

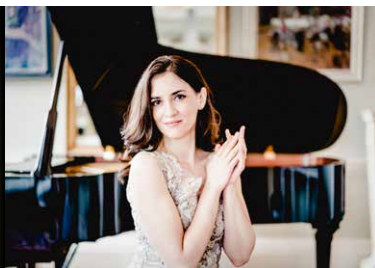
# Concerts *IN THE* West

CHAMBER MUSIC MINI-TOURS IN THE SOUTH WEST



BRIDPORT Arts Centre

The Dance House, CREWKERNE



ILMINSTER Arts Centre

Church of St Roch, PENDOMER NR. Yeovil



St Peter's Church, SHAFTESBURY

16 FEBRUARY TO 16 NOVEMBER 2024

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**16 FEBRUARY** Bridport Arts Centre 11.30AM  
**16 FEBRUARY** Ilminster Arts Centre 7.30PM  
**17 FEBRUARY** Dance House, Crewkerne 7.30PM

## The Perks Ensemble

Alexander Ullman, piano  
 Oscar Perks, violin  
 Elliott Perks, viola  
 Sebastian Kolin, cello



**Mozart**  
**Hindemith**  
**Brahms**

Piano Quartet No 2 in E-flat major, K 493  
 String Trio No 1 Op 34  
 Piano Quartet No 1 in G minor, Op 25

*Bridport:* Schubert (B flat String Trio D 471) and Brahms.

We welcome back **Oscar Perks**, **Elliott Perks** and **Alexander Ullman**.  
**Sebastian Kolin** joins us for the first time.



**Sebastian** was a member of the Heathcliff Trio until recently, winning 1st prize in the 9th International Johannes Brahms Chamber Music Competition in 2022. For five years **Oscar** was a member of the Dante String Quartet, with whom he gave numerous concerts around the UK and abroad, including the complete Beethoven and Shostakovich Quartet cycles. **Elliott** joined the Maxwell String Quartet with whom he won both First Prize and Audience Prize at the Trondheim International Chamber Music Competition in 2017. **Alexander** was winner of the 2017 International Franz Liszt Piano Competition and has appeared with many orchestras and in numerous venues around the world.



**15 MARCH** Bridport Arts Centre 11.30AM  
**15 MARCH** Ilminster Arts Centre 7.30PM  
**16 MARCH** Dance House, Crewkerne 7.30PM

## Sara Trickey, violin Ivana Gavrić, piano

**Mozart**  
**Poulenc**  
**Brahms**  
**Beethoven**  
**Ravel**

Violin Sonata No 21, E minor, K 304  
 Sonata for violin and piano, FP 119  
 Hungarian Dance No 2 in D minor  
 Sonata No 5, Op 24, Spring  
 Violin Sonata No 2 in G major

*Bridport:* Mozart, Beethoven and Ravel

We welcome two more wonderful musicians to Concerts in the West.

**Sara Trickey** enjoys an exciting and diverse career as a solo violinist and chamber musician. Noted for her 'fiery and passionate' performances (The Strad) and her 'beautifully refined tone' (Musical Opinion). Sara studied with Camilla Wicks and also was very much influenced by her studies at IMS Prussia Cove. She read Classics at Trinity Hall, Cambridge and this continues to be a passion. [www.saratrickey.com](http://www.saratrickey.com)

Born into a musical family in Sarajevo and raised in the UK, **Ivana Gavrić** studied at the University of Cambridge and at the Royal College of Music. Her playing has been described as 'altogether of an extraordinary calibre' (BBC Music Magazine) and 'notable for its beautiful sound, musical integrity and introspection' (The Independent). [www.ivanagavric.com](http://www.ivanagavric.com)



19 APRIL **Bridport Arts Centre** 11.30AM  
 19 APRIL **Ilminster Arts Centre** 7.30PM  
 20 APRIL **Dance House, Crewkerne** 7.30PM  
 21 APRIL **St Peter's Church, Shaftesbury** 3PM

## Gildas Quartet

Tom Aldren, violin  
 Gemma Sharples, violin  
 Christine Anderson, viola  
 Anna Menzies, cello

**Montgomery**

Break Away

**Haydn**

String Quartet No 5, Op 76 'Friedhofsquartett'

**Puccini**

Cristantemi for String Quartet

**Debussy**

String Quartet in G minor, Op 10

*Bridport:* Haydn, Puccini and Debussy

Welcome to the **Gildas Quartet**. They are praised for their 'energy, verve and refreshing approach' have performed to critical acclaim at major venues including the Bridgewater Hall, Purcell Room, Wigmore Hall and live on BBC Radio 3. Their bold and explorative approach to performance has been recognised by the International Franz Schubert and Modern Music Competition, Graz, where they won first prize in the Audience Engagement Award 2018. Determined to bring the visceral experience of string quartet performance to audiences at close quarters, the Gildas launched their immersive 'Surround Sound Sessions' project in Winter 2019. This series ranges from short one-work 'pop-up' concerts in unusual settings to full-length recitals, with the audience literally in the midst of the players, in surround sound. [www.gildasquartet.com](http://www.gildasquartet.com)



