

Southwell Music Festival 22nd-27th August 2018

The best of classical music in the heart of Nottinghamshire



FREE LAUNCH CONCERT

Friday 13th April 2017, 7.30pm
Southwell Minster, Nottinghamshire

On Friday 13th April, the hotly anticipated programme for the 2018 Southwell Music Festival will be announced by the Festival's Founder and Artistic Director, Marcus Farnsworth.

The announcement will be part of a free preview concert which will take place in the spectacular medieval Southwell Minster, which is also the central venue for the annual August Festival now in its fifth year.

The Minster will provide the backdrop for five outstanding musicians to showcase the quality of musicianship which the Festival offers. The launch concert will also give a foretaste of the themes and variety of repertoire chosen for the upcoming Festival.

The evening's line-up includes violinist and Festival Associate Artistic Director **Jamie Campbell**, pianist and Chorus Master **Libby Burgess** and Festival Founder and Artistic Director baritone **Marcus Farnsworth**. They will be joined by trumpeter **Simon Cox** and viola player **Ruth Nelson**.

Simon Cox is Principal Trumpet of the Aurora Orchestra and is particularly interested in brass chamber music and developing the repertoire for the brass septet, a brand new classical configuration. He will perform Ravel's *Kaddisch* in his own new arrangement for trumpet along with Martinů's *Sonatina for Trumpet and Piano* with Libby Burgess.

Viola player Ruth Nelson is a recent graduate of the Guildhall School of Music and Drama and is currently a member of the Orchestra of the Age of Enlightenment's Young Artist scheme. She will perform Mozart's String Duo with Jamie Campbell.

As well as programming the launch concert and Festival, Marcus Farnsworth will be singing two *Traditional Spirituals* and Jamie Campbell will be performing the *Largo* from Bach's Violin Sonata No. 3 in C Major.

Launch Concert Programme:

String Duo no.1 in G Major K423 by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

Allegro, Adagio, Rondeau

Performed by Jamie Campbell (violin) and Ruth Nelson (viola)

Kaddisch by Maurice Ravel (arr. Simon Cox) from *Two Hebrew Melodies*

Performed by Simon Cox (trumpet)

Largo by Johann Sebastian Bach from Violin Sonata no.3 in C Major

Performed by Jamie Campbell (violin)

Two Spirituals Traditional (arr. H. T. Burleigh)

Go Down, Moses

Deep River

Performed by Marcus Farnsworth

Sonatina for Trumpet and Piano by Bohuslav Martinů

Simon Cox (trumpet) and Libby Burgess (piano)

Festival Launch Concert:

On: Friday 13th April 2017, 7.30pm

At: Southwell Minster

Entry: **FREE** with a retiring collection

Refreshments: Drinks in the Crossing after the concert

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Notes to Editors:

Southwell Music Festival Box Office:

Public Booking opens: **Monday 4th June**

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About Southwell Music Festival



The Southwell Music Festival is an inspirational classical music event attracting first-class professional musicians to the historic town of Southwell in rural Nottinghamshire. The Festival began 2014, the brainchild of award-winning international baritone Marcus Farnsworth, (a former Head Chorister of Southwell Minster), and includes recitals, chamber music and large choral works. The Festival runs for six days over the August bank holiday weekend, in and around spectacular Southwell Minster and the Archbishop's Palace, perfect venues for classical music along with the Minster School and Southwell's bijou Georgian theatre.

Southwell Music Festival encourages the community to share in the enjoyment of classical music of the highest order; inspiring local musicians, and especially young people, as well as raising the profile of the town of Southwell, and that of its magnificent medieval Minster, seat of the Bishops of Southwell and Nottingham, with its own long-established tradition of high quality music-making.

One of the things that makes Southwell Music Festival special is the ensemble of singers and players who form the Festival Voices, Festival Sinfonia and Festival Chamber Soloists. These are hand-picked professional musicians at the top of their game: when not in Southwell they can be found performing with leading orchestras, chamber ensembles, choirs and consorts across the UK and further afield.

The Festival format of recitals and masterclasses create a generous atmosphere for fostering talent and community involvement. Each year there is a full-scale family event involving the local community. The Festival culminates in a concert in the Minster, combining the talents of leading soloists, the Southwell Festival Voices and the Southwell Festival Sinfonia all coming together in a show-stopping choral and orchestral performance.

Marcus Farnsworth is the Artistic Director and violinist Jamie Campbell, is the Associate Artistic Director. **Patrons:** Dame Felicity Lott DBE, FRAM, FRCM. Harry Christophers CBE. The Festival takes place by kind permission of the Dean and Chapter.

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