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Welcome
to the 2009/10 concert season at the University of Aberdeen!

This year is one of the largest and most diverse programmes we have ever produced, with music to suit all tastes.

Kicking off the season is our ever-popular music student production. This year we are performing an abridged version of Carl Orff’s ‘Carmina Burana’. Also, we welcome back a host of favourite performers to our regular series of organ recitals and our old friends, The Edinburgh Quartet, continue their long and fruitful collaboration with us.

This year also sees a focus upon non-western music with a spectacular concert of Chinese Music (sponsored by the Confucius Institute for Scotland in partnership with Aberdeen Chinese Studies Group) and also Indian Music from Simon Thacker’s fabulous, Nava Rasa Ensemble. Both of these were made possible by our continuing relationship with sound (North East Scotland’s Contemporary Music Festival) as are other concerts, masterclasses and seminars presented on many aspects of contemporary music.

For the first time we link up with the Spanish Consulate in Edinburgh to celebrate Spanish music and culture with a visit from two very distinguished musicians – Ara Malikian (violin) and Daniel de Pino (piano), and welcome back brilliant soprano, Irene Drummond in a celebration of the poetry of Burns in this, his 250th anniversary ‘homecoming’ year.

The Aberdeen Music Prize also enters its third year with a record number of entries. The BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra and eminent composer-judge, James MacMillan OBE will be sifting through the scores to decide who will win the £5000 prize, which takes the form of a commission for the BBC SSO. This is not to be missed!

Our commitment to early music is marked this season with a visit from one of the greatest sopranos of her generation, Dame Emma Kirkby DBE. Dame Emma will present a wonderful concert of early song accompanied by the internationally renowned, Rose Consort of Viols at St Machar’s Cathedral. If you love early music, then book your ticket quickly as her concerts are always sell-outs!

This season also sees the launch of our ‘Fridays at 4.30’ series – a new series of informal recitals for Organ and voices lasting around 30 minutes in King’s College Chapel.

Add to these concerts from the University Orchestra, Choral Society and Concert Band (amongst many others) and you have a season of great music for everyone.

Our concerts would not be possible without the help of our sponsors and funders. In particular we are indebted to the Craig Group and Total E&P UK for their continuing generous support. If you are planning to come to a few of these concerts, why not consider subscribing to our Concerts Supporter’s Scheme, which offers excellent value for money and helps us with future planning!

I’m really looking forward to seeing you at our concerts.

Dr Paul Mealor, University Concerts Co-ordinator

Friday 25th September at 7.45pm
Zeste at Crombie Hall

CARMINA BURANA

Heather Ireson soprano
Andrew McNeill baritone

To mark the first week of term, the talented students (and staff) of the University’s Music Department present a short, abridged performance of Carl Orff’s masterpiece, Carmina Burana. Come along to what always turns out to be a fun night... There may be one or two surprise performers!

Admission free (donations welcome)

Monday 5th October at 7.45pm
Cowdray Hall, Aberdeen

THE EDINBURGH QUARTET

Mozart: Quartet in C K465 (dissonance)
Shostakovich: Quartet No.8
Schumann: Op. 41 no. 3

This distinguished ensemble, now a regular in our series, makes a welcome return with a varied programme of stunningly beautiful quartets.

Tickets £8 (adult concession £5.00 / student & child concession £2.00)

Please note this concert is not included in the Concert Supporters Scheme

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Tuesday 27th October, 7.45pm
King’s College Chapel

DUNCAN CUMMING PIANO
HILARY CUMMING VIOLIN
Two distinguished musicians from the faculty of the State University of New York at Albany present an exciting programme of Sonatas and Sonatinas by Schubert, Brahms and Dvorak, and a Duo by William Matthews.

Tickets £8
(adult concession £5.00 / student & child concession £2.00)

Wednesday 21st October at 5.15pm
King’s College Chapel, Aberdeen

TEATIME RECITAL
Musicians from the University
Talented performers from the University of Aberdeen’s Music Department perform a varied programme

Admission free (donations welcome)

Thursday 29th October, 7.45pm
Elphinstone Hall, Aberdeen

FIDELIO TRIO
Chris Cadwur James: Trio
Judith Weir: Piano Trio No. 2
Nigel Osborne: The Piano Tuner
Piers Hellawell: Etruscan Games
Schoenberg: Verklarte Nacht

The Fidelio Trio (Darragh Morgan, violin, Robin Michael, cello, and Mary Dullea, piano) perform an extremely diverse programme of music by leading British composers, including the world premier of ‘Trio’ by Chris James (a former lecturer in the Department of Music who tragically died in 2007).

