

# Concerts *IN THE* West



BRIDPORT Arts Centre



The Dance House, CREWKERNE



ILMINSTER Arts Centre

CHAMBER MUSIC MINI-TOURS IN THE SOUTH WEST

13 FEBRUARY TO 7 NOVEMBER 2026

2006-2026 [www.concertsinthewest.org](http://www.concertsinthewest.org)



13 FEBRUARY

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Bridport Arts Centre 11.30AM

Ilminster Arts Centre 7.30PM

Dance House, Crewkerne 7.30PM

## DANIEL LEBHARDT

PIANO

Liszt                    Unstern! Sinistre, disastro S 208

Liszt                    Mephisto polka S 217

Liszt                    2 Csardas S 225 & Csardas macabre

Shostakovich            Sonata no 2

Liszt                    Funerailles S 173 & Chopin Sonata no 3

Bridport: Liszt and Chopin

Pianist DANIEL LEBHARDT has been described by the New York Times as playing with '... power, poetry and formidable technique'. Born in Hungary, Daniel studied at the Franz Liszt Academy in Budapest; later at the Royal Academy of Music in London and at the Royal Birmingham Conservatoire and is currently based in London.

Daniel has performed widely in the UK, Europe, USA, South America and Asia. Recent debuts include the Hallé Orchestra, as well as his return to Royal Philharmonic Orchestra and Konzerthausorchester Berlin. In recital Daniel had debuts at the Aldeburgh, Bath and Harrogate International Festivals and Wigmore Hall. An avid chamber musician, Daniel regularly collaborates with Benjamin Baker and the Castalian Quartet. We are delighted to welcome him back to Concerts in the West to launch our 2026 season.

[www.daniel-lebhardt.com](http://www.daniel-lebhardt.com)



13 MARCH Bridport Arts Centre 11.30AM

13 MARCH Ilminster Arts Centre 7.30PM

14 MARCH Dance House, Crewkerne 7.30PM

## GEIRÞRÚÐUR GUÐMUNDSDÓTTIR

CELLO & ANTOINE PRÉAT PIANO

Jón Nordal            Pictures on a Panel Wall (Crewkerne only)

R Schumann            Fantasiestücke, Op 73 (all venues)

Beethoven            Sonata for cello and piano in A major, Op 69 (Ilm & Crew)

N Boulanger            Trois pièces (Ilminster & Crewkerne)

Grieg                    Sonata for cello and piano in A minor, Op 36 (Ilm & Brid)

Fauré                    Elegy (Crewkerne and Bridport)



Praised for her "technical mastery" and "extraordinarily musical" performances we welcome Icelandic-American cellist GEIRÞRÚÐUR ANNA GUÐMUNDSDÓTTIR, who is carving a distinctive artistic voice, combining sensitivity with a bold and fiery stage presence. She has performed at venues across the world, including Carnegie Hall, and the Southbank Centre. [www.geirthruduranna.com](http://www.geirthruduranna.com)

Franco-Belgian pianist ANTOINE PRÉAT is being noticed for his "distinctive voice" and strong musical convictions. Antoine has been invited to perform in prestigious venues including Wigmore Hall and Sinfonia Smith Square and comes to Concerts in the West for the first time.

[www.antoinepreat.com](http://www.antoinepreat.com)



10 APRIL  
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11 APRIL

Bridport Arts Centre 11.30AM  
Ilminster Arts Centre 7.30PM  
Dance House, Crewkerne 7.30PM

## ENSEMBLE AUGELLETTI

Olwen Foulkes RECORDERS    Ellen Bundy VIOLIN  
Carina Drury CELLO            Toby Carr LUTE  
Benedict Williams HARPSICHORD

### JEWELS THAT BRIGHTLY BURN

Telemann championed Bach's skill in arranging music to inspire a new generation of musicians as they performed 'under the orange tree' in Leipzig. This programme tells the story of Bach's students as they became 'jewels' and includes arrangements of his joyous instrumental music alongside Telemann's stunning 'Paris' quartets and suites by Pisendel.

Founded in 2019, ENSEMBLE AUGELLETTI specialises in creating engaging programmes that tell the everyday stories of people living in the 17th and 18th centuries through baroque chamber music. They are known for compelling performances that demonstrate an 'equal capacity for elegant pathos and rip-roaring technical dexterity' (The Arts Desk, 2024). Ensemble Augelletti are BBC New Generation Baroque Ensemble (2023-25) and City Music Foundation Artists (2024-26)

We are delighted that they can join us this year.

