String Quintet World Premiere at the intimate Nantwen Chamber Music Festival.

Friday 9 June, 2023

The secluded venue in North Pembrokeshire hosts the 1st performance of a new String Quintet by renowned Welsh Composer John Metcalf. Nantwen's annual festival always includes a work by a Welsh Composer. This year, Nantwen's musicians commissioned a new String Quintet.

Music at Nantwen announced today that their annual Chamber Music Festival is to host a world premiere performance of a new String Quintet by John Metcalf, the acclaimed Welsh Composer. Alongside this new work, the exceptional performers at Nantwen will perform Schubert's sublime and captivating String Quintet, arrangements of Brahms' Völkslieder for String Quartet by Welsh Cellist Daniel Davies. Alongside Daniel, the musicians performing in Nantwen's small and intimate hall (which seats a maximum of 80 people) are Solo Cellist Aleksei Kiseliov from the Swedish Radio Symphony Orchestra, Violinist Amanda Lake from the Welsh National Opera, Australian Violinist Katerina Nazarova, and Spanish Viola player Patricia Reinoso.

Concert One, 1st of July 2023 - Afternoon concert at 2 pm with Afternoon tea and cake available in our wildlife-friendly gardens. The repertoire includes The Hunt String Quartet by Haydn, Brahms' Völkslieder, and 3 pieces from Last Leaf by the Danish String Quartet.

Concert Two, 1st of July 2023 - Evening concert at 7.30 pm featuring String Quintet by John Metcalf and String Quintet by Schubert.

Concert Three, 2nd of July 2023 - Morning Concert at 11.30 am featuring Dvorák's 'American' String Quartet, 8 pieces for violin and cello by Gliére, homemade cakes, and ample coffee...

Nantwen is down a long, tree-lined, and potholed track and is surrounded by acres of wild meadows, providing an intimate backdrop for chamber music performances. The small audience size and laid-back vibe, where dragonflies swoop over the flowers and swifts dive overhead, create a place where music can be enjoyed uninhibited.

This festival commission was made possible by Ty Cerdd, an organization that actively promotes the music of Wales through a musicians' group at Nantwen - Tonau.

Cellist Daniel Davies comments, "I am delighted to be able to welcome such fine players to Nantwen to perform a new work by John Metcalf. When I performed his piece Ynys Las for cello and piano, I was immediately captivated by the lyricism of his music and how the landscape of Wales is imbued within it. Adding a new String Quintet to sit alongside the existing works in the genre is an exciting development."

Music at Nantwen was founded in 2015 by Daniel and his wife Jemma. They strive to create a financially and socially sustainable venue for music performance and music education. All our concerts are completely self-sustaining and beautifully formed. They are short and programmed in ways that audiences can leave feeling enriched. Nantwen hosts numerous courses for musicians throughout the year and attracts amateur string players from across the globe. It is an environmentally sensitive place and was created out of a pair of derelict farm buildings at Daniel's family home.

More information about Music at Nantwen can be found at www.nantwen.co.uk/music or by email at info@nantwen.co.uk or by phone at 01239820768.

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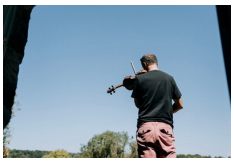














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