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Welcome to the 2017 Presteigne Festival, our thirty-fifth annual celebration of music, musicians and the arts.

Musical highlights include a feature of Danish chamber music, Judith Weir's music drama *The Consolations of Scholarship* and two celebratory multi-composer commissions – orchestral variations on the folk-song *Lovely Joan*, and six solo piano *Bagatelles* after Beethoven – marking the Festival's special birthday alongside my own twenty-fifth anniversary as artistic director.

The Festival introduces new commissions from Cecilia McDowall, Robert Peate and composer-in-residence Edward Gregson, and we celebrate the centenary year of founder-President, Sidney Nolan, one of Australia's leading twentieth-century artists.

The extensive programme of supporting events includes literary talks, exhibitions, a survey of the 1960s and 70s counter-culture in film and Meurig Bowen's witty salute to composer Erik Satie – *Memoirs of a Pear-Shaped Life*.

The roster of performing talent is quite superb, with the Gramophone Award-winning Nightingale Quartet, Leonore Trio, Rebecca Afonwy-Jones, Tim Horton, Rachel Roberts, Katherine Baker, Laura Snowden and very many more.

We are all set for a brilliant year at Presteigne – I hope you'll be tempted to join us and experience first-hand the culture and countryside of Radnorshire's favourite Festival town.

George Vass, artistic director

Croeso i Ŵyl Llanandras 2017, ein pymthegfed dathliad blynyddol ar hugain o gerddoriaeth, cerddorion a'r celfyddydau.

Mae'r uchafbwyntiau cerddorol yn cynnwys sylw arbennig i gerddoriaeth siambr o Ddenmarc, drama gerdd Judith Weir *The Consolations of Scholarship*, a chomisiynau dathliadol i ddau grŵp o gyfansoddwyr – amrywiadau i gerddorfa ar y gân werin *Lovely Joan*, a chwech o *Bagatelles* i biano solo yn null Beethoven – i nodi pen-blwydd arbennig yr Ŵyl, ochr yn ochr â'm pumed pen-blwydd ar hugain innau fel cyfarwyddwr artistig.

Bydd yr Ŵyl yn cyflwyno darnau comisiwn newydd gan Cecilia McDowall, Robert Peate a'r cyfansoddwr preswyl, Edward Gregson, a byddwn yn dathlu canmlwyddiant geni ein Llywydd cyntaf, Sidney Nolan, un o brif arlunwyr Awstralia yn yr ugeinfed ganrif.

Mae'r rhaglen helaeth o ddigwyddiadau ategol yn cynnwys sgyrsiau llenyddol, arddangosfeydd, arolwg o wrth-ddiwylliant y 1960au a'r 70au ym maes ffilm, a chyfarchiad ffraeth Meurig Bowen i'r cyfansoddwr Erik Satie – *Memoirs of a Pear-Shaped Life*.

Mae'r rhestr o berfformwyr talentog yn un gwbl ardderchog, gan gynnwys Pedwarawd Nightingale (enillwyr un o Wobrau cylchgrawn Gramophone), Triawd Leonore, Rebecca Afonwy-Jones, Tim Horton, Rachel Roberts, Katherine Baker, Laura Snowden a llawer iawn mwy.

Rydym yn barod am flwyddyn benigamp yn Llanandras – gobeithio y cewch eich temtio i ymuno â ni am brofiad uniongyrchol o ddiwylliant a chefn gwlad hoff dref Gŵyliau Sir Faesyfed.

George Vass, cyfarwyddwr artistig

Thursday Dydd Lau Awst am 10.00am Awst am 10.00am

Sidney Nolan Trust, The Rodd, Presteigne LD8 2LL Ymddiriedolaeth Sidney Nolan, The Rodd, Llanandras LD8 2LL

Event 2

Thursday Dydd Lau 24 August at 2.00pm Awst am 2.00pm

Sidney Nolan Trust, The Rodd, Presteigne LD8 2LL Ymddiriedolaeth Sidney Nolan, The Rodd, Llanandras LD8 2LL

WALK AND DRAW WORKSHOPS



Celia Johnson: *Paradise 68*



A rare opportunity to join **Celia Johnson** (Walking Artist and lecturer in Fine Art at Hereford College of Arts) for a silent walk around Rodd Farm, home of the Sidney Nolan Trust, to make drawings and/or write in response to the landscape and its peaceful ambient sounds, experiencing the unique borders environment that so inspired Sidney Nolan.

Suitable for both beginners and practising artists or writers, you will create abstract drawings or text that may inform your own work later; previous drawing experience or particular skills are not necessary.

The walk of approximately 90 minutes will be followed by a discussion and critique at The Rodd, with refreshments

The walk is uneven in places. Boots and weather-appropriate clothing is needed, plus sketchbook, pencils and a pencil sharpener/craft knife.

Numbers are strictly limited to fifteen per event.

