



Friends' Newsletter

Spring Term 2012

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Hansel & Gretel

Roll up, roll up, the circus has come to town! But all is not child's play in Hansel and Gretel...

Living in poverty, Roma Gypsies Hansel and Gretel are confined to the outskirts of the community. As they play in their concrete jungle, their mother sends them into the city in a desperate attempt to forage for food. Their father returns home with news that the circus has arrived, accompanied with rumours of a certain evil ringmaster, known to lure in hungry children with smells of frying food. As clowns, acrobats, magicians and lion tamers take to the stage, the dark reality of what goes on behind the scenes is revealed.

Opera Warwick brings this magical fairytale up to date in this brand new translation of Humperdinck's masterpiece written in collaboration with Kit Hesketh-Harvey. Featuring children from Kenilworth School, this visually stunning, tuneful and approachable opera is suitable for fearless children and adults alike.

Come to the greatest show on earth, but only if you dare...

Event information:

Warwick Arts Centre Theatre

Thursday 12th – Sat 14th, January 2012, 7.15pm, Sat matinee 2.15pm

Tickets: £10 (£8), £12 (£10), £14 (£12) Students: £6, £7.50, £9 (+ booking fee)

Conductor: Benjamin Hamilton

Production Company: Opera Warwick

<http://hansel-and-gretel.co.uk/>

Warwick Arts Centre Theatre. Tickets available from the Box Office (024) 76 524524

Beauty & the Beast

Be our guest and experience the magic of this spectacular stage adaptation of the classic film. Join the eccentric cast of characters from the childhood favourite, brought to life by Music Theatre Warwick. Based on the much-loved animated feature, dancing spoons, singing teapots and an ancient enchantment make this 'tale as old as time' family theatre at its best.

Event information:

Warwick Arts Centre Theatre

Weds 8th–Sat 11th February 2012, 7.30pm, Sat matinee 2.30pm

Tickets £13.50 (£8) (+ booking fee)

Age: 6+

Production Company: Music Theatre Warwick

Warwick Arts Centre Theatre. Tickets available from the Box Office (024) 76 524524



Dear All,

Happy New Year to you! We hope you had a good Christmas and welcome you into 2012 with some exciting musical events from the Music Centre! We have a fantastic term of music making ahead of us, starting with a brand new adaptation of Hansel & Gretel—with translation by renowned writer Kit Hesketh-Harvey performed by Opera Warwick and followed by Music Theatre Warwick's production of Beauty & the Beast—both wonderfully staged and not to be missed. The Symphony Orchestra will be travelling to London's St. John's, Smith Square for a performance of Stravinsky's *The Rite of Spring*, and other exciting works and the Chorus will be in the Butterworth Hall with a glittering line up of international soloists for the magnificent Verdi *Requiem* in March, before heading off on tour to Milan. All our groups will be performing and we hope to see you at their performances.

Wishing you all the best for 2012,

Paul McGrath
Director of Music

Spring Term Events

Hansel & Gretel

Opera Warwick

Thur 12th–Sat 14th Jan 7.15pm, Sat matinee 2.15pm

Warwick Arts Centre Theatre

Tickets £10 (£8), £12 (£10), £14 (£12) or family tickets available from the Arts Centre Box Office (024) 76 524524

Brass Band featuring Paul Duffy

University of Warwick Brass Band

Sat 4th Feb 7.30pm St. Mary's Church, Leamington Spa

Tickets £8 (£6) available on the door or by contacting

exec@brasssoc.co.uk

Beauty & the Beast

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Wed 8th–Sat 11th Feb 7.30pm, Sat matinee 2.30pm

Warwick Arts Centre Theatre

Tickets £13.50 (£8) from the Arts Centre Box Office (024) 76 524524

Da Capo—'The Virtuoso Teacher' a talk by Paul Harris

Fri 10th Feb 2pm, Ensemble Room, Warwick Arts Centre.

