



ARCADIA MUSIC

4TH - 7TH OCTOBER 2018

JS BACH – A CELEBRATION

Artistic Directors: Eleanor Alberga and Thomas Bowes

Arcadia 2018 focuses on the glorious music of **JS Bach**. An in-depth examination of the mysteries and layers of his ever-popular music and of his enigmatic personality will be undertaken over five events in four days – performed by a select handful of stellar musicians.

A performance of perhaps the greatest ever work for keyboard – the epic **Goldberg Variations** – by international star pianist **Joanna MacGregor** is the centrepiece in the concert at St Laurence's Ludlow on Saturday October 6th. Also featured will be *Oh Chaconne!*, Eleanor Alberga's homage to Bach's famous **Chaconne for solo violin**, followed by the Chaconne itself.

Bach's **music for unaccompanied cello, violin and flute** will be woven into a meditation on solitude by the young American baritone **Thorvald Blough** on Friday evening, October 5th at St Mary Magdalene in Leintwardine, while the final concert on Sunday afternoon, 4pm, October 7th at St Giles Downton will showcase a rare performance of Bach's great musical puzzle, **A Musical Offering** as well as one of Bach's most appealing cantatas, **Ich Habe Genug**. Resulting from the uncomfortable meeting of the young King Frederick of Prussia and the ageing composer in 1747, *A Musical Offering* can now be seen as Bach's great rebuke to worldly power.

The mystery around *A Musical Offering* will be revealed and unravelled in a special event – a fully illustrated talk at the Ludlow Assembly Rooms on Saturday October 6th at 4:00 pm.

The festival will be launched with the customary free taster event at the Sun Inn in Leintwardine on Thursday October 4th .



Principal performers

Joanna MacGregor – piano
 Thorvald Blough - baritone
 Timothy Gill – cello
 Thomas Bowes – violin
 Karen Jones – flute
 Eleanor Alberga – piano

Thursday 4 October

7:30pm

The Sun Inn, Leintwardine
 A light-hearted taster concert at this wonderful parlour pub.



Friday 5 October

7:30pm

St Mary Magdalene,
 Leintwardine

JS Bach: Cello Suite in C minor, BWV 1011

JS Bach: Cello Suite in C major, BWV1009

JS Bach: Violin Partita in B minor, BWV 1002

JS Bach: Violin Partita in D minor, BWV1004

JS Bach: Flute Partita in A minor, BWV 1013

Spirituals: *Shenandoah, Steal Away, Pilgrim's Song, Amazing Grace*



Saturday 6 October

4:00pm

Oscars, Ludlow Assembly Rooms Ludlow

The King and the Composer

A talk on Bach's *A Musical Offering* with illustrations by the full Arcadia ensemble.

Saturday 6 October

7:30pm

St Laurence, Ludlow

Alberga: *Oh Chaconne!*

JS Bach: Chaconne for solo violin, BWV1004

Alberga: *It's time*

JS Bach: Goldberg Variations, BWV988



Sunday 7 October

4:00pm

St Giles, Downton-on-the-Rock

JS Bach: *A Musical Offering*, BWV1079

JS Bach: Cantata No.82 - *Ich Habe Genug*, BWV82

Concerts: £15 each, two for £25, three for £35;

Talk: £10; **Festival pass** (all events): £40. Accompanied under 16's free.

Tickets: from Ludlow Assembly Rooms (01584 878141) online or from local agents

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