Tickets £15 unreserved | **Tocynnau** £15 heb eu cadw Advance booking only | Bwcio ymlaen llaw yn unig

Event 1 ends at approximately 12.30pm and Event 2 at 4.30pm Bydd y Digwyddiad 1 yn gorffen am tua 12.30pm a Digwyddiad 2 am 4.30pm

Thursday Dydd Lau

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August at 8.30pm Awst am 8.30pm

St Andrew's Church, Presteigne LD8 2AF Eglwys Sant Andreas, Llanandras LD8 2AF

THE CONSOLATIONS OF SCHOLARSHIP





Rebecca Afonwy-Jones *mezzo-soprano* Berkeley Ensemble George Vass *conductor*

Peter Maxwell Davies Dances from 'The Two Fiddlers'
Francis Poulenc Sextet for piano and wind instruments, FP100
Michael Berkeley Seven
Judith Weir The Consolations of Scholarship

The opening performance of the 2017 Presteigne Festival brings together music by two Masters of the Queen's Music, Francis Poulenc's delightful Sextet and a new version of a work specially composed for the 2007 Presteigne Festival by our President, Michael Berkeley.

The brilliantly innovative Berkeley Ensemble are joined by outstanding young mezzo Rebecca Afonwy-Jones for a concert performance of an extraordinary music drama for voice and instrumental ensemble by Judith Weir. With a libretto by the composer herself, *The Consolations of Scholarship* is based closely on the Yuan dramas *The Orphan of Chao* (by Chi Chun-hsiang) and the anonymous *A Stratagem of Interlocking Rings*.

Tickets £25 reserved | £15 unreserved | £6 student

Tocynnau £25 wedi'u cadw | £15 heb eu cadw | £6 mfyrwyr

Advance booking advisable | Argymhellir prynu tocynnau ymlaen llaw

This event ends at approximately 10.00pm | Bydd y digwyddiad bwn yn gorffen am tua 10.00pm

7.45pm, Assembly Rooms, Presteigne LD8 2AD 7.45pm, Yr Ystafelloedd Cynnull, Llanandras LD8 2AD

PRE-CONCERT TALK I

Free pre-concert talk with Thomas Hyde and guests Sgwrs ddi-dâl cyn y cyngerdd, gyda Thomas Hyde a gwesteion

Friday
Dydd Gwener

25 August at 11.00am
Awst am 11.00am

St Michael's Church, Discoed LD8 2NW Eglwys Sant Mihangel, Disgoed LD8 2NW

WHAT DO WE MEAN WHEN WE TALK ABOUT BORDERS?

Literature at Discoed



Nicholas Murray introduces his latest book, *Crossings: A Journey through Borders* (Seren) and reads from his poetry collection *The Migrant Ship* (Melos). Part travel book, part personal journey, part meditation on the meaning of borders, literal and metaphorical, *Crossings* is also rooted in the author's thirty-year residence in the Radnor Valley in the border country of Mid-Wales.

Nicholas Murray is a biographer, novelist, poet and literary activist. He has written on Chatwin, Huxley, Marvell, Victorian travellers and the Great War poets; plus novels and *Real Bloomsbury* for Seren. He has reviewed for *The Independent* and *TLS*, and runs the Rack Press series of poetry pamphlets, in addition to teaching writing and biography at King's College, London.



Refreshments available | Lluniaeth ar gael

Tickets £7.50 unreserved **Tocynnau** £7.50 heb eu cadw

Transport The Festival Bus will depart from Presteigne at 10.30am

(please see back cover for more information)

Cludiant Bydd Bws yr Ŵyl yn gadael yn Llanandras am 10.30am

(gweler y clawr cefn am ragor o wybodaeth)

This event ends at approximately 12.00 noon Bydd y digwyddiad bwn yn gorffen am tua 12.00 nawniau

This is a fundraising event presented in association with The Friends of St Michael's, Discoed



Friday August at 2.00pm Dydd Gwener 25 August am 2.00pm

St Andrew's Church, Presteigne LD8 2AF Eglwys Sant Andreas, Llanandras LD8 2AF

BAGATELLES AFTER BEETHOVEN



Tim Horton piano

Alban Berg Piano Sonata, Op 1
Martin Butler, Michael Zev Gordon, Cheryl Frances-Hoad, Gabriel Jackson,
David Knotts and Jack Sheen Bagatelles after Beethoven
World premiere of Presteigne Festival commissions
Edward Gregson Six Little Piano Pieces
Ludwig van Beethoven Six Bagatelles, Op 126

Tickets £14 reserved | £10 unreserved | £6 student **Tocynnau** £14 wedi'u cadw | £10 heb eu cadw | £6 mfyrwyr

This event ends at approximately 3.15pm Bydd y digwyddiad bwn yn gorffen am tua 3.15pm

Presented in association with the Royal Philharmonic Society



Friday
Dydd Gwener

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August at 4.00pm

Awst am 4.00pm

Assembly Rooms, Presteigne LD8 2AD Yr Ystafelloedd Cynnull, Llanandras LD8 2AD

SUCH IS LIFE



Sidney Nolan and Mary in Mininindi, 1984

Film

Australian documentary film maker Brian Adams OAM was associated with Sidney Nolan for over thirty years, professionally and personally, and accompanied him on his extensive worldwide travels. *Such is Life* was screened in the UK on Channel 4 as well as in Australia and Ireland in 1987 as part of celebrations of Nolan's seventieth birthday when he was feted as one of the true giants of twentieth-century art. The film follows Sidney and Mary from England and Ireland to Hong Kong and Australia and includes rare footage of Sidney making new work at The Rodd as well as film of Adrian Williams and Alexander Baillie performing in the Tithe Barn and of Sidney working on a new production for the Royal Opera House.