[www.ensembleaugelletti.com](http://www.ensembleaugelletti.com)

15 MAY  
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16 MAY

Bridport Arts Centre 11.30AM  
Ilminster Arts Centre 7.30PM  
Dance House, Crewkerne 7.30PM

## GREENWICH TRIO

Lana Trolovšek VIOLIN  
Heather Tuach CELLO  
Yoko Misumi PIANO

Beethoven            Piano Trio, Op 1, no 1  
Jennifer Higdon    Piano Trio  
Robert Humber      Elegy Half Erased for piano trio  
Fanny Mendelssohn-Hensel    Piano Trio, Op 11  
Bridport: Beethoven & Fanny Mendelssohn-Hensel



Formed in London in 2006, the GREENWICH TRIO brings together Slovenian violinist Lana Trolovšek, Canadian cellist Heather Tuach, and Japanese pianist Yoko Misumi. Described by Bernard Greenhouse as the "New Beaux Arts Trio," they quickly earned major awards including the Solti Foundation and Tunnell Trust Awards and the top prize at the Beethoven Society of Europe Chamber Music Competition.

As an ensemble they have appeared at leading festivals such as Cheltenham and Bath, and at venues including London's Kings Place, and Amsterdam's Concertgebouw. Their release of the complete Brahms Piano Trios has received five-star reviews from BBC Music Magazine. Alongside their chamber work, the members maintain distinguished solo careers.

We look forward to welcoming them to the West Country.

[www.greenwichtrio.com](http://www.greenwichtrio.com)



26 JUNE Bridport Arts Centre 11.30AM  
26 JUNE Ilminster Arts Centre 7.30PM  
27 JUNE Dance House, Crewkerne 7.30PM

## SHIRY RASHKOVSKY VIOLA LANA SURAN PIANO

Astor Piazzolla

Fritz Kreisler arr. Lionel Tertis

Ravel arr. Rashkovsky

JS Bach arr. Rashkovsky

F Waley-Cohen arr. Rashkovsky

Glass arr. Rashkovsky

Bridport: Piazzolla, Ravel, Kreisler, Glass

'Café 1930 from Histoire du Tango

Cherry Ripe

Sonata opus posthumous

Coffee Cantata (selected movements)

Caffeine

Violin Sonata

Lauded by The Strad for her 'thrilling and exuberant' Royal Festival Hall debut, SHIRY RASHKOVSKY pursues an international and diverse career.

In demand as a chamber musician, she is frequently invited to international festivals. She is a founding member of Trio Klein and the founder and Artistic Director of Up Close and Musical festival, held in the intimate Fidelio Café in Clerkenwell. She will be releasing her debut album in 2026, including premiere recordings of works she has commissioned from Errollyn Wallen and Ben Nobuto. [www.shiryashkovsky.com](http://www.shiryashkovsky.com)



LANA SURAN is an internationally acclaimed Swedish pianist praised for her expressive power, refined tone, and deeply personal interpretations. Hailed by Augsburger Allgemeine as "simply an outstanding artist," she captivates audiences with repertoire ranging from the Classical and Romantic eras to the 20th century. [www.lanasuran.com](http://www.lanasuran.com)



10 JULY Bridport Arts Centre 11.30AM  
10 JULY Ilminster Arts Centre 7.30PM  
11 JULY Dance House, Crewkerne 7.30PM

## CERULEO

Jenni Harper, Emily Owen SOPRANOS

Kinga Gáborjáni VIOLA DA GAMBA

Satoko Doi-Luck HARPSICHORD

## VOICES OF LONGING

Barbara Strozzi made her name as both a performer and composer in the semi-private spaces of the 'accademici' of 17th century Venice, meetings of the intelligentsia to discuss and perform music, poetry and art. Described as the 'virtuosissima cantatrice' (most virtuous/virtuosic singer) she was to become the most published composer of secular song of her time. Her distinctive style is characterised by virtuosic vocal lines, sophisticated interplay between voice(s) and basso continuo accompaniment. With this new programme CERULEO bring to life the music of this extraordinary composer with two singers and three instrumentalists, combining a selection of her finest works with instrumental pieces by her contemporaries.

CERULEO create dramatic programmes using spoken text alongside music for two sopranos and continuo. Every member of the group performs as a soloist. They specialise in performing the music of Restoration England and Seventeenth Century Italy. Welcome back.