FREE entry but tickets must be booked via Box Office (024) 76 524524

Symphonic Pictures

University of Warwick Symphonic Brass Ensemble

Sat 18th Feb 7.30pm, St. Mary's Church, Leamington Spa

Tickets £8 (£6) available on the door or by contacting

exec@brasssoc.co.uk

Elgar, Wagner and the Rite

University of Warwick Symphony Orchestra

Sat 25th Feb 6.30pm, St. John's, Smith Square, London SW1P 3HA

Tickets £10 (£8) from SJSS Box Office (020) 7222 1061

Earth, Wind & Steel

University of Warwick Wind Orchestra and Drum Soc

Wed 29th Feb 7.30pm

Butterworth Hall, Warwick Arts Centre

Tickets £6 (£4) from the Arts Centre Box Office (024) 76 524524

Verdi Requiem

University of Warwick Symphony Orchestra & Chorus

Sun 4th Mar 4pm

Butterworth Hall, Warwick Arts Centre

Tickets £7 (£5) available from the Box Office (024) 76 524524

Bruckner Mass in E Minor

University of Warwick Chamber Choir and Symphonic Wind Ensemble

Fri 9th Mar 7.30pm

Leamington Town Hall

Tickets available from the Arts Centre Box Office (024) 76 524524 or on the door.

All known ticket information at the time of going to press has been included. For further information on any concert, please feel free to contact the Music Centre using the information below. You can also find further information about many of the events listed above elsewhere in this newsletter.

University of Warwick Brass Society

This term the society are performing twice at St. Mary's Church, Leamington Spa. Their first performance will be welcoming guest professional soloist, Paul Duffy. They are also performing the entire *Pictures at an Exhibition* by Mussorgsky with their Symphonic Brass Ensemble.

Sat 4th Feb 7.30pm—Brass Band with Paul Duffy, conductor Simon Hogg. Tickets on the door £8 (£6) or by emailing exec@brasssoc.co.uk

Sat 18th Feb 7.30pm—Symphonic Brass. Tickets £8 (£6) on the door or by emailing exec@brasssoc.co.uk

Earth, Wind & Steel!

University of Warwick Wind Orchestra & Drumming Society

The University of Warwick Wind Orchestra will be preparing for the NCBF finals in London this term and have a busy couple of months ahead! The concert will feature highlights from: *In the Hall of the Mountain King*; *Macarthur Park*; *The Phantom of the Opera*; *Toccata in D*; *Jurassic Park* and *Gale Force*. Joining their concert will be the Drumming societies Samba group Drumestra! And the newly formed Steel Pan Band, led by Dave Barrett.

Wed 29th Feb 7.30pm Butterworth Hall

Tickets £6 (£4) available from the Arts Centre Box Office (024) 76 524524 or online www.warwickartscentre.co.uk

Elgar, Wagner & the Rite *University of Warwick Symphony Orchestra*

Join the Symphony Orchestra as they travel to London's prestigious St. John's, Smith Square to perform Wagner's *Meistersinger* overture, Elgar's beautiful *Cello Concerto* and Stravinsky's magnificent *Rite of Spring*. Featuring University of Warwick Concerto Competition winner David Foster playing Elgar's ever popular concerto and some of the universities' finest student and staff musicians this will be a wonderful concert in a fantastic venue.

Sat 25th Feb 6.30pm St. John's, Smith Square, London SW19 3HA
Tickets £10 (£8) from SJSS box office (020) 7222 1061 or online <http://www.sjss.org.uk/pages/Diary/february.htm>

Bruckner Mass in E Minor *University of Warwick Chamber Choir and Symphonic Wind Ensemble*

The **Mass No. 2 in E minor** was commissioned by The Linz bishop Franz-Josef Rudigier, as a mass to celebrate the accomplishment of the construction of the Votive Chapel of the Dom.

Fri 9th Mar 7.30pm Leamington Town Hall. Tickets available on the door. Further information email music.centre@warwick.ac.uk

Verdi Requiem *University of Warwick Symphony Orchestra & Chorus*

Soprano: Tinueke Olafimihan; Mezzo-Soprano: Gaynor Keeble; Tenor: Jesus Leon; Bass: Piotr Lempa. Conducted by Lucy Griffiths.

Sun 4th Mar 4pm, Butterworth Hall, Warwick Arts Centre
Tickets £7 (£5) available from the Box Office (024) 76 524524

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