

## Welcome to the 2023-24 Season

We're delighted to be hosting our 49th exciting season of performances in Parbold, Lancashire. You'll find details of all ten concerts here, together with booking information on pages 18 and 19. For full programme details, please see our website nearer the dates of the concerts, where you can also sign up for our newsletters at www.parbolddouglasmusic.org.

Our Steinway D grand piano continues to attract highly distinguished musicians, and this season features no less than eight stellar pianists, plus famous instrumentalists from around the world. The season opens in style with the unique and vibrant Classico Latino, perfectly suited to the Auditorium's friendly atmosphere. Laced in and out of the season are performances of music by Sergei Rachmaninoff, marking 2023 as his 150th anniversary year.

Providing a focal point to our musicians' many homages is a very special evening on 16 March 2024, where words and music really bring the Russian musical giant to life. We celebrate Christmas with classic festive brass music, and are visited by students from the Yehudi Menuhin School in the summer. We hope there's plenty to capture your imagination this season, and look forward to welcoming you to Parbold Village Hall.

Parbold Douglas Music is a charity run on a not-for-profit basis, by a team of volunteers drawn from the local community. Founded in 1973, our live performances are unique in the North West in presenting concerts in an intimate Auditorium where audiences can get thrillingly close to world-class musicians.

## The Evans Family Foundation

This season is generously sponsored by the Evans Family Foundation in recognition of Maria B Evans Estate Agents Ltd and the good works that Parbold Douglas Music does in the community.

#### Classico Latino

Saturday 9 September 2023 I 7.45pm

Classico Latino is a unique group of seven musicians who blend traditional classical music with the distinctive rhythms and melodies of Latin American music. Since forming in 1998, the group has released five studio albums and entertained audiences in venues from Ronnie Scott's Jazz Club in London to the foothills of the Colombian Andes.

Drawing on styles such as Bolero and Tango, the evening features a wide selection of songs that tell the amazingly varied stories and emotions of Latin America. The group will perform music from their latest album, Havana Classic, which was awarded Runner-up Album of the Year in the 2019 UK Latin Awards.





## Janina Fialkowska, piano

Saturday 30 September 2023 I 7.45pm

Loved the world over for her exquisite pianism, Janina Fialkowska has enchanted audiences for over forty years with her glorious lyrical sound and her profound sense of musical integrity.

Her lifelong affinity with Frederic Chopin began when the legendary Arthur Rubinstein hailed her as a 'born Chopin interpreter'. For her return performance in Parbold, Janina has selected some of Chopin's most beautiful works for piano, as well as music by Brahms and Schubert.

A musician of extraordinary sensibility and captivating, artistic purity... an interpreter of sublime inspiration"

- The Telegraph

Indeed, lesser mortals may well weep with envy at such unfaltering authority. She has done her one time mentor, Arthur Rubinstein, proud"

- Gramophone



Anna Tsybuleva, piano

Saturday 21 October 2023 I 7.45pm

Anna Tsybuleva shot to fame after winning the prestigious First Prize at the 2015 Leeds International Piano Competition. In high demand ever since, Anna's return visit to Parbold is set to be a highlight of the season a superb Russian talent performing music by one of Russia's greatest composers, Rachmaninoff in his 150th anniversary year.

Sergei Rachmaninoff, himself an immensely gifted pianist, wrote a vast amount of music for his own instrument. The extraordinary connection he had with the piano is reflected in his music - excitingly technical, bearing heart-felt emotion with sublime melodies.





# Benjamin Grosvenor, piano & Hyeyoon Park, violin Saturday 11 November 2023 | 7.45pm

A rare opportunity to hear two great musicians in Parbold. As a duo, Hyeyoon and Benjamin have forged a close musical partnership founded on deep understanding, integrity, technical mastery and electrifying interpretations.

Violinist Hyeyoon Park has achieved international acclaim, performing in recital and with many of the world's leading orchestras. Neue Westfälische described her violin skills as 'extraordinary; they are almost perfect. Her technique and control are breathtaking'.

Regarded as one of the most important pianists to emerge in several decades, pianist Benjamin Grosvenor has been hailed by The Independent as 'one in a million ... several million'.

Internationally recognised for his sonorous lyricism and understated brilliance at the keyboard, Gramophone recently acknowledged him as one of the top 50 pianists ever on record.

Together they have performed across the globe, and famously played at London's Wigmore Hall in lockdown to an empty hall, live streamed around the world to rapturous acclaim. The Guardian wrote: 'No empty hall could sound more still... it was practically flawless'.

Their programme this evening features works by Mozart, Grieg, Takemitsu and Debussy, as well as Vaughan Williams' The Lark Ascending in its original version for violin and piano. This immensely evocative piece of music is hugely popular, particularly among Classic FM listeners who have voted it the nation's favourite piece of classical music no less than a record 12 times.



Saturday 9 December 2023 I 7.45pm

#### **Festive Melodies in Brass**

Prince Bishops Brass Ensemble was formed by a group of five friends who met whilst playing across the North of England. During the countless bars rest they encountered while playing for choral societies, operatic companies, symphony orchestras, brass bands, function bands and big bands, they decided to get together as a brass quintet - giving them each far more opportunities for the big tunes, and reducing their need to count quite as much!

Based in County Durham, the musicians bring a wealth of experience and enjoyment to all of their performances. Their return Christmas evening in Parbold will feature festive melodies arranged for brass, certain to bring the joyful mood of the season to everyone.

# Martin Roscoe, piano, Fenella Humphreys, violin & Jessica Burroughs, cello

Saturday 17 February 2024 I 7.45pm

Celebrated pianist Martin Roscoe, violinist Fenella Humphreys and cellist Jessica Burroughs perform Trios by Beethoven, Dvorak and Mendelssohn for their performance in Parbold.

