

## Verdi Requiem in St Albans Abbey

**Saturday 17th October 2009 at 7.30pm  
St Albans Abbey**

**Biennial Concert of the St Albans St Cecilia Festival Society**  
Conductor John Gibbons

The Hardyngs Choir, Radlett Choral Society and St Albans Chamber Choir join St Albans Symphony Orchestra, with international soloists.

Verdi's Requiem brings the world of opera into the cathedral in epic style – vast choral forces, massed trumpets, ethereal beauty – creating a work of unique and majestic power.

**Tickets** £25, £20, £15 reserved (Nave)  
£5 unreserved  
from 0845 0583912

## Italian New Year Family Concert in St Albans Abbey

**Friday 1st January 2010 at 7.00pm  
St Albans Abbey**

<i>Tchaikovsky</i>	Capriccio Italien
<i>Verdi</i>	Overture: The Force of Destiny
<i>Respighi</i>	The Pines of Rome
<i>Strauss family</i>	A Night in Venice and famous Waltzes & Marches
<i>Music from the Movies</i>	Gladiator Death in Venice (Adagietto: Mahler, Symphony No.5) Spartacus

Italy has inspired musicians - and film directors - worldwide. Hear Tchaikovsky at his happiest, dark passion in Verdi's 'La forza', Roman Legions amid Respighi's 'Pines', and the tender beauty of Mahler's Adagietto, also famous from Visconti's film 'Death in Venice'. Where better than Verulamium to celebrate a feast of Italian music on New Year's Day?

**Tickets\*** £20, £16, £12 reserved (Nave)  
£10 unreserved  
£1 accompanied children  
£5 students

## Tchaikovsky Symphony Concert

**Saturday 13th March 2010 at 7.30pm  
St Saviour's Church, St Albans**

<i>Rimsky-Korsakov</i>	Overture: May Night
<i>Dvořák</i>	'Cello Concerto (Michael Wigram, 'cello)
<i>Tchaikovsky</i>	Symphony No.4

**Michael Wigram** graduated from the Royal College of Music with a Master's degree in advanced performance. Based in St Albans, he plays with Southbank Sinfonia, working alongside the London Philharmonic.

Dvořák's heartfelt Concerto, with its endless flow of melody, is partnered with the Overture to Rimsky's Gogol-inspired fantasy opera 'May Night', and Tchaikovsky's portentous, fate-obsessed Fourth Symphony.

**Tickets\*** £14 (Nave), £10 (Aisle) unreserved  
£1 accompanied children  
£5 students

## Bach & Brahms

**Saturday 24th April 2010 at 7.30pm  
Methodist Church, High Street,  
Harpenden**

<i>J.S. Bach</i>	Orchestral Suite No.2 in B minor (Hattie Webster, flute)
<i>Brahms</i>	Serenade No.2

Bach's Suite, with its famous 'Badinerie' finale, features Hattie Webster, SASO's principal flute, as soloist. Brahms' Second Serenade is one of the few orchestra works without violins, bringing our viola section firmly into the limelight.

**Tickets\*** £12 unreserved  
£1 accompanied children  
£5 students

**\*Special Offer!**

Accompanied children under 18 pay **£1**  
Students, **£5**

## Mahler Symphony Concert in St Albans Abbey

**Saturday 12th June 2010 at 7.30pm  
St Albans Abbey**

**St Albans Chamber Choir** Conductor John Gibbons  
Schoenberg Friede auf Erden

**St Albans Chamber Choir & Watford Philharmonic Choir**  
Conductor James Ross  
Chorus masters: John Gibbons; Terry Edwards  
Sara Jonsson, soprano; Jeanette Ager mezzo-soprano

*Mahler* Symphony No.2: Resurrection

Schoenberg's beautiful unaccompanied hymn to 'Peace on Earth' is an ideal prelude to Mahler's great 'Resurrection' Symphony. In one of the largest-scale works ever composed, Mahler realises his vision of how 'a symphony should encompass the whole world'.