Tickets £6 unreserved
Tocynnau £6 heb eu cadw

This event ends at approximately 5.00pm Bydd y digwyddiad bwn yn gorffen am tua 5.00pm

SIDNEY NOLAN CENTENARY 2017

Presented in association with the Sidney Nolan Trust



Friday August at 7.45pm Dydd Gwener 25 Awst am 7.45pm

St Andrew's Church, Presteigne LD8 2AF Eglwys Sant Andreas, Llanandras LD8 2AF

CELEBRATION CONCERT FOR GEORGE VASS







Benjamin Nabarro *violin* | Rachel Roberts *viola* | Gemma Rosefield *cello* Presteigne Festival Orchestra George Vass *conductor*

Paul Patterson Sinfonia for string orchestra, Op 46

Edward Gregson Goddess

Sally Beamish, Michael Berkeley, David Matthews, Christopher Gunning, Thomas Hyde,

Matthew Taylor, Huw Watkins and Adrian Williams Variations on 'Lovely Joan'

World premiere of a Presteigne Festival commission

James Francis Brown Trio Concertante

Frank Bridge Suite for string orchestra, H93

Tickets £25 reserved | £18 unreserved | £6 student

Tocynnau £25 wedi'u cadw | £18 heb eu cadw | £6 mfyrwyr

Advance booking advisable | Argymhellir prynu tocynnau ymlaen llaw

This event ends at approximately 9.30pm | Bydd y digwyddiad bwn yn gorffen am tua 9.30pm

7.00pm, Assembly Rooms, Presteigne LD8 2AD 7.00pm, Yr Ystafelloedd Cynnull, Llanandras LD8 2AD

PRE-CONCERT TALK II

Free pre-concert talk with Thomas Hyde and guests
Sgwrs ddi-dâl cyn y cyngerdd, gyda Thomas Hyde a gwesteion

Friday August at 8.00pm Dydd Gwener 25 Awst am 8.00pm

Assembly Rooms, Presteigne LD8 2AD Yr Ystafelloedd Cynnull, Llanandras LD8 2AD

BREATHLESS

(À bout de soufflé)



Film at the Festival I

The first in a series of three reflecting the counterculture of the sixties and seventies is the innovative *Breathless* (1960), directed by Jean-Luc Godard and starring Jean-Paul Belmondo and Jean Seberg, with a score by Martial Solal.

Our 'Film at the Festival' series is curated by distinguished film editor **Tony Lawson** who gives a short introduction to each film.

In French with subtitles | Yn Ffrangeg gydag is-deitlau

Contains mild sexual references, language and violence Yn cynnwys cyfeiriadau rhywiol, iaith a thrais sydd i gyd yn gymedrol



Bar available | Bar ar gael

Tickets £7 unreserved | Tocynnau £7 heb eu cadw

This event ends at approximately 10.00pm Bydd y digwyddiad bwn yn gorffen am tua 10.00pm

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Event 9

Saturday 26 August at 11.00am Dydd Sadwrn 26 Awst am 11.00am

Assembly Rooms, Presteigne LD8 2AD Yr Ystafelloedd Cynnull, Llanandras LD8 2AD

THE STRANGE DEATH OF THE COUNTER-CULTURE

Literature with Ian Marchant



Fifty years on from the Summer of Love, where have all the hippies gone? Was turning on, tuning in and dropping out too much to ask of everybody? How did the hippies come to Radnorshire, and do they leave any legacy? Author and broadcaster Ian Marchant will be discussing ideas from his forthcoming book *A Hero for High Times* (Cape, January 2018). He will also be revealing where Procul Harum got their name, why you know your birth sign, how Yoko Ono changed the way we eat and why you need to avoid the brown acid.

lan Marchant is a writer, broadcaster and performer. Originally from Newhaven, East Sussex, he now lives with his family in Presteigne. Before taking up writing books, he sang in various unimaginably obscure bands, wrote up the results of horse races in betting shops and ran a large second-hand bookshop on the Charing Cross Road. He currently teaches creative writing at Birmingham City University and with the National Academy of Writing.

Tickets £6 unreserved **Tocynnau** £6 heb eu cadw

This event ends at approximately 12.00 noon Bydd y digwyddiad bwn yn gorffen am tua 12.00 nawniau

Saturday Dydd Sadwrn 🚄 🔾

August at 11.30am Awst am 11.30am

St Stephen's Church, Old Radnor LD8 2RH Eglwys Sant Steffan, Pencraig LD8 2RH

LEGEND AND FANTASY AT OLD RADNOR





Katherine Baker flute Suzy Willison-Kawalec harp

Robert Saxton The Legend of King Herla John McCabe March Sonatina, for solo flute **Huw Watkins** Suite for harp Carl Nielsen The Fog is Lifting, Op 41 Helen Grime Fantasie, Danse, Cérémonie Cecilia McDowall Eleven



Refreshments available | Lluniaeth ar gael

Tickets £14 unreserved | £6 student Tocynnau £14 heb eu cadw | £6 mfyrwyr

Advance booking advisable Argymhellir prynu tocynnau ymlaen llaw

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This event ends at approximately 12.30pm Bydd y digwyddiad bwn yn gorffen am tua 12.30pm

Saturday 26 August at 2.00pm Dydd Sadwrn 26 Awst am 2.00pm

St Andrew's Church, Presteigne LD8 2AF Eglwys Sant Andreas, Llanandras LD8 2AF

KNUCKLAS ARCHES AND BRAHMS





Leonore Trio Rachel Roberts *viola*

John Rushby-Smith Violin Sonata Robert Peate Knucklas Arches World premiere of a Presteigne Festival commission Johannes Brahms Piano Quartet in G minor, Op 25

