

Classical and contemporary, tradition and innovation, the Oundle International Organ Festival offers you all of these.

Classical: Orchestral, organ and chamber music by Mozart; an organ recital of Bach's music given by Peter Hurford; organ music by Liszt.

Contemporary: Music by Judith Weir; a new string quartet.

**Tradition:** The glories of English church music from the choir of Christ Church Cathedral, Oxford; Music at Twilight; Music from the time of Richard III.

**Innovation:** Cabaret theatre; a harmonium recital; community events; jazz and fireworks.

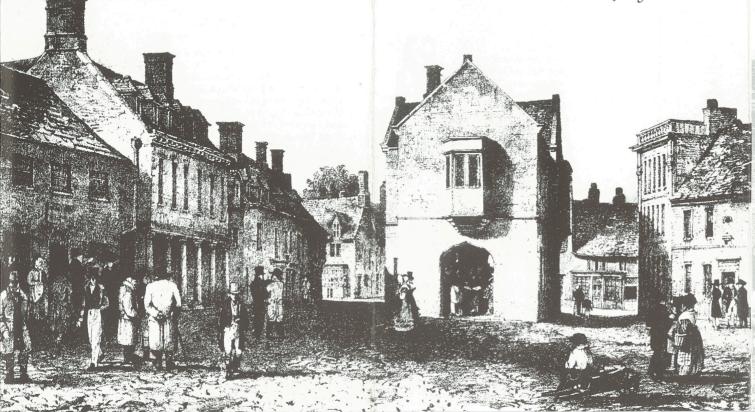
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## **Celebrating Tradition**

Looking through a brochure is rather like walking into a concert hall for the first time, or hearing an orchestra tune up. There's a sense of anticipation, an excitement in the sharing of live music making.

This year as every year, the Oundle International Organ Festival celebrates the excitement of live music and performances, bringing to this beautiful and intimate town some of the finest talents from this country and abroad.

The programme is a celebration of tradition – both in music and the continuation of traditional events. As we recognise the 200th anniversary of Mozart's death we also recognise the continuing creative impulse with the performance of contemporary music and newly-commissioned works.

Music is not all at Oundle. Two days of community events offer Festival-goers the chance to enjoy the spirit of country life and traditional pageantry. On July 14 the picture-postcard village of Fotheringhay will hold a Festival Day. There will be maypole dancing, morris men, victuals in the village hall and a craft market. The York Waits, who perform that evening, will also entertain.

On July 21 in Oundle you can enjoy the community celebrations. Strolling around this charming market town you will discover entertainers, craft and local charity stalls on the Home Close. Join us for a complimentary coffee before the morning recital. A visit to the Oundle Horticultural Society's annual show can be combined with tea, then you can drop into the Yarrow Art Gallery to view the exhibition by area artists. The day concludes with a barbecue and spectacular firework display.

You can share in all this excitement. Our 1991 Festival is diverse and varied, with appeal for audiences of all ages and interests.

A concert, recital or Festival is not a single event, it's a collaboration between the music, the performers and you.

Welcome to our seventh annual Festival.