[www.ceruleo.co.uk](http://www.ceruleo.co.uk)



18 SEPTEMBER Bridport Arts Centre 11.30AM  
18 SEPTEMBER Ilminster Arts Centre 7.30PM  
19 SEPTEMBER Dance House, Crewkerne 7.30PM

## SOPHIE ROSA VIOLIN IAN BUCKLE PIANO

**Mendelssohn** Violin Sonata in F minor, Op 4  
**Beethoven** Sonata no 5 in F, Op 24 'Spring'  
**Elgar** Salut d'Amour, Op 12  
Chanson de Matin &  
Chanson de Nuit Op 15  
**Grieg** Violin Sonata no 1 in F major, Op 8  
*Bridport: Mendelssohn, Elgar and Grieg*

SOPHIE ROSA is in demand as a soloist, director and chamber musician. She has performed across the UK as a recitalist in major festivals and venues including the Royal Festival Hall, and Wigmore Hall and has appeared as soloist with orchestras including the Royal Liverpool Philharmonic and Manchester Camerata. Sophie is Leader of Sinfonia Viva and appears regularly with the orchestra as soloist and director.  
[www.sophierosa.com](http://www.sophierosa.com)

IAN BUCKLE maintains a varied freelance career as solo pianist, chamber musician, orchestral pianist and teacher. He is the founder and artistic director of Pixels Ensemble. He also enjoys longstanding associations with the Royal Liverpool Philharmonic and the John Wilson Orchestra.  
[www.pixelsensemble.org](http://www.pixelsensemble.org)



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

## GABRIELA OPACKA-BOCCADORO VIOLIN OLIVER WASS HARP

**Astor Piazzolla** Bordello 1900 from Histoire du Tango  
**Arvo Pärt** Fratres  
**JS Bach** Air on a G string  
**Tarrega** Recuerdos de la Alhambra  
**Mullov Abbado** Treachery  
**Ravel** Violin Sonata no 2 "Blues"  
**Nico Muhly** Drones and Violin  
**Ravel** Tzigane  
*Bridport: a selection of the above*

OLIVER WASS holds a First Class Masters Degree from the Guildhall School of Music & Drama, winning the prestigious Guildhall Gold Medal. He also graduated from the University of York with a First Class Honours degree in Chemistry. He is currently a professor at the Royal College of Music in London. Welcome back Oliver.  
[www.oliverwass.co.uk](http://www.oliverwass.co.uk)

GABRIELA OPACKA-BOCCADORO is a Polish-British musician who has built a multifaceted career as a violinist, conductor, and recording artist across classical performance, theatre, and film.  
[www.opackaboccadoro.com](http://www.opackaboccadoro.com)



6 NOVEMBER Bridport Arts Centre 11.30AM  
6 NOVEMBER Ilminster Arts Centre 7.30PM  
7 NOVEMBER Dance House, Crewkerne 7.30PM

## FENELLA HUMPHREYS & FRIENDS

Fenella Humphreys VIOLIN

Gary Pomeroy VIOLA

Cara Berridge CELLO

Sam Armstrong PIANO

**Mozart** Piano Quartet in G minor KV 478

**Sally Beamish** 'Spell' for Piano Quartet (2023)

**Richard Strauss** Piano Quartet in C minor Op 13

*Bridport: Mozart and Strauss*

We welcome back one of the leading violinists of her generation together with her close colleagues. **FENELLA HUMPHREYS**, winner of BBC Music Magazine Awards in 2025, 2023 and 2018, has attracted critical admiration and audience acclaim with the grace and intensity of her remarkable performances. Artist in Residence at Wigmore Hall for the 2025/6 season, Fenella is looking forward to premieres of new works as well as performances with orchestras including CBSO and London Mozart Players. [www.fenellahumphreys.com](http://www.fenellahumphreys.com)

Hailed as 'a major new talent' by International Piano and a 'pianist of splendid individuality' by The Arts Desk, British pianist **SAM ARMSTRONG** brings deeply-felt interpretive power to the solo, chamber music and vocal repertoire.

[www.samarmstrongpianist.com](http://www.samarmstrongpianist.com)

Violist **GARY POMEROY** enjoys a range of education work, mostly at the Guildhall School of Music and Drama, and is a founder member of the Heath Quartet who have recorded several albums, performed recitals worldwide and toured with opera and theatre companies.

