



CHRIST CHURCH, ESHER
LUNCHTIME CONCERT

Sam Balchin & Owen Lee

trumpet & piano

Wednesday 19 February 2025
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.

Trumpet Concerto

- i Allegro*
- ii Largo*
- iii Allegro moderato*

Johann Friedrich Fasch (1688-1758)

Adoration

Florence Price (1887-1953)
arr. Balchin

Légende (1906)

George Enescu (1881-1955)

Parable XIV

Vincent Persichetti (1915-1987)

Pagodes, from Estampes

Claude Debussy (1862-1918)

Slavische Fantasie

Carl Höhne (1871-1943)

Someone to watch over me

George Gershwin (1898-1937)

Biographies

Sam Balchin

Sam has grown up surrounded by music, particularly orchestras and brass bands, and started playing the cornet at the age of six.



During his sixth form years, Sam studied trumpet at the Royal College of Music Junior Department (RCMJD) under Torbjorn Hultmark, performing at the 606 Jazz Club and as a soloist at the Royal Albert Hall's Elgar Room. On graduating from RCMJD, he received the Freda Dinn & Ida Mabbet Prize. Sam was also principal trumpet in the National Youth Orchestra, performing at the BBC Proms in 2022.

Sam is currently a full scholar at the Guildhall School of Music & Drama under the auspices of the Chartered Surveyors' Company. He is the principal trumpet of Odyssey Festival Orchestra and is also co-principal of the Young Musicians Orchestra. Presently, Sam is lead trumpet for the West End Show *Frank's Closet*, with performances at the Union Theatre and now at Wilton's Music Hall.

He also engages in recital work, most recently in Brighton, and is delighted to follow up his December appearance at our Esher Parish Carol Service in with his recital here today.

Owen Lee

Owen first began studying piano at the age of six, learning with Susie Savage who taught him until he was 13. At around this time he was offered a



scholarship to Richard Meyrick's PianoMan scheme, which was when he realised he wanted to take music more seriously. The PianoMan programme was enormously influential in his musical development as it enabled him to take part in ensemble work for the first time, as well as hugely furthering his solo repertoire.

Since 2022 Owen has been studying at the Guildhall School of Music & Drama, where he learns with Carole Presland. The highlight of his time at Guildhall so far has been taking part in chamber music, a field which he very much hopes to take forward into his professional career.

Aside from the piano, Owen also enjoys playing the trumpet, running and hiking.



LUNCHTIME CONCERTS AT CHRIST CHURCH

Third Wednesday of the month

Doors open 12.30pm - Concert from 1.15pm

2025 Programme

- Mar 19 Ivory Piano Duo
Apr 16 No concert (Holy Week)
May 21 Old Coulsdon Jazz Band
Jun 18 Morgan Goff, violin & Mine Dogantan-Dack, piano

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Music in the Tower 2025

Tuesday 15 April & Wednesday 16 April, 1pm & 8pm
in the Tower Room at Christ Church, Esher

Nathaniel Rosales-Merkies

guitar

The highlight of this specially curated programme of music and readings will be a performance of the iconic Chaconne from Bach's Partita in D minor.

This annual event is always a highlight of the Esher cultural calendar and seats are strictly limited to twenty per performance.

Please reserve your places via the Parish Office without delay!