

PETERSFIELD MUSICAL FESTIVAL

17–25 March 2023

Friday 17 March
Liss Band with
**Petersfield
Community Choir**

Saturday 18 March
Handel: Jephtha
See inside for details

Sunday 19 March
Family Concert
with SouthDowns
Camerata

Monday 20 &
Wednesday 22 March
Youth Concerts

Tuesday 21 March
Lunchtime Concert
Lecture recital by Angela
Zanders and friends

Wednesday 22 March
**Anemos Wind
Ensemble** with
Karen Kingsley, piano

Thursday 23 March
**Petersfield
Orchestra**

Friday 24 March
**An Evening of
Musical Theatre**
with the GSA Singers
from Guildford School
of Acting

Saturday 25 March
**Choral and
Orchestral Concert**
See inside for details

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www.petersfieldmusicalfestival.org.uk

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Details of dates, repertoire and participants as at June 2022. The Festival reserves the right to make changes if necessary.

TAKING PART IN THE FESTIVAL

These societies are associated with the Festival and are always interested in hearing from prospective members. Weekly rehearsals are held on the day shown.

Basingstoke Symphony Orchestra

www.bso.org.uk
Conductor Stephen Scotcher
email secretary@bso.org.uk Friday

Fernhurst Choral Society

www.fernhurstchoralsociety.org.uk
Conductor Timothy Ravalde
Membership Secretary Tina Litchfield Monday
01730 816542

Petersfield Choral Society

www.petersfieldchoralsociety.org.uk
Conductor Mark Dancer
Secretary Sue Upton Thursday
01730 302492

Petersfield Orchestra

www.petersfieldorchestra.org.uk
Conductor Robin Browning
Secretary Louise Wilson Friday
01420 474257

Rogate Choral Society

www.rogatechoralsociety.org.uk
Conductor Giles White
Secretary Katharine Minchin Tuesday
01730 813586

Festival Chorus

Experienced singers who can attend all the combined rehearsals are welcome as independent members of the Festival Chorus.

Space permitting, the Festival welcomes other complete choirs to join the Festival Chorus.

Please contact the Choir Secretary,
email cmaybury@btinternet.com tel. 01730 821541.

PETERSFIELD MUSICAL FESTIVAL

Choral music 2022–23



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Saturday 18 March 2023

Handel *Jephtha*

Festival Chorus, with Petersfield and Rogate
Choral Societies
Southern Pro Musica
Conductor: Paul Spicer

Written in 1752, *Jephtha* was Handel's last oratorio, and undoubtedly one of his greatest. The outline of the plot is simple: Jephtha, recalled from exile to lead the Israelites against the Ammonites, vows to sacrifice the first thing he sees if he returns successful; tragically, it is his own daughter who makes a point of being the first to greet him. The desperate situation is finally saved by the intervention of an Angel.

From this outline, Handel and his librettist, Thomas Morell, weave an absorbing dramatic narrative. The characters' rollercoaster of personal emotions is explored through all his skill at individual characterisation, whilst the chorus provides a moving commentary on the broader public and social issues, running a gamut of feeling from prayer to triumph, despair to final acceptance.

Edition

Novello no. NOV 070128, edited by Vincent Novello. In print and widely available from libraries.

Combined rehearsals

At Petersfield Methodist Church
Station Road, Petersfield GU32 2EB (venue t.b.c.)
Friday 11 November 7.30–9.30 pm
Saturday 28 January 2023 10.30 am–12.30 pm
Friday 10 February 7.30–9.30 pm
Saturday 4 March 2–4 pm
At Petersfield Festival Hall
Heath Road, Petersfield GU31 4EA
Thursday 16 March 7–9.30 pm
Saturday 18 March 2 pm
Saturday 18 March 7.30 pm Performance

PETERSFIELD MUSICAL FESTIVAL

Saturday 24 September 2022

The Quad, Bedales School

10.30 am–4.30 pm



Mozart

MASS in C minor

An open choral workshop led by

Paul Spicer

Accompanist Mark Dancer

Please see the separate leaflet for
full details and booking form.

Annual General Meeting

Thursday 15 September 2022

6.30 pm St Peter's Church Hall,

St Peter's Road, Petersfield GU32 3HS

The AGM is a public meeting and anyone interested is welcome to attend. Friends of the Festival, members of participating choirs and independent Festival singers are entitled to vote. After the formal business of the meeting, drinks and snacks will be served.

Do join us to help shape the future
of the Festival.

Saturday 25 March 2023

Stanford *Songs of the Fleet*

Puccini *Messa di Gloria*

with other orchestral works

Festival chorus, with Fernhurst and Petersfield
Choral Societies
Basingstoke Symphony Orchestra
Conductor: Paul Spicer

By 1910, when Stanford wrote the *Songs of the Fleet*, he was the grand old man of British music. As we might expect from the period, the fast movements have their share of cheery Edwardian gung-ho, whilst the slow movements have a haunting and timeless beauty.

Puccini's *Messa di Gloria*, by contrast, was the 22-year old composer's graduation exercise. As such, it shows his mastery of harmony and counterpoint, with a massive fugue concluding the Gloria. However, inspired by a performance of Verdi's *Aida*, he had already decided to compose operas, and it is easy to imagine the soloists and chorus as operatic characters, with their sweeping melodies, emotional gestures and dramatic orchestral accompaniment.

Editions

Stanford: Stainer and Bell. In print and widely available from libraries.

Puccini: Belwin Mills. In print and widely available from libraries.

Combined rehearsals

At Petersfield Methodist Church
Station Road, Petersfield GU32 2EB (venue t.b.c.)
Saturday 12 November 10.30 am–12.30 pm
Saturday 28 January 2023 2–4 pm
Thursday 9 February 7.30–9.30 pm
Saturday 4 March 10.30 am–12.30 pm
At Petersfield Festival Hall
Heath Road, Petersfield GU31 4EA
Tuesday 21 March 7–9.30 pm
Saturday 25 March 2 pm
Saturday 25 March 7.30 pm Performance