Tickets £15 reserved £10 unreserved | £6 student Tocynnau £15 wedi'u cadw £10 heb eu cadw | £6 mfyrwyr

This event ends at approximately 3.15pm Bydd y digwyddiad bwn yn gorffen am tua 3.15pm

Event 12

Saturday 26 August at 4.30pm Dydd Sadwrn 26 Awst am 4.30pm

St Michael's Church, Discoed LD8 2NW Eglwys Sant Mihangel, Disgoed LD8 2NW

CATALAN PEASANT WITH GUITAR



Laura Snowden guitar

Lennox Berkeley Sonatina, Op 52 No 1 Richard Rodney Bennett Five Impromptus Julian Anderson Catalan Peasant with Guitar Bent Sørensen Melancholy Dances Joaquín Rodrigo Tres piezas españolas

Tickets £12.50 unreserved | £6 student **Tocynnau** £12.50 heb eu cadw | £6 mfyrwyr

Advance booking advisable Argymhellir prynu tocynnau ymlaen llaw

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This event ends at approximately 5.30pm
Bydd y digwyddiad bwn yn gorffen am tua 5.30pm

Saturday 26 August at 7.45pm Dydd Sadwrn 26 Awst am 7.45pm

St Andrew's Church, Presteigne LD8 2AF Eglwys Sant Andreas, Llanandras LD8 2AF

NIGHTINGALE QUARTET IN PRESTEIGNE



Nightingale Quartet

Rued Langgaard String Quartet No 6, BVN160
Edward Gregson String Quartet No 2
World premiere of a Presteigne Festival commission
Franz Schubert String Quartet in D minor, D810 'Der Tod und das Mädchen'

Tickets £22 reserved | £17 unreserved | £6 student Tocynnau £22 wedi'u cadw | £17 heb eu cadw | £6 mfyrwyr

This event ends at approximately 9.30pm | Bydd y digwyddiad bwn yn gorffen am tua 9.30pm

7.00pm, Assembly Rooms, Presteigne LD8 2AD 7.00pm, Yr Ystafelloedd Cynnull, Llanandras LD8 2AD

PRE-CONCERT TALK III

Free pre-concert talk with Thomas Hyde and guests
Sgwrs ddi-dâl cyn y cyngerdd, gyda Thomas Hyde a gwesteion

Saturday Dydd Sadwrn 26

August at 8.00pm
Awst am 8.00pm

Assembly Rooms, Presteigne LD8 2AD Yr Ystafelloedd Cynnull, Llanandras LD8 2AD

BONNIE AND CLYDE



Film at the Festival II

The second film in our series reflecting the counter-culture of the sixties is the 'first modern American film', *Bonnie and Clyde* (1967), directed by Arthur Penn and starring Warren Beatty and Faye Dunaway. The score is by Charles Strouse.

Our 'Film at the Festival' series is curated by distinguished film editor **Tony Lawson** who gives a short introduction to each film.

Contains strong violence Yn cynnwys trais llym





Bar available | Bar ar gael

Tickets £7 unreserved **Tocynnau** £7 heb eu cadw

This event ends at approximately 10.10pm
Bydd y digwyddiad bwn yn gorffen am tua 10.10pm

Event presented in association with Presteigne Screen www.presteignescreen.org.uk

Festival Eucharist

Sunday Dydd Sul 27 August at 11.00am Awst am 11.00am

St Andrew's Church, Presteigne LD8 2AF Eglwys Sant Andreas, Llanandras LD8 2AF

FESTIVAL EUCHARIST



Preacher and Celebrant: Rt Rev Richard Frith, Bishop of Hereford

Sine Nomine International Touring Choir Edward Kemp-Luck *organ* Susan Hollingworth *conductor*

Introit:

John Joubert

O Lorde, the maker of al thing

Mass:

Jonathan Dove

Missa Brevis

Communion motets:

Johannes Brahms

Fest- und Gedenksprüche: Wo ist ein so herrlich Volk, Op 109 No 3

Cecilia McDowall

Love incorruptible
World premiere of a
Presteiane Festival commission

Sunday Dydd Sul 27 August at 12.30pm Awst am 12.30pm

Assembly Rooms, Presteigne LD8 2AD Yr Ystafelloedd Cynnull, Llanandras LD8 2AD

MUSIC FROM ANOTHER WORLD

Anthropology with Stephen Hugh-Jones



Photograph: Brian Moser

For the Barasana Indians of Colombian Northwest Amazonia 'In the beginning was music'. Life began with sound and the first beings spoke only in music; but knowing that they would want to argue and quarrel, the Gods then gave mortals language as well.

Anthropologist Stephen Hugh-Jones has spent a lifetime learning about the indigenous peoples of Northwest Amazonia. This talk explores various facets of their rich musical culture – its role in daily life and ritual, its hocketing, polyphonic aesthetic, its links to the sounds of the natural world and its relation to bodily ornamentation and pattern design through a cultural emphasis on synaesthesia.

