

Klosters Christmas Concerts

After a one year break due to the pandemic, the traditional Klosters Christmas Concerts are back and will take place from 10th–12th December 2021 in the Hotel Vereina and St Jakob's Church with a varied programme of classical music, some surprises, performed by musicians from all over the world.

Clair Southwell

Claude Schauerte has led the association as President since last summer and as a co-founder of these special Christmas Concerts, his personal motto «From Klosters for Klosters» is how he has perceived the charisma of this event to be from the start. His belief is not just about the music, but the coming together of locals and guests celebrating the «Klosters-Spirit» in a happy and informal atmosphere around high quality and well organised concerts. This year, because of the corona virus pandemic, a smaller number of musicians will be able to perform.

However, fewer musicians certainly does not mean less music. Once again, Stephen Johns, Artistic Director of the Royal College of Music has put together an exciting programme with the return of the Lund Switzerland Singers and the female choir 'Klosters Festival Singers' from London. There will be a fantastic group of young soloists, including the return of Swedish tenor, Theodor Uggla who is currently studying at the Dutch National Opera Academy in Amsterdam and Scottish soprano Katy Thomson. For the first time ever, Stephen has invited a flutist – Amy Gillen from Ireland – and a Swiss harpist, Elisa Netzer. Another highlight will be a fabulous quartet of RCM musicians, as well as two wonderful pianists, organists, and accompanists from London – Hamish Brown and Richard Gowers.

Friday evening 10th December sees the Lounge Concert return to the luxurious Hotel Vereina starting at 7.30 pm. The concert will be a joyous musical gathering with entertaining Christmas songs and music highlighting this year's choirs and soloists. A little less formal than the church concerts, yet no less rich in repertoire and excellent music-making.



A warm welcome back to Klosters for the popular Lund Switzerland Singers and the lovely Klosters Festival Singers – they both know how to make the Christmas Concerts a special and memorable occasion!

On Saturday evening the concert will begin at 7.30 pm in St Jakob's Church and will feature an evening of classical music masterpieces. Performers include the highly popular Lund Switzerland Singers, the Klosters Festival Singers, a quartet and four young soloists accompanied by the piano and/or organ. Many of the young international and Swiss musicians are either alumni or current students at the Royal College of Music. The program-



Stephen Johns, the talented Artistic Director of the Royal College of Music has once again put together an exciting programme for the Christmas Concerts 2021. Photos: cs

me will include works by Handel, Mozart, Rota, and Schubert and will also include popular choir music from Sweden and much more.

The Klosters Christmas Concert on Sunday, starting at 5.00 pm, in St Jakob's Church is the grand finale of the weekend. There will be music by Debussy, — Fauré, Martin, Britten and much more performed by the international young soloists, the quartet, and choirs and of course a Christmas repertoire of well-known carols for the audience to sing along with. What a perfect start to the Christmas festivities bringing some true «Klosters-Spirit» to the village!

Please note that that all visitors aged 16 years or over must show a Covid certificate together with an identification document for admission to all the concerts.

Without the generous support of donors and the active commitment of the people of Klosters and sponsors and members, the Christmas Concerts would not be possible. Details on how to become a member, donor or sponsor are on the website www.weihnachtskonzerte-klosters.ch and any support will be greatly appreciated.

Advance sale of tickets for members starts on 1st November and for non-members on the 15th November – the link will be on the website. Tickets will also be available to buy at the Tourist Offices in Klosters and Davos and on their website.