

Christmas Concerts 2024

The Christmas Concerts will take place over the weekend of the 13th – 15th December. With 3 concerts, each producing quality classical music and performed by top artists, it will definitely herald an exciting start to the festive season.

Clair Southwell

Artistic Director, Stephen Johns, has worked on a presentation of a traditional mix of Christmas sounds and beautiful music with a gifted group of young, international musicians including the best young talents from the world's leading conservatoire, the Royal College of Music in London. Over the course of three days, you will hear over seventy works performed by musicians from Switzerland, Sweden, Australia, Italy, Turkey, Wales, England and Scotland with music ranging from baroque to contemporary, from solo and chamber music to large choral works, from contemplative to exuberant!

The traditional opening Lounge Concert on Friday evening will be at the Silvretta Parkhotel with a Flying Dinner and is always a more intimate affair with a chance to see and meet all of the artists up close and personal. To get the audience in the mood for the festive season, the varied programme will feature both light and more serious classical works. The concert will end with a special Christmas arrangement for the entire ensemble!

On Saturday, the concert will be in St Jakobs Church and will be a more formal evening of first-class classical music with the ensembles and choirs present themselves in alternating formations. Stephen



The Lund Switzerland Singers, the Klosters London Singers and a quartet from the RCM conducted by Artistic Director Stephen Johns who has yet again put together a fantastic and exciting programme for this year's concerts. Pictures: cs

Johns has selected music that will include famous pieces as well as new arrangements all of which will be accentuated with the impressive acoustics in St Jakobs Church. The programme will feature opera solos and duets as well as some virtuoso instrumental solos that will totally captivate the audience.

The concert on Sunday, also in St Jakob's Church, is traditionally an evening of Christmas spirit, as well as a selection of a joyful and sacred repertoire that is suitably appropriate for the time of year. These will be performed by the wonderful choirs from Sweden and Great Britain, as well as soloists, and will include well known carols for the audience to sing along with.

The musicians are very much looking forward to coming to Klosters and returning artists include the popular Lund Switzer-

land Singers who have loyally performed here since the start in 2011. This triple quartet, comprised of former and current members of the renowned Lund Student Singers, has remained largely unchanged, despite the transition of most members from their student roles. The Klosters London Singers come together exclusively for the Christmas Concerts and this unique glamorous female chorus is made up of performers from different choirs in the UK who are experienced in a wide range of choral genres and styles. The annual visit to Klosters is a highlight of their year and both choirs are famously well received here. Amongst the artists coming to Klosters for the first time will be Australian soprano Georgia Melville and Glaswegian baritone Daniel Barrett. Returning will be the gifted award-winning Swiss harpist Elisa Netzer and talented pianist/organist Hamish Brown.

There is so much to look forward to and the brochure with the detailed programme will be available in mid-November. Ticket sales have started and can be purchased either via the website or at the Tourist Offices of 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 to the website www.weihnachtskonzerte-klosters.ch where you can also find updated information on the concerts. Do not waste time booking your tickets as the best seats sell out fast!



Co-founder and President Claude Schauerte is to be congratulated on his sterling work keeping up the tradition of these first-class Christmas concerts aided by the diligent Concert Manager Caterina Ciani.



The remarkable Swiss harpist Elisa Netzer will be back to perform in the Klosters Christmas Concerts.