17 MAY **Bridport Arts Centre** 11.30AM  
 17 MAY **Ilminster Arts Centre** 7.30PM  
 18 MAY **Dance House, Crewkerne** 7.30PM

## Pocket Sinfonia

Emil Duncumb, piano  
 Eleanor Corr, violin  
 Rosie Bowker, flute  
 Thomas Isaac, cello

**Mozart** arr. JN Hummel

Overture to The Magic Flute, K620

**CPE Bach**

Flute Quartet in A minor, Wq 93/H 537

**Haydn** arr. M Clementi

Symphony 102 in B flat major

**Fanny Mendelssohn**

Overture in C major

**Mozart** arr. JN Hummel

Symphony No 41 in C major, K 551 'Jupiter'

*Bridport:* Mendelssohn and Mozart

Welcome to **Pocket Sinfonia**, which was formed to recreate the atmosphere of 19th-century living room parties, where the intimacy of chamber music performance could be applied to orchestral-scale pieces using both modern and period instruments. This is made possible via various transcriptions by composers of the 19th Century, including Hummel and Clementi. Pocket Sinfonia has since also made their own arrangements, applying spontaneity and vigour to creations that are not merely smaller versions of great pieces, but are new and artistic in their own right. The group has performed across the UK and Europe including the Brighton Early Music Festival. They have recently recorded their debut CD - the Symphony Reimagined.



21 JUNE      **Bridport Arts Centre** 11.30AM  
 21 JUNE      **Ilminster Arts Centre** 7.30PM  
 22 JUNE      **Dance House, Crewkerne** 7.30PM

**Lara Melda**  
 piano

**Liszt**      Étude in D flat major, No 3, S 144 'Un Sospiro'  
**Chopin**      Sonata No 3 in B minor, Op 58  
**Chopin**      Nocturne No 1 in B flat minor, Op 9  
**Liszt**      Sonata in B minor, S 178  
*Bridport:* **Beethoven** Sonata No 17 in D minor 'The Tempest', Op 31 No 2  
**Liszt** Sonata in B minor, S 178

We are delighted to welcome **Lara Melda** to Concerts in the West for the first time. Lara won the BBC Young Musician 2010 competition and made her BBC Proms and Royal Albert Hall debut in 2023 as one of the soloists performing with the BBC Concert Orchestra conducted by Andrew Gourlay in an evening devoted to previous Young Musician winners. Lara made her Wigmore Hall recital debut in 2017, and followed this with three more sold out recitals. Following the devastating earthquake in Türkiye and Syria, Lara has been working tirelessly on fundraising projects and events helping those affected. In the summer of 2016 Lara graduated from the Royal College of Music with a first class honours degree. Most recently she curated a critically acclaimed multi sensory Van Gogh immersive concert experience in collaboration with Exhibition Hub. [www.laramelda.co.uk](http://www.laramelda.co.uk)



19 JULY      **Bridport Arts Centre** 11.30AM  
 19 JULY      **Ilminster Arts Centre** 7.30PM  
 20 JULY      **Dance House, Crewkerne** 7.30PM  
 21 JULY      **St Peter's Church, Shaftesbury** 3PM

## Lumas Winds

Beth Stone, flute      Chris Vettraino, oboe  
 Benjamin Hartnell-Booth, french horn  
 Rennie Sutherland, clarinet  
 Florence Plane, bassoon

**György Ligeti**      Six Bagatelles (1953)  
**Valerie Coleman**      Afro-Cuban Concerto (2001)  
**Antonín Dvořák**      String Quartet No 12 Op 96 (1893)  
**Dmitri Shostakovich**      Suite for Wind Quintet (arr. Palmquist)  
**John Blackwood McEwan**      Under Northern Skies  
**Carl Nielsen**      Wind Quintet Op 43 (1923)  
*Bridport:* Ligeti, Shostakovich, Valerie Coleman and Dvořák.