Tickets £6 unreserved
Tocynnau £6 heb eu cadw

This event ends at approximately 1.30pm Bydd y digwyddiad bwn yn gorffen am tua 1.30pm

Sunday < 7 August at 2.30pm Dydd Sul 🚄 / Awst am 2.30pm

Church of St Mary Magdalene, Bleddfa LD7 1PA Eglwys y Santes Fair Fadlen, Bleddfa LD7 1PA

THE NIGHTINGALES AT BLEDDFA



Nightingale Quartet

David Matthews String Quartet No 6, Op 56 Vagn Holmboe String Quartet No 3, Op 48 Ludwig van Beethoven String Quartet in B flat, Op 18 No 6



Refreshments available | Lluniaeth ar gael

Tickets £15 unreserved | £6 student **Tocynnau** £15 heb eu cadw | £6 mfyrwyr

Advance booking advisable | Argymhellir prynu tocynnau ymlaen llaw

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This event ends at approximately 3.30pm | Bydd y digwyddiad bwn yn gorffen am tua 3.30pm

Sunday Dydd Sul 27 August at 5.00pm Awst am 5.00pm

St Mary's Church, Kinnerton LD8 2PF Eglwys y Santes Fair, Cinrtwn LD8 2PF

BACH TO THE FUTURE



Gemma Rosefield cello

Sally Beamish Gala Water
Hans Abrahamsen Sonata for solo cello
John Joubert Divisions on a Ground, Op 154
Johann Sebastian Bach Suite in G, BWV1007

Tickets £12.50 unreserved | £6 student **Tocynnau** £12.50 heb eu cadw | £6 mfyrwyr

Advance booking advisable | Argymhellir prynu tocynnau ymlaen llaw

Transport The Festival Bus will depart from Presteigne at 4.15pm (please see back cover for more information) **Cludiant** Bydd Bws yr Ŵyl yn gadael yn Llanandras am 4.15pm (gweler y clawr cefn am ragor o wybodaeth)

This event ends at approximately 6.00pm | Bydd y digwyddiad bwn yn gorffen am tua 6.00pm

Sunday Dydd Sul 27 August at 7.45pm Awst am 7.45pm

St Andrew's Church, Presteigne LD8 2AF Eglwys Sant Andreas, Llanandras LD8 2AF

A LETTER OF RIGHTS







Katherine Baker *flute* Greg Tassell *tenor* Sine Nomine International Touring Choir Presteigne Festival Orchestra George Vass *conductor*

Ralph Vaughan Williams Five Variants on 'Dives and Lazarus'
John McLeod Le Tombeau de Poulenc
Cecilia McDowall Some corner of a foreign field
William Walton Anon in Love
Tarik O'Regan A Letter of Rights

Tickets £25 reserved | £18 unreserved | £6 student
Tocynnau £25 wedi'u cadw | £18 heb eu cadw | £6 mfyrwyr

This event ends at approximately 9.40pm | Bydd y digwyddiad bwn yn gorffen am tua 9.40pm

7.00pm, Assembly Rooms, Presteigne LD8 2AD 7.00pm, Yr Ystafelloedd Cynnull, Llanandras LD8 2AD

PRE-CONCERT TALK IV

Free pre-concert talk with David Wordsworth and guests
Sgwrs ddi-dâl cyn y cyngerdd, gyda David Wordsworth a gwesteion

online booking: www.presteignefestival.com

Event 19

Sunday Dydd Sul 27 August at 8.00pm Awst am 8.00pm

Assembly Rooms, Presteigne LD8 2AD Yr Ystafelloedd Cynnull, Llanandras LD8 2AD

PERFORMANCE



Film at the Festival III

The final film in our series reflecting the counterculture of the sixties and seventies is the notorious Performance (1970), directed by Donald Cammell and Nicolas Roeg and starring Mick Jagger and James Fox. The music score is by Jack Nitzsche.

Our 'Film at the Festival' series is curated by distinguished film editor Tony Lawson who gives a short introduction to each film.

Contains strong violence and drug use Yn cynnwys trais llym a defnydd o gyffuriau





Bar available | Bar ar gael

Tickets £7 unreserved Tocynnau £7 heb eu cadw

This event ends at approximately 10.00pm Bydd y digwyddiad bwn yn gorffen am tua 10.00pm

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Event 20

Dydd Sul Awst am 11.00am

Assembly Rooms, Presteigne LD8 2AD Yr Ystafelloedd Cynnull, Llanandras LD8 2AD

SIDNEY NOLAN -**GLOBAL ARTIST**



Sidney Nolan

Dr Simon Pierse. Emeritus Senior Lecturer at Aberystwyth University School of Art, is an art historian with interests in British perceptions of Australian art and identity. He is author of Australian Art and Artists in London 1950-1965: An Antipodean Summer and contributed to the publication Transferences: Sidney Nolan in Britain that accompanied the Nolan exhibition at Pallant House Gallery Feb-June 2017. His illustrated talk will explore Nolan as global artist and polymath, and consider the ongoing impact of Nolan's legacy as we mark the centenary of his birth.