In association with sound

Tickets £8 (adult concession £5.00 / student & child concession £2.00)
Friday 30th October at 12.00pm
MacRobert Room 055

**CHINESE MUSIC SEMINAR**

CHINESE MUSIC – through its instruments, songs and creativity. In preparation for the Harmony Ensemble concert, 3 members of the group will give a seminar exploring instruments, songs and composition in China.

Eddie Maguire will talk on and demonstrate some of China’s unique instruments. Kimho Ip will focus on how composing developed in China over the last 100 years looking at Western influence, Shanghai Jazz and trends in the past 30 years. Fong Liu will demonstrate and explain the spectrum of singing styles found in China ranging from folk song to regional style and opera traditions.

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Sponsored by the Confucius Institute for Scotland in partnership with Aberdeen Chinese Studies Group.

Admission free (donations welcome)

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Saturday 31st October at 5pm
Zeste at Crombie Hall, Aberdeen

**CHINESE MUSIC**

**THE HARMONY ENSEMBLE & THE ELPHINSTONE FIDDLERS**

Hooi Ling Eng  percussion and zheng (zither)
Cheng-Ying Chuang  counter tenor voice, Ruan (moon guitar)
Kimho Ip  yangqin (hammered dulcimer)
Fong Liu  voice
Eddie MacGuire  di-zi (bamboo flute)
Willem Mathlener  violin

Since their founding in 2002 they have been invited to perform at the BBC ’Silk Screens’, Celtic Connection, music clubs, festivals and the Edinburgh Festival Fringe as well as a full concert with the Scottish Philharmonic Orchestra. For the sound Festival they will feature improvisation and new works in addition to Chinese traditional music and song.

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

*In association with* [sound](#)

Tickets £8 (adult concession £5.00 /student & child concession £2.00)

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Sunday 1st November, 7.45pm
Zeste at Crombie Hall, Aberdeen

**BURNS IN SONG**

**250th ANNIVERSARY**

**Irene Drummond** soprano
**Alastair Beaton** piano

The world-renowned soprano, Irene Drummond returns to the concert series with a moving tribute to Scotland’s national poet, Burns. In this concert she presents Burns’ poetry set by leading international composers such as Schubert, Franz and Judith Weir.

*Tickets* £8 (adult concession £5.00 /student & child concession £2.00)

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Tuesday 3rd November, 7.45pm
King’s College Chapel, Aberdeen

**ARA MALAKIAN**

**VIOLIN**

**DANIEL DE PINO**

**PIANO**

Programme to include music by de Falla, Granados and Sarasate.

The Department of Music joins forces, for the first time, with the Spanish Consulate in Edinburgh to bring these two distinguished Spanish artists to Aberdeen for a rare treat – a programme of Spanish music to warm the heart and enrich the senses!

*In association with the Spanish Consulate*

*Tickets* £8 (adult concession £5.00 /student & child concession £2.00)

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**Concert Season**

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**Concert Season**

**Friday 6th November, 8pm**  
St Machar’s Cathedral

**Con Anima Chamber Choir**

Conductor: Paul Mealor  
**Evening Land: Music by Arvo Pärt and his contemporaries**

Con Anima, Aberdeen’s premiere chamber choir, performs a meditative and deeply spiritual programme featuring the music of Arvo Pärt. This will include Pärt’s *Magnificat & Nunc Dimittis; Cantate Domino; Sadeggo; Memento*, and *The Beatitudes*. Also, the choir will perform Aberdeen premieres of music by his contemporaries, including: Veljo Tormis – *Four Estonian Lullabies; Peteris Vasks – Pater Noster and Per Nørgård – Altonland (Evening Land).*

In association with the Department of Music

Tickets £7/£5 available from Aberdeen Box Office or at the door

Please note this concert is not included in the Concert Supporters Scheme

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**Tuesday 10th November, 7.45pm**  
Zeste at Crombie Hall

**Simon Thacker and The Nava Rasa Ensemble Present: Inner Octave**

Simon Thacker  
**guitar**

Jyotsna Srikanth  
**Indian violin**

Vijay Kangutkar  
**tabla**

Mario Lima Caribe  
**double bass**

Iain Sandilands  
**percussion**

The Edinburgh Quartet  
**Vijay Kangutkar**  
**tabla**

The renowned Slovenian Clarinetist presents a varied programme of music written in the 20th and 21st Centuries for Clarinet and Electronics. Be prepared to be wowed by the multitude of stunningly original sounds and techniques on offer.

