

TONBRIDGE  
*Philharmonic*  
SOCIETY

CONCERT PROGRAMME  
2023 - 2024



Music Director:  
**NAOMI BUTCHER**  
77th Season Highlights

Walton Belshazzar's Feast  
Tchaikovsky Symphony Number 4  
Bach Mass in B Minor  
Dvorak Symphony Number 9  
"From the New World"

## SEASON 2023 - 2024

### **Saturday 25 November 2023**

Choral and Orchestral concert  
Chapel of St Augustine, Tonbridge School  
Susan Spain-Dunk - Kentish Downs  
Overture  
Vaughan Williams - Five Mystical Songs  
Holst - Six Folk Songs  
Walton - Belshazzar's Feast

### **Sunday 17 December 2023**

Chapel of St Augustine, Tonbridge School  
Family Carols

### **Saturday 17 February 2024**

Orchestral Concert - Tonbridge Parish  
Church  
Strauss - Die Fledermaus overture  
Smetana - Suite from the Bartered Bride  
Tchaikovsky - Symphony Number 4

### **Saturday 23 March 2024**

Choral and Orchestral concert  
Chapel of St Augustine, Tonbridge School  
Bach - Mass in B Minor

### **Saturday 18 May 2024**

Orchestral Concert - Tonbridge Parish  
Church  
Dvorak Symphony Number 9 "From the  
New World"  
Ibert Flute Concerto performed by  
Ukrainian Sofiia Matviienko (2022 winner  
Wind & Brass section of the Tunbridge  
Wells International Music Competition)

### **Saturday 29 June 2024**

Choral and orchestral concert - a  
programme of lighter music, Unity Hall,  
Southborough

## INTRODUCTION TO THE 2023 - 2024 SEASON

After an exciting programme of music for our 2022 - 2023 season that included Verdi's Requiem, Gershwin's Rhapsody In Blue, Mozart's Great Mass in C, as well as Florence Price's Symphony Number 1, we have some wonderful concerts in store for our current season.

Our first joint orchestral and choral concert in November will be essentially English; it will feature another celebrated female composer. Susan Spain-Dunk was born in Folkstone in 1880 and we are in for a treat with her Kentish Downs Overture. In addition we will be performing Walton's Belshazzar's Feast, first heard in Leeds in 1931. Its text was deemed by the Church of England to be too shocking for performance in English cathedrals for another 40 years.

Our Traditional Family Carols is a sell-out event not to be missed, with guest singers from West Kent Youth Voices joining us to make sweet music again this year. TPS will do our best to get Tonbridge fully into the spirit of Christmas.

Moving to Europe for our February 2024 concert, the orchestra will perform music by Strauss, Smetana and Tchaikovsky.

In May, the orchestra will perform Dvorak's best loved symphony "From the New World" together with the Ibert Flute Concerto for which TPS will be accompanying the flautist Ukrainian Sofiia Matviienko, who won the Wind and Brass section of Tunbridge Wells International Music Festival 2022. Our summer concert on Saturday 29 June 2024 at Unity Hall, Southborough, will comprise a programme of lighter music to suit the time of year.

Tonbridge Philharmonic Society has been variously described as "thrilling" and "always impressive" in recent reviews of past concerts. One reviewer said that "it is always an immense pleasure attending a Tonbridge Philharmonic concert". All reviews can be read in full on our website but, better still, come and hear for yourselves.

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## CONCERT TICKETS

**Adults: £17 | Senior: £16** (over 60) | **Student: £8** (18-25)

Tickets may be purchased, preferably, via the tickets page on our website: [www.tonphil.org.uk](http://www.tonphil.org.uk)  
Alternatively tickets can be purchased from:

- Our Box Office: **07778 034396**  
or by email: [boxoffice@tonphil.org.uk](mailto:boxoffice@tonphil.org.uk)
- Wolfit Pet Shop, 10 High Street, Tonbridge
- Brittens Music, Grove Hill Road, Tunbridge Wells

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(Excluding Traditional Family Carols)

All you have to do is purchase one of our season tickets. If you are undecided whether to do so at the beginning of our season, come and hear us perform for the price of a single ticket and we will upgrade to a season ticket. So you will only pay the balance due i.e. your initial ticket cost will be deducted from the season ticket price if you contact us within 14 days of the concert.

If you are unable to purchase tickets online please complete the form overleaf and send with your cheque and sae to TPS Box Office, Reed House, The Street, Plaxtol, Sevenoaks, TN15 0QL.

## CONCERT VENUES

The Chapel of St Augustine at Tonbridge School: North end of Tonbridge High St. Park by the School Sports Centre, entrance opposite Dry Hill Park Road and then a 7 minute walk to the Chapel.

Tonbridge Parish Church: North end of Tonbridge High St: parking in Castle car park.

## JOIN US

We welcome and invite local musicians to join us. Rehearsals are held at Weald of Kent School at 19:45 on Mondays (orchestra) and in the recital room at Tonbridge School on Wednesdays (choir).

Performing members pay an annual subscription of £165, under 30s £85 and under 21s not in full time employment join for free. Contact Jane Urquhart (orchestra) at [orchchair@tonphil.org.uk](mailto:orchchair@tonphil.org.uk) or Stewart Dearsley (choir) at [chchair@tonphil.org.uk](mailto:chchair@tonphil.org.uk)

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