SIDNEY NOLAN CENTENARY 2017

Presented in association with the Sidney Nolan Trust



Tickets £6 unreserved Tocynnau £6 heb eu cadw

This event ends at approximately 12.00 noon Bydd y digwyddiad bwn yn gorffen am tua 12.00 nawniau

Monday 28 August at 11.30am Dydd Llun 28 Awst am 11.30am

St Mary's Parish Church, Pembridge HR6 9EA Eglwys Blwyf y Santes Fair, Pembridge HR6 9EA

SINE NOMINE A CAPPELLA



Sine Nomine International Touring Choir Susan Hollingworth *conductor*

John Joubert Three Carols, Op 102
Johannes Brahms Fest- und Gedenksprüche, Op 109
Cecilia McDowall Love incorruptible
First concert performance of a Presteigne Festival commission
John Joubert There is no rose, Op 14
Carl Nielsen Three Motets, Op 55

Tickets £15 unreserved | £6 student **Tocynnau** £15 heb eu cadw | £6 mfyrwyr

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Advance booking advisable | Argymhellir prynu tocynnau ymlaen llaw

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This event ends at approximately 12.30pm | Bydd y digwyddiad bwn yn gorffen am tua 12.30pm

Monday 28 August at 2.00pm Dydd Llun 28 Awst am 2.00pm

St Andrew's Church, Presteigne LD8 2AF Eglwys Sant Andreas, Llanandras LD8 2AF

SONGS OF INNOCENCE AND EXPERIENCE







Rebecca Afonwy-Jones *mezzo-soprano* Rachel Roberts *viola* Timothy End *piano*

Carl Nielsen Songs and Verses, Op 6
Roxanna Panufnik Love Sought
Edward Gregson Five Songs of Innocence and Experience
Johannes Brahms Two Songs, Op 91
Helen Grime Nobody Comes
Manuel de Falla Siete canciones populares españolas

Tickets £14 reserved | £10 unreserved | £6 student **Tocynnau** £14 wedi'u cadw | £10 heb eu cadw | £6 mfyrwyr

This event ends at approximately 3.15pm | Bydd y digwyddiad bwn yn gorffen am tua 3.15pm

Monday 28 August at 4.00pm Dydd Llun 28 Awst am 4.00pm

Assembly Rooms, Presteigne LD8 2AD Yr Ystafelloedd Cynnull, Llanandras LD8 2AD

A LIFE IN MUSIC

Edward Gregson in conversation with David Wordsworth



Festival composer-in-residence Edward Gregson discusses his life and music, together with his influences, passions and favourite music with conductor, pianist and publisher David Wordsworth, aided by a wide range of recordings.

Tickets £6 unreserved **Tocynnau** £6 heb eu cadw

This event ends at approximately 5.00pm Bydd y digwyddiad bwn yn gorffen am tua 5.00pm

Monday 28 August at 7.00pm Dydd Llun 28 Awst am 7.00pm

St Andrew's Church, Presteigne LD8 2AF Eglwys Sant Andreas, Llanandras LD8 2AF

MEMORIAL CONCERT FOR MARY NOLAN



Leonore Trio

Thomas Hyde Piano Trio: after Picasso, Op 11 **Edward Gregson** Serenata Notturna, for violin and piano **John McCabe** Sonata for cello and piano **Franz Schubert** Piano Trio in B flat, D898

Tickets £22 reserved | £17 unreserved | £6 student **Tocynnau** £22 wedi'u cadw | £17 heb eu cadw | £6 mfyrwyr

This event ends at approximately 8.55pm | Bydd y digwyddiad bwn yn gorffen am tua 8.55pm

6.15pm, Assembly Rooms, Presteigne LD8 2AD 6.15pm, Yr Ystafelloedd Cynnull, Llanandras LD8 2AD

PRE-CONCERT TALK V

Free pre-concert talk with David Wordsworth and guests Sgwrs ddi-dâl cyn y cyngerdd, gyda David Wordsworth a gwesteion

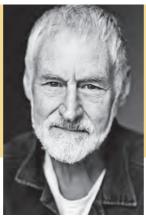
Monday 28 August at 9.30pm Dydd Llun 28 Awst am 9.30pm

St Andrew's Church, Presteigne LD8 2AF Eglwys Sant Andreas, Llanandras LD8 2AF

MEMOIRS OF A PEAR-SHAPED LIFE

A portrait of Erik Satie





Anne Lovett *piano* Christopher Good *actor*

Erik Satie was a complex, eccentric and lonely man. Devised and written by Meurig Bowen, *Memoirs of a Pear-Shaped Life*, half monologue, half piano recital, showcases the full, startling breadth of the composer's piano output and interweaves an ageing Satie reflecting on his riotously varied, chaotically creative and intermittently dysfunctional life.

The music to be performed includes many of Satie's most popular keyboard works – *Gymnopédies, Gnossiennes, Je te veux, Le piège de Méduse, Avant-dernières pensées, Le Piccadilly* and *Heures séculaires*.

Tickets £15 reserved | £10 unreserved | £6 student Tocynnau £15 wedi'u cadw | £10 heb eu cadw | £6 mfyrwyr

This event ends at approximately 10.45pm | Bydd y digwyddiad bwn yn gorffen am tua 10.45pm

Tuesday 29 August at 11.00am Dydd Mawrth 29 Awst am 11.00am

Assembly Rooms, Presteigne LD8 2AD Yr Ystafelloedd Cynnull, Llanandras LD8 2AD

DANISH MUSIC SINCE NIELSEN

Musical discovery with Daniel Grimley



Denmark has one of the liveliest and most innovative music scenes in the world, and Danish composers and performers have been widely acclaimed for their quality and originality. The real depth and diversity of Danish musical creativity, however, still remains to be fully discovered. This talk will introduce the major currents in Danish classical music from the start of the 1930s, following the death of the country's iconic composer, Carl Nielsen, up to the present day, and offers an engaging introduction to some of its most vital and distinctive figures.