In association with

Tickets £8 (adult concession £5.00 /student & child concession £2.00)

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**Wednesday 11th November, 5.15pm**  
King’s College Chapel, Aberdeen

**Teatime Concert**

Tadej Kenig  
**Clarinet and Electronics**

Pierre Boulez  
**Dialogue de l’ombre double**

Thea Musgrave  
**Narcissus for clarinet with digital delay**

Steve Reich  
**New York Counterpoint**

Berio  
**Sinfonia Ia**

Scott Neal  
**Petrichor**

Robert Scott Thompson  
**New Work**

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Thursday 12th November, 7.30pm
Music Hall, Aberdeen

UNIVERSITY OF ABERDEEN
CHORAL SOCIETY AND
SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

Faure Pavane
Poulenc Gloria
Faure Requiem

Gillian Jack soprano
Paul Tierney baritone
Paul Mealer conductor

For their first concert of the year the University Orchestra and Choral Society present a popular programme of 20th Century French Music. Poulenc’s witty and colourful ‘Gloria’ is presented alongside Faure’s powerful and deeply moving ‘Requiem’ which, since its premiere, has proved extremely popular with choirs and audiences worldwide.

Tickets £8 (adult concession £5.00/student & child concession £2.00)

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Monday 16th November, 11am – 1pm
MacRobert 055

TADEJKENIG
CLARINET MASTERCLASS

The distinguished clarinetist leads a morning masterclass for some of the department’s talented young performers.

This is open to the public; contact the music office for availability of places.

In association with sound

Admission free (donations welcome)

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Tuesday 17th November, 7.45pm
King’s College Chapel

ORGAN RECITAL
Roger B Williams MBE organ

Programme to include the world premiere of ‘King’s Toccata’ by John McLeod and Toccatas by John Purser and John Hearne.

In association with sound

Admission free (donations welcome)

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Wednesday 18th November at 5.15pm
King’s College Chapel, Aberdeen

TEATIME RECITAL
Richard Craig Flute
Karin Hellqvist Violin

Distinguished Flautist and newly appointed Visiting Fellow in Performance at the University of Aberdeen, Richard Craig presents a varied programme of music for Flute and Violin to include music by Berio and Sciarrino and the world premiere of a new work for violin and piccolo by Evan Johnson.

Admission free (donations welcome)
**ABERDEEN MUSIC PRIZE 2009**

(In Association with the BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra)

Judge James MacMillan

A weekend of workshops, concerts and lectures led by the distinguished Scottish composer, James McMillan and members of the BBC SSO.

Five internationally renowned young composers will compete for the £5000 cash prize in the form of a commission from the BBC SSO.

For more details: [http://www.abdn.ac.uk/aberdeenmusicprize/](http://www.abdn.ac.uk/aberdeenmusicprize/)

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**Thursday 19th November, 7.45pm**
St Machar’s Cathedral, Aberdeen

**DAME EMMA KIRKBY & THE ROSE CONSORT OF VIOLS**

**FROM TEARES TO TURNIPS**

The University of Aberdeen, in association with the Craig Group, is delighted to welcome to Aberdeen one of the world’s most distinguished sopranos, Dame Emma Kirkby. She, and the Rose Consort of Viols, will perform a rich programme of early music which will sweep across London’s varied musical scene four hundred years ago. The concert will include dances and fantasias by Tallis, Byrd and Holbourne, and songs ranging from the darkest melancholy of Dowland and the elegance of Gibbons, to the street scenes of Weelkes, ‘Cries of London’.

A concert not to be missed!

Tickets £8
(adult concession £5.00 / student & child concession £2.00)

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**Friday 20th November, 11am – 1pm**
Room 614, MacRobert Building

**DAME EMMA KIRKBY VOCAL MASTERCLASS**

The distinguished singer leads a morning masterclass for some of the department’s talented young singers.

