

Klosters Christmas Concerts 2022

The Christmas Concerts will take place over the weekend of the 16th – 18th December and there are going to be some bonanza treats in store that will also celebrate 800 Years Klosters with 3 concerts, some 31 musicians, 20 + famous works and a world premiere!

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This weekend of music is renowned and acknowledged as an important and popular fixture in the calendar and with the special atmosphere of quality classical music and enjoyment it brings a unique start to the festive season. The opening concert on Friday evening will be at the Silvretta Parkhotel and, as usual, a more intimate affair with a chance to see and meet all of the artists up close and personal. The varied programme will feature Christmas carols as well as some shorter classical works.

On Saturday evening in St Jakob's Church there is a more formal concert with an exciting programme put together by Artistic Director Stephen Johns. Among the artists will be Royal College of Music (RCM) vocal stars Charlotte Bowden (soprano) and Dafydd Jones (tenor) who will share the stage with instrumental soloists such as the Swiss harpist Elisa Netzer, the French clarinetist, Méline Le Calvez and British trumpeter, Ruby Orłowska.



Concert Manager Caterina Ciani.



Board of Directors of Klosters Alpine Concerts, Co-founder and President Claude Schauerte, with Vice President Monika Mark and Board Member Linda Oswald and Stephen Johns, the Artistic Director. Bilder: cs

The string quartet are made up of Swiss violinist David Nebel, Turkish violinist Elif Ece Cansever, Japanese violist Otoha Tabata, and British 'cellist Max Calver. The British pianist and organist Hamish Brown will also be returning, and his work includes performances as a vocal accompanist, chamber musician, orchestral pianist, and soloist, winning him many awards. But as if that isn't all enough – the highlight on Saturday night will be the world premiere of Swiss composer Tobias Krebs' commissioned work for Organ, String Quartet and Choir which was inspired by the Sounds of Klosters. Tobias, born in 1993 is a Swiss composer and classical guitarist and his works include performances for various solo instruments, small and larger ensembles, choir, orchestra, and music for theatre. His pieces have been performed by ensembles in Switzerland and Europe and he has been awarded prizes from prestigious composition competitions. In addition to his keen interest in performing contemporary music, he also regularly performs concerts of "traditional" classical music from Renaissance to modern times. What a simply unique and exciting evening this is going to be!

Klosters favorite ensemble The Lund Switzerland Singers and the Klosters London Singers will come together to close the weekend on Sunday with an evening of Christmas spirit and Joy. The programme will keep the traditional appeal of Christmas carols that the audience can sing along with, as well as a selection of a joyful and sacred repertoire that is suitably appropriate for the time of ye-

ar. The Klosters London Singers and The Lund Switzerland Singers will also be performing at the Friday and Saturday concerts conducted by Felix Bagge who we welcome once again back to Klosters. The choir of the Klosters London Singers come together exclusively for the Klosters Christmas Concerts and are drawn from choirs in London and beyond with the female chorus made up of performers with an experienced range of choral genres and styles. Their skill and versatility are highly suited to the intensity of the concert series in Klosters and the members of the choir work in a variety of occupations, including music performance and management and other professional careers. Their annual visit to Klosters is a highlight of their year, enjoying the warm welcome, the music, and the camaraderie in our beautiful village. We have a lot to look forward to and the brochure with the detailed programme will soon be available in the Schauerte watch shop as well as other locations in Klosters and on the website at : www.weihnachtskonzerte-klosters.ch. Ticket sales for members start on 1st November and for non-members on 15th November. Tickets can be purchased either via the website or at the Tourist Offices of the Destination Davos Klosters. The Christmas Concerts would simply not be possible without the generosity of members and donors and if you would like to offer your support and become a member or a sponsor, please go the website www.weihnachtskonzerte-klosters.ch. where you can also find updated information on the concerts.