Daniel Grimley is university lecturer in music at the University of Oxford, tutorial fellow of Merton College and senior lecturer in music at University College. He is the editor of *The Cambridge Companion to Sibelius* and the author of *Grieg: Music, Landscape and Norwegian Identity* and *Carl Nielsen and the Idea of Modernism*.

Tickets £6 unreserved **Tocynnau** £6 heb eu cadw

This event ends at approximately 12.00 noon | Bydd y digwyddiad bwn yn gorffen am tua 12.00 nawniau

Tuesday August at 2.00pm Awst am 2.00pm Dydd Mawrth \angle

St Andrew's Church, Presteigne LD8 2AF Eglwys Sant Andreas, Llanandras LD8 2AF

CAPRICCIO, ROMANCES AND AZTEC DANCES







Katherine Baker flute Rachel Roberts viola Tim Horton piano

Hugh Wood Trio for flute, viola and piano, Op 3 **Huw Watkins** Capriccio, for flute and piano Poul Ruders Romances, for viola and piano **Edward Gregson** Aztec Dances Maurice Duruflé Prélude, recitatif et variations, Op 3

Tickets £14 reserved | £10 unreserved | £6 student **Tocynnau** £14 wedi'u cadw | £10 heb eu cadw | £6 mfyrwyr

This event ends at approximately 3.00pm | Bydd y digwyddiad bwn yn gorffen am tua 3.00pm

Tuesday 29 August at 7.45pm Dydd Mawrth 27 Awst am 7.45pm

St Andrew's Church, Presteigne LD8 2AF Eglwys Sant Andreas, Llanandras LD8 2AF

FESTIVAL FINALE







Gemma Rosefield *cello* Rebecca Afonwy-Jones *mezzo-soprano* Presteigne Festival Orchestra George Vass *conductor*

John Joubert Sinfonietta, Op 38

Edward Gregson A Song for Chris

Hugh Wood Beginnings: Three Early Songs, Op 54

Franz Schubert Symphony No 5 in B flat, D485

Tickets £25 reserved | £18 unreserved | £6 student **Tocynnau** £25 wedi'u cadw | £18 heb eu cadw | £6 mfyrwyr

This event ends at approximately 9.40pm | Bydd y digwyddiad bwn yn gorffen am tua 9.40pm

7.00pm, Assembly Rooms, Presteigne LD8 2AD 7.00pm, Yr Ystafelloedd Cynnull, Llanandras LD8 2AD

PRE-CONCERT TALK VI

Free pre-concert talk with David Wordsworth and guests Sgwrs ddi-dâl cyn y cyngerdd, gyda David Wordsworth a gwesteion

Sir Sidney Nolan om AC RA 1917-1992



Sidney Nolan, *Untitled (Chicken)*, c.1943, 37.7 x 29.2 cm, ripolin and oil on board, © Sidney Nolan Trust



Sidney Nolan, *Cherries in a bowl*, c.1978, 122 x 91.5 cm, ripolin on board, © Sidney Nolan Trust

In 2017 the Sidney Nolan Trust is marking the centenary of Sidney Nolan's birth.

His last studio, housed in one of the ancient barns at The Rodd, has been undisturbed since his death in 1992. Contained within are the artist's materials that he used at The Rodd and those from an earlier period when he lived in London; tables groan under the weight of a multitude of cans of the spray paint that he reverted to late in life and dusty boxes of tubes of oil paint bear testament, in the labels of famous shipping lines, to his worldwide travels

The Trust opens Sidney's studio to the public for the first time in May 2017, allowing visitors to gain an understanding of his working methods and materials. A leading conservation expert from the Art Gallery of New South Wales undertakes a residency at The Rodd during 2017 and further preservation and conservation of this valuable resource is ongoing.

In the Sidney Nolan Trust Gallery there is an exhibition of paintings by Nolan that span his career. Drawn from the Trust's own collection, bequeathed by Nolan to the charity he founded, each work hints (be it through subject matter or technique) at Nolan's preoccupation at the moment it was painted. Also displayed are a collection of artefacts including notebooks, sketchbooks, diaries, letters and numerous items of interest that he collected over years and which appear from time to time in his paintings.

Sidney Nolan Trust, The Rodd, Presteigne LD8 2LL Open daily during the Festival 11.00am–5.00pm

Ymddiriedolaeth Sidney Nolan, The Rodd, Llanandras LD8 2LL Bob dydd yn ystod cyfnod yr Ŵyl 11.00am–5.00pm

www.sidneynolantrust.org



Presented in association with the Sidney Nolan Trust



Radnorshire Arts and Crafts Foundation

Artists and Makers working in Radnorshire

From Cottage Industry to Mill

An exhibition charting the history of Welsh textiles

Following the process from fleece to fibre, through spinning, dveing and weaving on to exploring the regional costumes of Wales. With original pieces and faithful reconstructions on display in the School Room, and with a selection of antique, vintage and new pieces available to purchase in the Museum Shop.



