

The Sound of Oundle

As the musical world pays tribute to the staggering achievement of J S Bach 250 years after his death, our Festival resonates to the sound of his sublime inspiration. In the course of 2000, all Bach's organ music will be performed under the Oundle banner, both during the Festival and at other times. And so too will all Bach's music for solo violin: savour the elegance of Bach's violin partitas as acclaimed exponent of the baroque violin, Simon Standage, plays at twilight in two of the lovely local churches.

For the perfect foil to the baroque, this summer's Festival brings you the full romantic surge of the symphony orchestra, with Beethoven's *Eroica* Symphony, and Elgar's haunting cello concerto interpreted by world famous soloist Julian Lloyd Webber. The vibrant drama of Taiko drumming, and the spellbinding strumming of gypsy jazz, inspired by *Le Hot Club*, add further vital colours to the picture, in a Festival where great names on the world stage appear alongside brilliant young artists.

It is an honour for us to welcome Estonian Arvo Pärt as composer-in-residence. Mesmeric simplicity and patent spirituality are elements of his unique musical language, and he himself will be here to direct our appreciation.

Join us this July to enjoy the diversity of all that has been arranged. In an age when it is all too easy to sample the arts from your armchair at home, experience the thrill of live performance, amongst friends, at Oundle.

James Parsons
Festival Director

The Oundle Connection Organ Recitals in Peterborough Cathedral

Please see page 16 for details of this Prelude to the Festival

Friday 14th July

Art Exhibition Preview

INTERNATIONAL EXHIBITION OF FINE CRAFTS

6.30pm-9pm

Yarrow Gallery, Oundle School

Exhibition continues daily until Saturday 29th July

Opening times: Sat 15th to Sat 22nd, 2 - 7.30pm
Sun 23rd to Sat 29th, 2 - 6pm

Admission free Work for sale



A stunning display of exquisite items in wood, glass, ceramics, textiles, precious metals and stones is presented by two groups: from Örebro in Sweden, and the Northamptonshire Guild of Designer Craftsmen.

The Festival Club is open from 16 July for coffee,

BOOK EARLY AND SAVE !

Booking opens on Tuesday 25th April

How to book

- **by phone**
call our Credit Card Hotline on **01832 275109** (24 hours, with personal service between 10 am and 4pm); please be ready to quote your Visa, Access, Delta or Switch card number.
- **by post**
send booking form, cheque (payable OIF) and SAE to OIF, The Old Crown, Glapthorn, Oundle, Peterborough PE8 5BJ
- **in person**
Tourist Information Centre, 14 West Street, Oundle
(Open 9am to 5pm Mon-Sat; from 30 April also 1pm to 4pm Sun)
Oundle Music, 13 West Street, Oundle (tel 01832 273669)
(Open 9am to 5pm, Tues-Sat; closed 1-2pm)
OIF regrets tickets cannot be exchanged, nor money refunded

Discounts

- Book early and save money. See booking form for details.
- Friends of the Festival receive 10% discount at all times. Please phone the Festival Office (01832 272026) for details.

Information - Festival Office 01832 272026

- for information about accommodation in the area, phone Oundle Tourist Information Centre on 01832 274333.
- OIF welcomes disabled concert-goers. Please phone the Festival Office if you would like help with arrangements.

Hospitality

- The Festival Club and Bar will be open to the public for morning coffee, lunch and tea throughout the Festival from 16th July onwards. The licensed bar will be open most days; see Festival souvenir programme for details.



Oundle in Northamptonshire is easy to reach from London, East Anglia and the whole of the Midlands. We are situated about 14 miles west of Peterborough (fast trains from London and the North), just 8 miles north of the A14, and 8 miles west of the A1.

POSTAL BOOKING FORM (or Credit Card Hotline 01832 275109)

Date	Event	£	No	Total
Fri 14	Fiori Musicali	11		
Sun 16	David Goode	6		
	Simon Standage	7*		
Mon 17	Mattias Wager	6		
	Simon Standage	7*		
	*Buy tickets for both Simon Standage recitals and save £2	12		
Tues 18	Thierry Mechler	3		
	Laudibus	11		
	Rainer Hersch	7		
Wed 19	Alexander Taylor	7		
	Kimberly Marshall	5		
Thurs 20	Kungsbacka Trio	5*		
	Dryden country - tour	6*		
	Martin Baker	7		
	*Inclusive ticket for Thursday's lunch, recital and tour	11		
Fri 21	English Sinfonia & Julian Lloyd Webber	12.50		
	(child 16 or under)	5		
Sat 22	David Sanger	6		
	Burghley Sculpture Gardens - tour	6		
	Mugenkyo	11		
	(child 16 or under)	5		
Sun 23	Organists' Platform Concert	5		

sub-total

less 10% discount for bookings before 1 June

or Friends of the Festival at any time *

sub-total

FIREWORK CONCERT

Single Tickets

Sat 15	Bookings before 15 May	13
	Bookings before 1 June	14
	Bookings on or after 1 June	17

Groups of 10 or more

Sat 15	Bookings before 15 May	11
	Bookings before 1 June	12
	Bookings on or after 1 June	15

Season Ticket (save £74) Limited number at this amazing price

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* Friends subscription: for as little as £15 a year you can become a Friend of the Festival and be entitled to an instant discount of 10% and other benefits.

TOTAL

Please send form, SAE and cheque (payable OIF) to:

OIF, The Old Crown, Glapthorn, Oundle, Peterborough PE8 5BJ

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If you would prefer not to receive such information, please indicate by putting a cross in the box. ☐