We welcome **Lumas Winds**, a dynamic young chamber ensemble. Winners of the 71st Royal Over-Seas League Mixed Ensemble Prize in 2023, Lumas are committed ambassadors for wind chamber music and the rich variety of repertoire that it offers. The ensemble will take up an Aldeburgh residency in March 2024 as Britten Pears Young Artists. Alongside performing the classics of the repertoire Lumas enjoy exploring and making a case for works not currently in the canon. Their debut album is due for release in late 2023 including six hidden gems. The disc brings together repertoire from every decade from 1960 to 2010. Lumas won the Royal Academy of Music's Historical Women Composers Prize in 2022. [www.lumaswinds.com](http://www.lumaswinds.com)



**6 SEPTEMBER** Bridport Arts Centre 11.30AM  
**6 SEPTEMBER** Ilminster Arts Centre 7.30PM  
**7 SEPTEMBER** Dance House, Crewkerne 7.30PM  
**8 SEPTEMBER** Church of St Roch, Penderome 3PM

## Mēla Guitar Quartet

Matthew Robinson  
 George Tarlton  
 Zahrah Hutton  
 Michael Butten

**Saint-Saëns** Bacchanale      **Debussy** Deux Arabesques  
**Houghton** Opals              **Ravel** Pavane pour une Infante Defunte  
**Glinka** Ruslan and Lyudmilla Overture      **Holst** Fugal Overture  
**Snowden** My Clock is Broken!              **Borodin** Polovtsian Dances  
**Gismonti** Agua Y Vinho      **Snowden** The Emperor's New Clothes  
*Bridport:* a selection of the above

We are delighted to welcome back the **Mēla guitar quartet** with a 'festival' of music. Winners of the prestigious Guitar Foundation of America International Ensemble Competition 2023, the Mēla guitar quartet are known for imaginative, engaging programmes of their ingenious arrangements and celebrated original works. The quartet formed in 2015 as graduates of the Guildhall School of Music and Drama and the Royal Academy of Music. They became International Guitar Festival Young Artists 2015/16, then Park Lane Group young artists 2018/19 and Royal Over-Seas League chamber music finalists 2019. [www.melagq.com](http://www.melagq.com)



**4 OCTOBER** Bridport Arts Centre 11.30AM  
**4 OCTOBER** Ilminster Arts Centre 7.30PM  
**5 OCTOBER** Dance House, Crewkerne 7.30PM

## Hilary Cronin, soprano Asako Ogawa, piano

**Handel** arias from *Alcina*  
**Robert Schumann** 3 movements & 'Vogel als prophet' from *Waldszenen*  
**Robert Schumann** Three songs      **Clara Schumann** Lorelei  
**Humperdinck** Ja Gretelchen...Hurr, hopp hopp! from *Hänsel und Gretel*  
**Michael Head** The Singer      **Rebecca Clarke** The Seal Man  
**Jonathan Dove** Wedding Aria from *The Enchanted Pig*  
**Hugo Wolf** Songs      **Liszt** Die Loreley  
*Bridport:* Handel, Schumann, Wolf and Liszt.

We welcome **Hilary Cronin** and **Asako Ogawa** to the West Country. Selected by BBC Music Magazine as a Rising Star of 2022, **Hilary Cronin** won both First Prize and Audience Prize at the 2021 Handel Singing Competition. Hilary is a regular soloist with The Monteverdi Choir, the English Baroque Soloists and Sir John Eliot Gardiner. On the concert platform, Hilary has appeared as soloist with many groups and orchestras including The English Concert, The Sixteen, London Handel Players, Academy of St Martin in the Fields and the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra. [www.hilarycronin-soprano.co.uk](http://www.hilarycronin-soprano.co.uk)

**Asako Ogawa** is one of the today's most versatile performers on keyboard instruments, from virginals, harpsichord, fortepiano to modern piano. Her wide repertoire covers all periods both on harpsichord and modern piano. She has been performing in UK, Europe and Japan. [www.asakoogawa.com](http://www.asakoogawa.com)





# BRIDPORT ARTSCENTRE



## BRIDPORT ARTS CENTRE

South Street — BRIDPORT  
Dorset — DT6 3NR

The concert starts at **11.30AM**  
Doors open at **11.15AM** (finishes 12.30PM)

- **CONCERT TICKETS: £14**

- **BOX OFFICE:** 01308 424901  
Ticket sales by phone or in person from the  
Tourist Information Centre — South Street  
Bucky Doo Square — Bridport — DT6 3LF  
*4 April to 29 October:*  
Monday to Saturday, 9am - 5pm  
*1 November to 4 April:*  
Monday to Saturday, 10am - 3pm  
Bank Holidays 10am-3pm

OR you can buy Online from  
[www.bridport-arts.com](http://www.bridport-arts.com)

All the tours go to the Bridport Arts Centre.



## ILMINSTER ARTS CENTRE

East Street — ILMINSTER  
Somerset — TA19 0AN

The concert starts at **7.30PM**  
Doors open at **6.30PM**

- **CONCERT TICKETS: £18**

- **BOX OFFICE:** 01460 54973

Ticket sales by phone or in person  
Tuesday - Saturday - 9.30am - 3pm  
Closed Sunday & Monday  
Cash or card at the door on the night.

