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We're so excited to share another wonderful year of live classical music with you at Norden Farm Centre for the Arts. There's nothing quite like the thrill of being there in person, and with a lovely Bistro on site, you can even enjoy a relaxed meal before the concert. Most evenings, the musicians are happy to chat afterwards in the bar too!

This season has something for everyone: a stunning piano recital by Piers Lane, the amazing vocal group Echo, the fiery Red Priest Baroque Ensemble, the internationally acclaimed Wihan String Quartet, and we wrap up with the fantastic Meliora Collective, a ten-piece mix of strings and winds.

If you buy a Season Ticket, you'll get seven concerts for less than the price of five. Ordinary Members get savings on tickets too, and both groups are invited to our special 'Rising Stars' concert in January – complete with tea, cake, and good company.

As a charity, Maidenhead Music relies on its members to keep things going, and we'd love your support. Bring a friend or two; we promise top-notch music right on your doorstep. Many of our performers have graced world-class stages like Wigmore Hall!

We also have a small, friendly committee that meets a few times a year, and we'd love to welcome some new faces.

Find all the details at maidenheadmusicsociety.org and sign up for our mailing list to stay in the loop. You can also find us on Facebook.

Robert Roscoe, Chair

Join Maidenhead Music as a Member for £22 for discounted tickets and invitations to members-only events.

Save up to 32% with a Season Ticket for all seven concerts.

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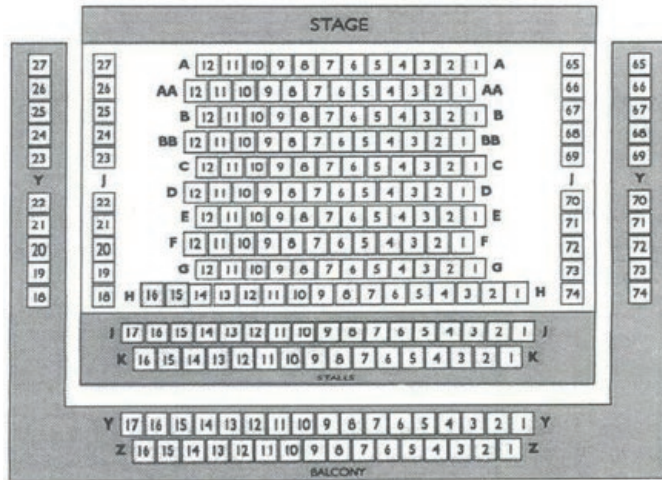
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Red Priest

Truly, Madly Baroque

Red Priest – recently described in the New York Times as ‘the wildly virtuosic little band’ – has been at the cutting edge of baroque music performance for over a quarter of a century. Formed in 1997 by recorder virtuoso Piers Adams, together with violinist Julia Bishop, cellist Angela East and the late Julian Rhodes, harpsichord (a role filled since 2011 by David Wright) – and named after the original ‘red priest’ Antonio Vivaldi – the quartet has developed a truly unique style, combining high-energy performance, boundary crossing arrangements and theatrical presentation, delighting audiences across the globe.

7.45pm Wednesday 24 September 2025



Piers Lane

Schubert: Sonata in D major D.850

Chopin: the complete music from the ballet
'Les Sylphides'

A favourite with Maidenhead audiences, Piers Lane returns to Norden Farm with one of Schubert's most thrillingly virtuosic late piano sonatas. Also on the programme is the complete selection of Chopin pieces used for the ballet *Les Sylphides*. A compendium of the Polish composer-pianist's greatest work, it includes a polonaise, several mazurkas, two nocturnes, the Tarantelle, a prelude and several waltzes.

'...conviction, commitment, poeticism and music-serving virtuosity...' *Classical Source*

Wednesday 29 October 2025, 7.45pm





Lumas Winds

Berio: Opus Number Zoo

C.P.E. Bach: Sonata in A minor Wq.132

Gavin Higgins: After Fallout...

Bernstein, arr. Richard Price:

selection from West Side Story

Hindemith: Kleine Kammermusik Op.24, No.2

Mozart, arr. David Walter:

Serenade No.12 in C minor K.388 'Nacht Musique'

'[An] effervescent wind quintet, lively in their performance style and enterprising in their choice of repertoire' (*Seen and Heard International*)

'One to watch' *BBC Radio 3, Record Review*

Thursday 20 November 2025, 7.45pm



Peter Mallinson (viola), Shirley Turner (violin) and Lynn Arnold (piano)

Programme to include

Harry Waldo Warner: Divertimento in D

Mendelssohn: Trio for piano, violin and viola in C minor

MWV Q3

Valerie Capers: Portraits of Jazz

This programme explores the eighteenth-century notion of 'Hausmusik' – bringing people together in intimate settings to entertain and explore – and looks at ways in which this idea has developed over the centuries to today. From young Mendelssohn to jazz, this concert has something for everyone.

Tuesday 17 February 2026, 7.45pm

Wihan Quartet

Mozart: Quartet in E-flat Major, K.428

Smetana: Quartet no. 2 in D minor

Schubert: Quartet in D minor, D.810

‘Death and the Maiden’

The renowned Czech Wihan Quartet present three masterpieces of the string quartet repertoire. In a gesture at once humble and assured, Mozart dedicated his E-flat quartet to his colleague and friend Joseph Haydn, the undisputed master of quartet-writing. Smetana's raw and profoundly personal second quartet is a diary of his final illness, whilst Schubert's 'Death and the Maiden' foretells his own premature demise.

‘one of the best quartets in the world today’ *International Record Review*

Wednesday 25 March 2026, 7.45pm



Echo Vocal Ensemble

The Sun has Burst the Sky

An exploration of light and the ways it has been conveyed through choral music, featuring music spanning five centuries, from Tallis, Monteverdi and Rheinberger to the present day.

'A choir from whom I'm sure we will hear far more in the future.'

Gramophone

'deeply satisfying, centuries-spanning, thought-provoking'

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Thursday 16 April 2026, 7.45pm





Meliora Collective

Programme to include
Ravel, arr. Paul Dean:
Le Tombeau de Couperin
Françaix: Dixtuor

Meliora Collective is a freshly established flexible ensemble, consisting of an array of dynamic, creative and spirited young artists who strive to celebrate the shared joy of music making, both with audiences and amongst themselves. Their programme presents two French classics, full of colour and poise.

Thursday 7 May 2026, 7.45pm

Season at a glance

Wednesday 24 September 2025, 7.45pm

Red Priest

Wednesday 29 October 2025, 7.45pm

Piers Lane

Thursday 20 November 2025, 7.45pm

Lumas Winds

Saturday 17 January 2026, 1pm

Rising Stars showcase concert

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Peter Mallinson (viola), Shirley Turner (violin)
and Lynn Arnold (piano)

Wednesday 25 March 2026, 7.45pm

Wihan Quartet

Thursday 16 April 2026, 7.45pm

Echo Vocal Ensemble

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Meliora Collective

Tickets

£22 non-members/£17 members

Under-18s free (up to 2 per paying adult)

From Norden Farm Box Office (tel. 01628 788997)

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