Renowned for his versatility at the keyboard, Martin Roscoe's five decades of concerto, recital and chamber performances have made him one of the UK's best-loved pianists. Fenella
Humphreys, winner of the 2023
BBC Music Magazine Premier
Recording Award, is in demand
as a chamber musician and soloist
across the world. Cellist Jessica
Burroughs combines her role as
Opera North's Principal with a
varied career as soloist, chamber
musician and guest principal



## Lucy Parham, piano and Tim McInnerny, narrator

Saturday 16 March 2024 | 7.45pm

## Elégie: Rachmaninoff - A Heart in Exile

A one-of-its-kind event - a deeply personal portrayal of Sergei Rachmaninoff researched, scripted and performed by pianist Lucy Parham along with actor Tim McInnerny.

Inspired by Rachmaninoff's own letters and diaries, the performance depicts Rachmaninoff's life from his youth in Russia, through his subsequent self-imposed exile in 1917 and finally to California, where he died in 1943. Whilst Rachmaninoff became an exile in 1917, Russia remained deeply rooted in his soul. His cultural identity and his longing for his homeland imbue his music, not least the many much-loved works he wrote for his own instrument, the piano.

The programme includes many of his best-loved works for solo piano, including a selection of Preludes, Etudes-Tableaux and Moments Musicaux, some of his own transcriptions and the haunting Elégie, as well as works by Scriabin and Tchaikovsky. Lucy Parham, recitalist.

Lucy Parham, recitalist, concerto performer, broadcaster and recording artist has been internationally praised for her Composer Portraits.

Tim McInnerny is well known as a stage and screen actor, featuring in many programmes and films including Notting Hill, Game of Thrones and Blackadder.

Photo: Sven Arnstein





## **Ashley Wass, piano & the Yehudi Menuhin School**

Saturday 20 April 2024 I 7.45pm

Pianist Ashley Wass is firmly established as one of the leading performers of his generation. Described as an 'endlessly fascinating artist', he is Director of Music at the world-famous Yehudi Menuhin School, and we are delighted that he will bring some of the school's exceptionally gifted students to perform in Parbold.

Certain to be a very popular concert, their performance includes works by Chausson and one of the most romantic of all piano concertos - Chopin's Piano Concerto No.2.

Andrew von Oeyen, piano Saturday 25 May 2024 | 7.45pm This is an opportunity to hear Since his debut at the age of just 16 some of the country's most with the Los Angeles Philharmonic and talented young musicians, as the Esa-Pekka Salonen, Andrew von Oeyen small group of string has presented a wide range of concerto players take on the and solo repertoire at leading venues role of a whole worldwide. He shares his time between orchestra to the US and France, and his first release under his exclusive recording contract accompany Ashley's with Warner Classics explored his solo piano part. love of the music of both countries to great critical acclaim. Indisputable gifts and an extravagantly thorough and effortless technique" - The Los Angeles Times

Peter Donohoe's performance in Parbold brings our season to a close, tying in perfectly with our celebration of Rachmaninoff's 150th birthday with a performance of his Variations on a Theme of Chopin.

He performs with the world's greatest orchestras and conductors, is in high demand as a jury member for international competitions and was awarded a CBE for services to classical music in 2010.

Since his success as joint winner of the 1982 International Tchaikovsky Competition in Moscow, Peter Donohoe has developed a distinguished international career and is considered one of the foremost pianists of our time for his musicianship, versatility and commanding technique.

I cannot imagine a living pianist capable of improving upon Donohoe's outstanding artistry"

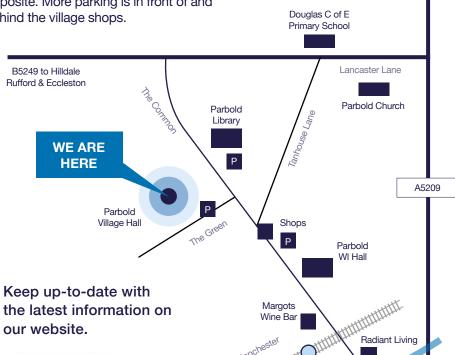
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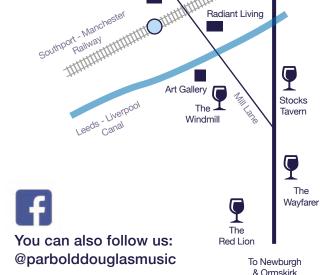
## **Our Venue**

## Parbold Village Hall, The Green, Parbold, WN8 7DN

There is car parking at the Village Hall, at the Surgery next door and at the Library opposite. More parking is in front of and behind the village shops.







Wrightington & Parbold Hill

Nestled in the valley of the River Douglas at the bottom of the iconic Parbold Hill, the picturesque village of Parbold is easily reached by road and rail. Visitors to the beautiful local countryside and waterways enjoy exploring Parbold's shops, coffee shops, art, wine bars and gastro pubs.





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This is now the Rolls-Royce of village halls"
- Lancashire Life

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Andrew von Oeyen | Sat 25 May

Peter Donohoe | Sat 15 June

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#### www.parbolddouglasmusic.org

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- A. PayPal via www.parbolddouglasmusic.org
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- D. Cheques Please make payable to Douglas Music Society. All orders must be sent to the Box Office (address above).
- E. Contactless payment available at the Box Office at the door on the concert evening.

## **Standby Tickets**

Standby tickets are always available at the Box Office on the evening of the concert.

#### Venue and Access

Seating is at floor level as well as tiered-seating. Please do not hesitate to contact us (01257 498452 answer phone) if you have any particular seating or access requirements.

Our audience travels from across the North West and free parking is available.

PLEASE NOTE: All venue seats are unreserved. If you're coming in a party or large group, we advise that you come early if you wish to sit together.

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