OR you can buy Online from  
[www.concertsinthewest.org](http://www.concertsinthewest.org)

All the tours go to the Ilminster Arts Centre

## THE DANCE HOUSE

Gouldsbrook View — North Street  
CREWKERNE — Somerset — TA18 7AL

The concert starts at **7.30PM**  
Doors open at **6.45PM**

- **CONCERT TICKETS: £18**

- **BOX OFFICE:**

You can buy Online from  
[www.concertsinthewest.org](http://www.concertsinthewest.org)

OR reserve - [concertsinthewest@gmail.com](mailto:concertsinthewest@gmail.com)  
Cash or card at the door on the night.

OR in person from the  
Local Information Centre at the Town Hall  
Market Square, Crewkerne TA18 7LN  
Monday - Friday 10am - 1pm  
Closed Saturday & Sunday

DIRECTIONS: The Dance House is behind  
the Baptist Church in North Street -  
red double doors in the lane.

All the tours go to the Dance House.



## CHURCH OF ST ROCH

PENDOMER — NR. Yeovil  
Somerset — BA22 9PH

The concert starts at **3PM**  
Doors open at **2.30PM**

- **CONCERT TICKETS: £18**

- **BOX OFFICE:**

You can buy Online from  
[www.concertsinthewest.org](http://www.concertsinthewest.org)

OR 01935 862339 (BACS or cheques)  
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Sunday 8 September 3PM  
**Mēla guitar quartet**



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## LIST OF EVENTS IN DATE ORDER - 2024

Friday 16 February	11.30pm	Bridport Arts Centre	Perks Ensemble
Friday 16 February	7.30pm	Ilminster Arts Centre	Perks Ensemble
Saturday 17 February	7.30pm	Dance House, Crewkerne	Perks Ensemble
Friday 15 March	11.30pm	Bridport Arts Centre	Trickey & Gavrić
Friday 15 March	7.30pm	Ilminster Arts Centre	Trickey & Gavrić
Saturday 16 March	7.30pm	Dance House, Crewkerne	Trickey & Gavrić
Friday 19 April	11.30pm	Bridport Arts Centre	Gildas Quartet
Friday 19 April	7.30pm	Ilminster Arts Centre	Gildas Quartet
Saturday 20 April	7.30pm	Dance House, Crewkerne	Gildas Quartet
Sunday 21 April	3pm	St Peter's Church, Shaftesbury	Gildas Quartet
Friday 17 May	11.30pm	Bridport Arts Centre	Pocket Sinfonia
Friday 17 May	7.30pm	Ilminster Arts Centre	Pocket Sinfonia
Saturday 18 May	7.30pm	Dance House, Crewkerne	Pocket Sinfonia
Friday 21 June	11.30pm	Bridport Arts Centre	Lara Melda
Friday 21 June	7.30pm	Ilminster Arts Centre	Lara Melda
Saturday 22 June	7.30pm	Dance House, Crewkerne	Lara Melda
Friday 19 July	11.30pm	Bridport Arts Centre	Lumas Winds
Friday 19 July	7.30pm	Ilminster Arts Centre	Lumas Winds
Saturday 20 July	7.30pm	Dance House, Crewkerne	Lumas Winds
Sunday 21 July	3pm	St Peter's Church, Shaftesbury	Lumas Winds
Friday 6 September	11.30pm	Bridport Arts Centre	Mēla guitar quartet
Friday 6 September	7.30pm	Ilminster Arts Centre	Mēla guitar quartet
Saturday 7 September	7.30pm	Dance House, Crewkerne	Mēla guitar quartet
Sunday 8 September	11.30pm	Church of St Roch, Pendomer	Mēla guitar quartet
Friday 4 October	11.30pm	Bridport Arts Centre	Cronin & Ogawa
Friday 4 October	7.30pm	Ilminster Arts Centre	Cronin & Ogawa
Saturday 5 October	7.30pm	Dance House, Crewkerne	Cronin & Ogawa
Friday 15 November	11.30pm	Bridport Arts Centre	Berkeley Ensemble
Friday 15 November	7.30pm	Ilminster Arts Centre	Berkeley Ensemble
Saturday 16 November	7.30pm	Dance House, Crewkerne	Berkeley Ensemble



PHOTOS ABOVE:  
ALEXANDER ULLMAN, OSCAR PERKS, ELLIOTT PERKS, SEBASTIAN KOLIN  
BERKELEY ENSEMBLE, HILARY CRONIN, ASAKO OGAWA