Adjoining the School House in Studio 2

Seven Artists

A selection of work on sale from local artists

Jason Braham Julienne Braham Michael J Hancock **Bronte Woodruff** David Critchlev Rhiannon Hooson Rosamund Black

Salt glaze pottery watercolours and oil paintings, prints silver and semi-precious stone jewellery furniture shibori dyed silk and linen hand embroidered and richly embellished leather jewellery



Refreshments available | Lluniaeth ar gael

The Old School House, Whitton LD7 1NP Open daily during the Festival 10.30am-6.30pm The Old School House, Llanddewi-yn-Hwytyn LD7 1NP Bob dydd yn ystod cyfnod yr Ŵyl 10.30am-6.30pm

www.radnorshireartsandcraftsfoundation.org 01544 260777





Angela Gladwell at The Workhouse



Angela Gladwell Pink seaweed and lichens pool, watercolour

Angela Gladwell (MA Royal College of Art) has lived near the English/Welsh border for seventeen years. She has painted all her life, covering many themes. Aspects of the natural and man-made world continue to inspire her.

This exhibition showcases a selection from a continually growing series of watercolours and oil paintings of rock pools from around the British coast, and some of the paintings inspired by 'The End', a shop of natural history specimens and other curiosities in Hay-on-Wye.

Angela is very interested in natural history, finding that beaches offer colour, movement, texture, and often the possibility of finding what appear to be non-figurative images which are in fact completely representational.

She has work in public and private collections, has undertaken commissions, and her work is featured in various books and other publications.



Refreshments available | Lluniaeth ar gael

The Workhouse Gallery, Industrial Estate, Presteigne LD8 2UF Open daily during the Festival 10.00am-4.00pm

The Workhouse Gallery, Ystâd Ddiwydiannol, Llanandras LD8 2UF Bob dydd yn ystod cyfnod yr Ŵyl 10.00am-4.00pm

www.theworkhousegallery.co.uk

Antonia Spowers and Alex Ramsay

at The Bleddfa Centre Gallery



Antonia Spowers Invisible Cities Mostyn

Altered States

Antonia Spowers interprets this title in the broadest sense, exploring physical and mental states and the changes we go through as we make our paths through life. She also looks at the material and physical world and its constantly altering states, whether from acute weather conditions, climate change or human intervention to simple transformations, like that of water into ice.

There is a strong focus in the work on the physical nature of materials and also their ability to embody and suggest ideas. Unlikely materials can transform a prosaic subject into something transparent and other-worldly or suggest a lingering presence and sense of history.

The Bleddfa Centre Gallery is delighted to be showing the work of these artists in an exhibition to coincide with the Presteigne Festival.

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Refreshments available | Lluniaeth ar gael

The Bleddfa Centre Gallery, Bleddfa, Knighton LD7 1PA
Open daily during the Festival 10.00am-4.00pm

The Bleddfa Centre Gallery, Bleddfa, Knighton LD7 1PA
Bob dydd yn ystod cyfnod yr Ŵyl 10.00am-4.00pm



Alex Ramsey Madonna

God's House

Alex Ramsay has spent most of his career photographing architectural interiors for publication in books and magazines. From time to time he has undertaken commissioned work in churches throughout Britain, either for charities or at the request of a particular diocese. The pictures in this exhibition are drawn from this work covering a period from 2004 to the present day, and include a mixture of purely architectural images and occasional views 'backstage'.

www.bleddfacentre.co.uk

Booking information

The Presteigne Festival uses a system with three ticket types – reserved, unreserved and student. Reserved tickets are available only for concerts at St Andrew's Church, Presteigne, and afford a good view of the stage; sight-lines in the unreserved areas are less good. Student tickets are available to all young people in full-time education (including university) over the age of 10. Student concessions are available on all tickets for concerts at St Andrew's Church, Presteigne.

Subject to availability, tickets for most events can be purchased at the door (cash only), though advance booking is strongly recommended.

Booking dates

Booking for Benefactors, Patrons and Friends opens on **12 April 2017**

Online booking opens on **2 May 2017** via the Festival website: **www.presteignefestival.com**

Postal booking opens on **2 May 2017**: please use the order form provided and enclose payment (including £2 booking fee).

Telephone/In person booking opens on 17 July 2017: bookings may be made by telephone (credit and debit card bookings only) on 01544 267800 and in person at the Festival Box Office, Assembly Rooms, Broad Street, Presteigne LD8 2AD – see opening times below.

Box Office opening times

17 July–19 August 2017Monday to Saturday 11.00am–2.00pm **21–29 August 2017**Daily 10.00am–5.00pm

Ticket collection

When booking, please inform Festival Box Office staff if you'd prefer your tickets posted to you or left for collection at the Box Office (or, when closed, at the venue).

Payment

Credit and debit cards (Visa/MasterCard/Maestro) are accepted. There is a £2 booking fee per card transaction. Cheques should be made payable to Presteigne Festival Limited. We regret that refunds cannot be made.

Access

All our venues have wheelchair access. Please notify the Festival Box Office if you require a wheelchair space or if you have any specific access or seating needs. If you require a large print version of this brochure, the Festival Box Office will be happy to assist. There is an induction hearing loop at St Andrew's Church, Presteigne, but not at other venues. We can offer free companion tickets to customers who are registered disabled, please call the Festival Box Office on 01544 267800 or email bookings@presteignefestival.com, as it is not possible to book these tickets online.

Festival Bus

A Festival Bus is available to transport patrons from Presteigne (pick up in the car park alongside the Police Station, Hereford Street, LD8 2AR) to concerts and events taking place outside town. Departure times are given as part of event information, the return journey usually departs some 10 minutes after the end of an event. The fares charged for a return journey are as follows: £4 if booked in advance at the Box Office or online £6 if booked on the bus.

Please use this service, as parking is limited at most venues, and help us to become a more sustainable organisation.

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