



CHRIST CHURCH, ESHER
LUNCHTIME CONCERT

Gabriel Francis-Dehqani William Harmer

cello & piano

Wednesday 16 October 2024
at 1.15 pm

*This concert is free to watch on our 'Music on the Green' YouTube channel.
Online donations welcome on our JustGiving page www.justgiving.com/campaign/MOTG*

Programme



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.

Cello Sonata 'Murmurations' [18']

Will Harmer (b. 2000)

Elegie, H.47 [5']

Frank Bridge (1879-1941)

Cello Sonata in C, Op. 65 [20']

- i Dialogo: Allegro*
- ii Scherzo-Pizzicato: Allegretto*
- iii Elegia: Lento*
- iv Marcia: Energico*
- v Moto Perpetuo: Presto*

Benjamin Britten (1913-1976)

Biographies

Gabriel Francis-Dehqani

This year, Gabriel won First Prize at the Muriel Taylor Cello Competition and the Irish Heritage UK Competition at the Wigmore Hall.



He also won First Prize in 2023 at the International Contemporary Music Interpretation Competition and was invited to give a recital at the Accademia Filarmonica Romana, performing a world premiere by Deborah Pritchard.

He has performed at prestigious venues such as St Martin-in-the Fields, Wigmore Hall, Milton Court Concert Hall, Princess Alexandra Hall (ROSL) and the Arnold Schönberg Center in Vienna.

Gabriel has broadcast many times as a soloist and chamber musician on BBC Radio 3 & 4 and has performed extensively across the UK, Europe and Asia. He has presented recitals, given masterclasses, sat on competition juries and been invited to festivals all over Europe including the Brussels Cello Festival, IMS Prussia Cove, Aldeburgh Festival and Schiermonnikoog.

Gabriel is now on the Artist Diploma course at the Guildhall School of Music & Drama with Louise Hopkins, assisted by awards from the Countess of Munster Trust, Help Musicians and Stephen Bell.

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Will Harmer

Will is a London-based pianist and composer and has given recitals at St James's Piccadilly, the Cheltenham Festival and in Oxford at Queen's



College and SJE Arts. He was the St Hilda's College Graduate Musician-in-Residence 2021-22, performing a series of solo recitals at the Jacqueline Du Pré Music Building.

Will has worked as an accompanist for the Temple Church, Primrose Hill Choirs, Oxford Youth Choirs, Cambridge Holiday Orchestra and Oxford University Music Faculty.

He won the BBC Proms Inspire Young Composers' Competition and received commissions from the BBC Singers, the Oxford International Song and Ludlow English Song Festivals. His composition *Cetus* for Annemarie Federle was premiered as part of the BBC's iconic Young Musician Competition. He was a 2023-24 National Youth Choirs Young Composer and his pieces *Fireworks* and *Three Madrigals* were released on NMC Records, the latter as part of Stainer & Bell's Choral Now series. Will performs regularly with St Martin's Voices, having been a 2023-24 Emerging Artist.

After studying at Worcester College, Oxford, Will has recently finished an M.Mus in composition at the Royal Academy of Music.

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LUNCHTIME CONCERTS AT CHRIST CHURCH

Third Wednesday of the month

Doors open 12.30pm - Concert from 1.15pm

2024 Programme

Nov 20 Phil Hopkins Jazz Trio (harmonica, guitar, bass)

Dec 18 Come & Sing Carols

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Remembrance Day Concert

Fauré *Requiem in D minor, Cantique de Jean Racine*
Bruckner *Selected motets*

Christ Church, Esher ♦ Sunday 10 November 2024, 6pm

A concert honouring Gabriel Fauré at the centenary of his death and Anton Bruckner on the bicentenary of his birth, as well as the 170th anniversary of Christ Church as the parish and civic church of Esher.

Tickets £12 (children free) Post-concert refreshments

To purchase tickets, post go to: www.ticketsource.co.uk/parish-of-esher