



## **COTSWOLDS ARTS AND HERITAGE THE CHELTENHAM MUSIC FESTIVAL**

WEDNESDAY 6 JULY TO SATURDAY 9 JULY 2016

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The distinguished Cheltenham Music Festival plays host this year to two of the most extraordinary musicians in Britain today, the violinist Nicola Benedetti and percussionist Evelyn Glennie. Nicola Benedetti MBE born in 1987 Ayrshire to an Italian Father and Scottish mother began playing the violin at four and just four years later was chosen as the Leader of the National Childrens' Orchestra. By the age of 16 she had achieved international standing as the BBC Young Musician of the Year. Also Scottish, Dame Evelyn Glennie, was born in 1967, the daughter of an accordionist in a Scottish country dance band. Deaf by the age of 12, she found an untrod path to becoming the most remarkable percussionist of her generation. Feeling the vibration through the floor and air rather than hearing, she plays with an impeccable sense of timing and evident joy.

We have reserved tickets for all three concerts by these amazing musicians playing a programme with the summery Elgar piece, 'In The South', Korngold's Violin Concerto, one of the most lyrical in the repertoire, Rachmaninov's 3rd Symphony, Beethoven's Eroica Symphony, and Schubert and Brahms Piano Trios. We stay in the Regency Queens Hotel, a perfect base for wanderings and for private visits to the superb architectural heritage of this most-untouched of Regency towns. As ever our meals have been set in some of the best restaurants in Cheltenham and Moreton-in-Marsh.

## WEDNESDAY 6 JULY

- 10.22 Train leaves Paddington for Moreton-in-Marsh  
11.56 Arrive Moreton-in-Marsh Station for taxis  
12.15 Arrive at the Manor House Hotel for opening reception  
12.45 Group opening lunch  
2.00 Coach leaves restaurant for Sezincote House  
2.15 Coach arrives Sezincote House  
2:20 Private tours of Sezincote house and garden  
4.30 Tea and cake at Sezincote House  
5.00 Coach leaves Sezincote for Cheltenham  
6.00 Arrive Cheltenham for check-in to Queen's Hotel  
6.30 Leave hotel for concert next door  
7.00 Concert at Town Hall  
Benedetti, Petrenko and the Royal Liverpool, Orchestra  
*Vasily Petrenko conductor*  
*Elgar Overture In The South*  
*Korngold Violin Concerto*  
*Rachmaninov Symphony No 3*  
8.30 Optional dinner at Prithvi Restaurant

## THURSDAY 7 JULY

- 10.30 Architectural walkabout in Regency Cheltenham including Cheltenham Town Hall, Masonic Hall, Pittville Pump Room, Pittville Park  
12:00 Group lunch in Pittville at The Storyteller restaurant  
2:00 Gustav Holst Museum for talk by curator Laura Kinnear  
4.30 Tea at Well Walk  
5:15 Return to Hotel  
7.00 Leave for concert  
7.30 Concert in Town Hall  
Orchestra of St John's, John Lubbock *conductor*  
Evelyn Glennie *percussion*  
Christian Lindberg *trombone*  
*Lindberg Concerto for percussion and trombone (premiere) 20'*  
*Beethoven Symphony No 3 'Eroica 47"*  
9.00 Optional dinner in Jamie's Italian

## **FRIDAY 8 JULY**

- 09.45 Walk to Wilson Gallery  
10.00 Tour of Wilson Gallery Collection and renovated building  
11.45 Minibus for lunch in Ford  
12.30 Group Lunch at The Plough Inn  
2.00 Leave on foot or by minibus for Stanway House  
2.15 Visit Stanway House and Garden  
4.00 Leave Stanway  
4.45 Arrive Cheltenham hotel for rest  
6.30 Leave for concert  
7.00 Concert  
Nicola Benedetti *violin*  
Leonard Elschenbroich *cello*  
Alexei Grynyuk *piano*  
*Schubert Piano Trio No 1 D 898 31'*  
*Turnage Duetti d'amore 18'*  
*Brahms Piano Trio No 1 Op. 8 38'*  
9.00 Optional dinner in in hotel

## **SATURDAY 9 JULY**

Check out

- 09.30 Minibus leaves for private visit of Chastleton House  
10.30 Coffee and cake reception and remarks by House Manager  
11.00 Private tours by House Manager and Head Gardener  
1:00 Minibus to lunch  
1:30 Group lunch at Horse and Groom  
3.15 Minibus to Moreton-in-Marsh Station  
3:25 Arrive at station  
3.45 Train to London Paddington  
5:28 Arrive London Paddington



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COST £1155 members, £1295 non-member, single room supplement £190; deposit £250, final payment due Monday 23 May. This cost includes three nights accommodation with breakfasts, three lunches with wine, all concerts, all tuition and lectures, entry fees, private tours, all travel during the tour, all gratuities, VAT. This cost excludes travel to and from Moreton-in-Marsh.