



**CHRIST CHURCH, ESHER
LUNCHTIME CONCERT**

The **LAEFER** *Quartet*

Amy Green *soprano sax*
Naomi Sullivan *alto sax*
Samuel Mallia *tenor sax*
Stephen Shepherd *baritone sax*

Wednesday 16 June 2021
at 1.15pm

*This concert is free to watch on our Music on the Green YouTube channel.
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Music on the Green

Quality music in the heart of Esher

Music on the Green (MOTG) is the Parish of Esher's musical outreach programme based at Christ Church, overlooking Esher Green. At MOTG we believe that music should be accessible to all. Whilst having our firmest foot planted at the classical end of the spectrum, we seek to offer a rich and varied programme, presenting live music in interesting and rewarding ways so that it can be widely appreciated and enjoyed.

Programme

Premier Quatuor pour Saxophones, Op. 53 [1857]

- i. *Andante - Allegro*
- ii. *Adagio sostenuto*
- iii. *Allegro vivace*
- iv. *Allegretto*

Jean-Baptiste Singelée (1812-1875)

Circus Polka

Igor Stravinsky (1882-1971)

Le Tombeau de Couperin

- i. *Prélude*
- ii. *Forlane*
- iii. *Menuet*
- iv. *Rigaudon*

Maurice Ravel (1875-1937)

The Laefer Quartet



The Laefer Quartet is widely regarded as one of the most exciting and dynamic saxophone quartets currently active in the UK. They have received numerous awards including Park Lane Group Artists and the Elias Fawcett Ensemble Award for an Outstanding Ensemble in the 2017 Royal Overseas League Competition, and they are also Making Music Selected Artists.

Formed in 2012 at the Royal College of Music, the Laefer Quartet were awarded the Boconnoc Music Award during their time there, and they have since been performing across the UK and at metropolitan venues including the Elgar Room of the Royal Albert Hall, St James' Piccadilly and The Forge in Camden.

Both as individuals and as a group, the quartet are experienced in a variety of genres but they specialise in performing contemporary classical repertoire and transcriptions of works by classical

composers. Performance highlights have included the closing concert in Malta's Three Palaces Festival; three world premieres as part of the Listenpony concert series; a 'Nonclassical' debut at The Victoria, Dalston; and UK premieres of works by contemporary composers such as Ivan Fedele, Ed Scolding, William Marsey, Andrew Chen and Alexander Glyde-Bates.

The quartet made their St John's Smith Square debut in 2017, premiering works by Giles Swayne and Charlotte Harding, and their Wigmore Hall debut in May 2018. In January 2019 they gave their Purcell Room debut to a full house as part of the Southbank Centre's *SoundState Festival*, with a programme of 21st century saxophone works including a world premiere by Michael Cryne.

The word 'Laefer' (pronounced lay-fer) is Anglo-Saxon for 'reed' and 'sheet metal'.



FUTURE LUNCHTIME CONCERTS AT CHRIST CHURCH

*Third Wednesday of the month
Concert from 1.15pm*

2021 Programme

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| Jul 21 | Mark Taylor, flute & Gabriella Jones, harp |
| Aug 18 | No concert (summer break) |
| Sep 15 | Diphonon Duo (viola & accordion) |
| Oct 20 | Clare Howick, violin & John Paul Ekins, piano |
| Nov 17 | Mera Horn Trio |
| Dec 15 | Come & Sing Carols |

*All MOTG fixtures are being kept under review in the light
of progress with the Government's coronavirus roadmap.
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