**Tickets\*** £20, £16, £12 reserved (Nave)  
£10 unreserved  
£1 accompanied children, £5 students

## Around the World in 80 minutes Noisy Kids! Children's Concert

**Sunday 4th July 2010 at 3.30pm  
St Saviour's Church, St Albans**

*Music to include* High School Musical

Hear a full-scale symphony orchestra close up playing an exciting selection of music from around the world. Try out the instruments! Come dressed as your favourite country!

**Tickets\*** CHILDREN ONLY £1  
Grown ups £10, Students £5

## Concerto Evening and End of Season Friends Night

**Wednesday 7th July 2010 at 7.30pm  
Homewood Road URC Church,  
St Albans**

Come and join us for this special event, and hear leading players from SASO play their favourite concertos accompanied by the orchestra.

**Free Admission!**

## Tickets

All tickets (except 17th Oct - call 0845 0583912) available from the SASO Ticket Secretary:

Frances Rotchell  
53 Abbey Avenue, St Albans, AL3 4BA.  
01727 857422  
email: tickets@saso.org.uk

## Season Tickets

Season tickets are available from the SASO Ticket Secretary with a choice of Abbey seat pricing.

Top price seats in all venues:

**£70** 5 Concerts, **£63** Friends of SASO

Second price seats in Abbey, top price elsewhere:

**£60** 5 Concerts, **£54** Friends of SASO

We regret that season tickets cannot be used at the July 4th concert.

## Become a Friend

Become a Friend of SASO for a minimum donation of £20 single; £25 double, and receive extra benefits:

- 10% discount on all tickets and season tickets
- Priority booking
- Reserved seats in the front rows of the Abbey for the New Year's Concert
- Social events and After Concert Parties
- Invitation to AGM and open rehearsals
- Listed by name in the concert programmes

Further details from Christine Drury: 01727 858963,  
email: friends@saso.org.uk

## New Music Day

On **17th Jan 2010** SASO is once again offering a rare opportunity for composers to have their work performed by a full symphony orchestra. Please visit [www.saso.org.uk](http://www.saso.org.uk) and select New Music Day.

## Join the Orchestra

SASO has occasional vacancies for high-standard musicians, especially strings, and opportunities to deputise or play as an 'extra'.

Information from Kieran McGuirk 01727 834326, email: chairman@saso.org.uk

## St Albans Symphony Orchestra

was founded in 1932, and comprises high-standard amateur musicians of all ages from throughout Hertfordshire and beyond.

Its members include professionally-trained musicians, teachers and music college students. The Orchestra is developing into one of the UK's leading non-professional ensembles and is associated with the City of London Sinfonia, which provides regular specialist coaching, funded by the Arts Council, Eastern Orchestral Board and St Albans City and District Council.

For news and up-to-date information, visit us on the web at [www.saso.org.uk](http://www.saso.org.uk)

**James Ross** started his musical training as a



violinist. He was a scholar at Harrow School and at Christ Church, Oxford, where he graduated in Modern History, before taking a master's in Music and a doctorate in French opera which was awarded the Sir Donald Tovey Prize. He was a finalist in the BBC Philharmonic Orchestra's 1998 Conducting Competition and since then, he has conducted over 800 works in 15 countries across Europe, North America and Asia. This is his eighth season as conductor of the St Albans Symphony Orchestra. [www.james-ross.com](http://www.james-ross.com)

St. Albans Symphony Orchestra is a registered charity, number 1038283.



**St Albans  
Symphony  
Orchestra**

**Tax-Free Donations and Sponsorship:** The orchestra is pleased to discuss a wide variety of sponsorship opportunities from programme advertising to acting as principal sponsor of a whole event or project. SASO is eligible for Gift Aid.

Enquiries are also welcome about accompanying choral societies and performing at private functions.

For more details, contact:

David Stott, 01992 461490, treasurer@saso.org.uk



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**Leader Jennifer Wigram**

**Conductor James Ross**

**Concert Season**

**2009-10**

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