throughout the UK

The Quartet is passionate about taking classical music to the next generation and gives many performances for school children, as well as running chamber music courses for young musicians. The Quartet is in demand at conservatoires around the UK and Ireland, holds residencies at Trinity College of Music, Cardiff University and Cork School of Music. The Carducci Quartet gratefully acknowledges the support of the Coln Trust.

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Julian Bliss clarinet



At the age of 20, Julian Bliss is already firmly established on the international concert scene and has appeared as soloist with a number of important UK and worldwide orchestras. Recital venues have included Wigmore Hall and a successful debut at the Lincoln Center, New York. Julian's recordings for EMI have been greeted with critical acclaim and he has appeared on national television on numerous occasions, including 'Gifted': a three-part documentary about his life for Channel 4. His Leblanc BLISS range of affordable clarinets was recently launched to much praise.

For more information about Julian and the BLISS clarinets visit www.Julianbliss.com

Michael O'Toole guitar



Michael O'Toole is one of Ireland's leading classical guitarists, and has performed extensively in Ireland and abroad and on national radio and television. His commitment to contemporary music and the expansion of the guitar repertoire has led him to work with prominent contemporary composers such as Philip Glass.

Michael has also performed with the Opera Theatre Company, the RTE Concert Orchestra, the Dublin Guitar Quartet and The National Symphony Orchestra. Despite his busy performance schedule, Michael also shows a deep commitment to education and is on the faculty at Waterford Institute of Technology's Department of Creative Arts.

Booking Form	Ticket price	No. of tickets	Total
Death and the Maiden Friday 21st May, 7.30pm Premium Seats (Centre Nave front) £18 Centre Nave £13 Side Aisles £8 Children and students free*			£
Masterclasses Saturday 22nd May, 11-1pm	FREE		N/A
Quintets by Candlelight Saturday 22nd May, 7.30pm Premium Seats (Centre Nave front) £18 Centre Nave £15 Side Aisles £9 Children and students free*			£
Family Concert & Paint the Music Sunday 23rd May, 11am	FREE		N/A
Fandango Finale Sunday 23rd May, 3pm (includes entrance to gardens and a glass of wine) Adults £18 Children and Students £12			£
Festival Pass – All events Premium Seats £50 Centre Nave £40 Side aisles £30			£ £ £
Carducci Friends Individual Membership £25 Couple or Family Membership £40			£
Grand Total			£

*Free tickets are available for 8-14 year olds accompanied by an adult and 15-22 year olds in full-time education, sponsored by the CAVATINA Chamber Music Trust. For further details of this UK wide scheme visit www.cavatina.net

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