**CARA BERRIDGE** is a passionate chamber musician. She is a founder member of the Sacconi Quartet, and cellist in the London Bridge Piano Trio and Ensemble Perpetuo. In addition to her chamber music, Cara enjoys teaching, performing duo repertoire and recording music for film and TV. [www.caraberridge.com](http://www.caraberridge.com)



## ILMINSTER ARTS CENTRE

33 East Street — ILMINSTER  
Somerset — TA19 0AN

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

### • CONCERT TICKETS: £20

• Buy **Online** from: [www.concertsinthewest.org](http://www.concertsinthewest.org)

• By **phone**: 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.  
Booking opens on 5 January 2026

# BRIDPORT ARTS CENTRE



## 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: £16**

- **Buy Online from:**  
[www.bridport-arts.com](http://www.bridport-arts.com)

- **By phone: 01308 424204**

Ticket sales by phone or in person from the Tourist Information Centre — South Street Bucky Doo Square — Bridport — DT6 3LF

Monday to Saturday, 9am - 5pm

*1 November to 29 March:*

Monday to Saturday, 10am - 3pm

You can buy at the Arts Centre from 11am on the day of the concert with card only.

## Concerts *IN THE* West



**DANCE HOUSE**  
ALL THE ARTS • ONE ROOF

## THE DANCE HOUSE

Gouldsbrook View — North Street

CREWKERNE — Somerset — TA18 7AL

The concert starts at **7.30PM**

Doors open at **6.45PM**

- **CONCERT TICKETS: £20**

- **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 9.30am - 3pm

Closed Saturday & Sunday

Booking opens on 5 January 2026

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



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## LIST OF EVENTS IN DATE ORDER - 2026

Friday 13 February	11.30pm	Bridport Arts Centre	Daniel Lebhardt
Friday 13 February	7.30pm	Ilminster Arts Centre	Daniel Lebhardt
Saturday 14 February	7.30pm	Dance House, Crewkerne	Daniel Lebhardt
Friday 13 March	11.30pm	Bridport Arts Centre	Guðmundsdóttir & Préat
Friday 13 March	7.30pm	Ilminster Arts Centre	Guðmundsdóttir & Préat
Saturday 14 March	7.30pm	Dance House, Crewkerne	Guðmundsdóttir & Préat
Friday 10 April	11.30pm	Bridport Arts Centre	Ensemble Augelletti
Friday 10 April	7.30pm	Ilminster Arts Centre	Ensemble Augelletti
Saturday 11 April	7.30pm	Dance House, Crewkerne	Ensemble Augelletti
Friday 15 May	11.30pm	Bridport Arts Centre	Greenwich Trio
Friday 15 May	7.30pm	Ilminster Arts Centre	Greenwich Trio
Saturday 16 May	7.30pm	Dance House, Crewkerne	Greenwich Trio
Friday 26 June	11.30pm	Bridport Arts Centre	Rashkovsky & Suran
Friday 26 June	7.30pm	Ilminster Arts Centre	Rashkovsky & Suran
Saturday 27 June	7.30pm	Dance House, Crewkerne	Rashkovsky & Suran
Friday 10 July	11.30pm	Bridport Arts Centre	Ceruleo
Friday 10 July	7.30pm	Ilminster Arts Centre	Ceruleo
Saturday 11 July	7.30pm	Dance House, Crewkerne	Sophie Rosa & Ian Buckle
Friday 18 September	11.30pm	Bridport Arts Centre	Sophie Rosa & Ian Buckle
Friday 18 September	7.30pm	Ilminster Arts Centre	Sophie Rosa & Ian Buckle
Saturday 19 September	7.30pm	Dance House, Crewkerne	Wass & Opacka-Boccadoro
Friday 16 October	11.30pm	Bridport Arts Centre	Wass & Opacka-Boccadoro
Friday 16 October	7.30pm	Ilminster Arts Centre	Wass & Opacka-Boccadoro
Saturday 17 October	7.30pm	Dance House, Crewkerne	Fenella Humphreys & Friends
Friday 6 November	11.30pm	Bridport Arts Centre	Fenella Humphreys & Friends
Friday 6 November	7.30pm	Ilminster Arts Centre	Fenella Humphreys & Friends
Saturday 7 November	7.30pm	Dance House, Crewkerne	Fenella Humphreys & Friends



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