



# St Laurence's 2011

The fine acoustics and soaring architecture of St Laurence's make a fitting setting to backdrop the stellar line-up of artists and events of the 2011 season.

Tickets can be purchased on the door at all events. Why not reserve through the Festival Box Office in Castle Square or through the Festival website?

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Friday 24 June  
Vokalensemble  
St. Lorenz Nuremberg  
7.30 pm  
FREE (*retiring collection*)

The choir, *Vokalensemble St. Lorenz*, is one of Nuremberg's leading chamber choirs and regularly appears on television and radio, performing repertoire from the Renaissance period up to modern day compositions: from Schütz and Schein to Brahms and Pärt. The group of thirty singers, based at St Lorenz, Nuremberg in Bavaria, has toured throughout Europe, including Germany, Italy, Poland, the Czech Republic, Sweden and Denmark. Their founder and director, Matthias Ank, is delighted that the *Vokalensemble* is performing in Nuremberg's linked diocese of Hereford.

## Saturday 25 June

### Festival Peal

9.30 am – 1.15 pm

FREE

The famous bells of St Laurence will ring out with a full peal of over 5000 changes.

### Gala Organ Recital

3.30 pm

Tickets: £10

Don't miss this opportunity to hear St Laurence's magnificent church organ played by one of the UK's finest concert organists. Dr Gordon Stewart, resident organist at Huddersfield Town Hall and a regular conductor for television's *Songs of Praise*, presents an exciting programme including seminal works by Bach, Liszt, Stanley and Hollins.

### Festival Solemn Choral Evensong

5.30 pm

FREE (*retiring collection*)

Shropshire Three Choirs - A rare opportunity to hear Shropshire's finest parish church choirs from the towns of Ludlow, Oswestry and Shrewsbury performing music by famous choral composers. Music by Shepherd, Sumsion Brewer & Stainer.

## Sunday 26 June

### Festival Service of Choral Matins

11.30 am

FREE (*retiring collection*)

A service of Choral Matins to mark the 400th anniversary of the King James Bible. Music by Tye, Sumsion, Ireland, Handel & Hollins.

### English String Orchestra

7.30 pm

Tickets: £15, £20, £25

Renowned Shakespearean actor, Richard Derrington, will be your tour guide as the ESO takes the audience on a 'Grand Tour' of some of the major works of the early 18<sup>th</sup> Century, albeit with some artistic licence for the celebratory homecoming. The 'Grand Tour' features an uplifting performance of Vivaldi's *Gloria* by the Choir of St Laurence Ludlow and soloists, conducted by Shaun Ward.

## Monday 27 June

### The Three Welsh Tenors

7.30 pm

Tickets: £12, £16, £18

Alun Rhys-Jenkins, Aled Hall and Rhys Meirion, all professional opera singers, present a programme of songs, hymns and operatic arias, each delivered in their own inimitable style.

## Tuesday 28 June

### Ensemble Sine Nomine

7.30 pm

Tickets: £10, £12, £14

Long Live Fair Oriana: Elizabethan Madrigals and Motets – In this concert, Ensemble Sine Nomine will explore the extraordinary output of sacred and secular choral music in England during the reign of Queen Elizabeth I, from the beautiful sonority of Byrd, Tallis and Sheppard to the joy and frivolity of Bennett, Weelkes and Gibbons.

## Wednesday 29 June

### Ben Creighton Griffiths *Harpist*

12 noon

Tickets: £10

At just 15 years of age and more than 300 public performances, Ben is a veteran of the Ludlow Festival having started learning the harp when only four years old. In September 2008 he won First Prize at the Concours de Harpe, Paris. His prize was a *Salvi Daphne* pedal harp that he will play today.

## Thursday 30 June

### The History of the Violin

*By Michael Bachmann*

1 pm

Tickets: £10

World class violinist, Michael Bochmann, takes us through a programme of inspirational violin music from Bach to Paganini, with a sprinkling of folk and modern melodies. Michael will personally introduce the individual works, explain the instrument and take you through the fascinating narrative that is violin history.

## David Lloyd Memorial Lecture

*The Conservation of St Laurence's Church*

7.30 pm

Tickets: £8

An illustrated talk by the Conservation Architect Andrew Arrol and Clerk of Works Shaun Ward. Andrew, surveyor to York Minster; one of Europe's most important buildings, explains the significance of St Laurence's as one of England's finest parish churches with its rich legacy of architecture and glass.

## Friday 1 July

### Guided Tour of St Laurence's Church and Belfry

1.15 pm

FREE (*retiring collection*)

An opportunity to learn more about the '*Cathedral of the Marches*', St Laurence, its famous stained glass, monuments and history, as well as a rare opportunity to see the famous bells.

## Saturday 2 July

### Organ Recital

1 pm

FREE (*retiring collection*)

Shaun Ward demonstrates his virtuosity on St Laurence's famous Snetzler organ.

### The BBC Big Band

7.30 pm

Tickets: £15, £20, £25

Widely regarded as the UK's leading and most versatile jazz orchestra, the BBC Big Band broadcasts on BBC Radio, particularly on BBC Radio 2's long-running series *Big Band Special*. The band regularly features on the UK jazz festival circuit and has been voted the best Big Band many times in the British Jazz Awards, while concert tours with major artists have taken them all over the world. The BBC Big Band features vocalist Jeff Hooper and is directed by arranger and composer Barry Forgie.