

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



13 FEBRUARY Bridport Arts Centre 11.30AM
13 FEBRUARY Ilminster Arts Centre 7.30PM
14 FEBRUARY 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-lehardt.com



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

GEIRPRÚÐUR 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 GEIRPRÚÐUR 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

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



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



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 Trotovsšek 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 Trotovsšek, 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



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*
 'Café 1930 from Histoire du Tango
 Cherry Ripe
 Sonata opus posthumous
 Coffee Cantata (selected movements)
 Caffeine
 Violin Sonata
Bridport: Piazzolla, Ravel, Kreisler, Glass



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.shiryrashkovsky.com

LANA SURAN is an internationally acclaimed Swedish pianist praised for her expressive power, refined tone, and deeply personal interpretations. Hailed by Augsburg 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



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



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

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



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

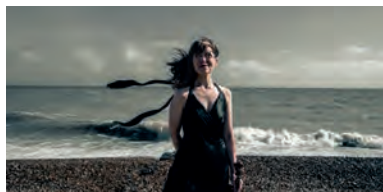
Bridport: a selection of the above

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

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



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

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

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



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

• 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 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: £16**

• **Buy Online from:**
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.

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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

• OR reserve - 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 & Præt
Friday 13 March	7.30pm	Ilminster Arts Centre	Guðmundsdóttir & Præt
Saturday 14 March	7.30pm	Dance House, Crewkerne	Guðmundsdóttir & Præt
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	Ceruleo
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	Sophie Rosa & Ian Buckle
Friday 16 October	11.30pm	Bridport Arts Centre	Wass & Opacka-Boccardo
Friday 16 October	7.30pm	Ilminster Arts Centre	Wass & Opacka-Boccardo
Saturday 17 October	7.30pm	Dance House, Crewkerne	Wass & Opacka-Boccardo
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