Admission free (donations welcome)

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**Saturday 21st November & Sunday 22nd November**

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**Concert Season**

**Tuesday 24th November, 8.30pm**
King’s College Chapel

**MUSIC FOR ST CECILIA**
ABERDEEN MUSICAL SOCIETY

A selection of music celebrating St Cecilia’s day to include works by Corelli and J.S Bach led by Dr Roger B. Williams.

Admission free (donations welcome)

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**Thursday 26th November at 11am**
Rooms 005 and 051, MacRobert Building

**MASTERCLASS**

Esther Lamneck  Clarinet
Elizabeth McNutt  Flute

The distinguished Flautist and Clarinetist lead a morning masterclass for some of the department’s talented young performers.

In association with:

This is open to the public though contact the music office for the availability of places. Admission free (donations welcome)

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**Friday 27th November, 7.45pm**
Cowdray Hall, Aberdeen

**THE TORNADO PROJECT**

Flute, clarinet and interactive computer programs

The Tornado Project, performed by two of America’s most distinguished performers, is a series of compositions for flute, clarinet and interactive computer programmes by such composers as Ricardo Climent, Eric Lyon, Paul Wilson, Robert Rowe and Andrew May.

In association with:

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**Tuesday 8th December, 7.45pm**
King’s College Chapel

**ORGAN RECITAL**

FRANCIS JACOB

Programme to include music by J.S. Bach, N Bruhns and Rathgeber.

One of France’s most exciting organists makes a welcome return visit to play on an organ which he helped to build. He has been associated with Aubertin organs for an extended period and his playing is marked by sophistication and finesse.

Admission free (donations welcome)

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**Wednesday 2nd December, 5.15pm**
King’s College Chapel, Aberdeen

**TEATIME CONCERT**

Musicians from the University

Talented performers from the University of Aberdeen’s Music Department perform a varied programme.

Admission free (donations welcome)

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**Thursday 10th December, 11 – 1pm**
King’s College Chapel

**JEREMY HUW WILLIAMS**

**VOCAL MASTERCLASS**

The distinguished baritone will lead a morning masterclass for some of the department’s talented young singers.

This is open to the public; contact the music office for availability of places.

Admission free (donations welcome)
Concert Season

Thursday 10th December, 7.45pm
Cowdray Hall, Aberdeen

Jeremy Huw Williams Baritone
Roger B. Williams MBE Piano

Schumann: *Dichterliebe*
Butterworth: *A Shropshire Lad*
McLeod: *The White Flame*
Haydn: *Scottish and Welsh folk song arrangements*

Internationally acclaimed Welsh Baritone soloist and opera star, Jeremy Huw Williams presents a moving interpretation of one of Schumann’s most intimate and stunningly beautiful song-cycles.

Alongside this, he will sing Haydn’s Scottish and Welsh folksong arrangements, Butterworth’s charmingly original ‘A Shropshire Lad’ and John McLeod’s startlingly powerful ‘The White Flame’.

Tickets £8 (adult concession £5.00 / student & child concession £2.00)

Sunday 13th December, 4.30pm & 7.45pm
St Andrew’s Cathedral

University of Aberdeen Choral Society & Concert Band
Roger B. Williams, MBE &
Lt. Col. (Ret’d) Robert J. Owen Conductors

Carols for All!

Once again the University Choral Society and Concert Band join forces for a wonderful afternoon and evening of Christmas tunes, carols and anthems. There will be something for all the family in this festive treat. Book your tickets early, it is always a sell-out!

Tickets £8 (adult concession £5.00 / student & child concession £2.00)

Fridays at 4:30:
Music for Organ & Voices

There is to be a new series of informal organ recitals lasting around 30 minutes on Fridays at 4.30pm in the Chapel.

These will commence on October 2nd and run until December 4th.

Further details available on the concerts website or from 01224 272570
Making music in the University

Baroque Ensemble meets on Tuesday afternoons.

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Choral Society meets on Wednesday evenings.

Concert Band (student-run) meets on Tuesday evenings.

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Flute Choir meets on Wednesday afternoons.

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Gilbert & Sullivan Society (student-run) www.gilbertandsullivansociety.co.uk.

New Music Ensemble meets on Thursdays. (Day to be confirmed).

Percussion Ensemble meets on Thursday evenings (to be confirmed).

Revelation (Gospel Choir) (student-run) meets on Monday evenings.

Steel Pans meets on Tuesday evenings.

String Orchestra meets on Monday evenings. Entry by audition.

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