



May 4<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup>

A Feast of the Arts

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## ♪ Music for All Tastes and Ages ♪

Music is the cornerstone of every Cookham Festival and this year's offerings are as diverse and enticing as ever. For our younger performers we have something very special as the Festival has commissioned a Children's Cantata *Katie Cox and the Rhythm of the River*, written by Cookham's newest musical talent, Rob Castell. This World Premiere will be performed by choirs from the four Cookham primary schools in the prestigious Taplow Court concert hall.

More senior pupils will perform in the **Young Maestros concert**, featuring the Wycombe High School Jazz band as well as young soloists and ensembles from diverse musical genres. The enthusiasm and technical brilliance of these up-and-coming musical stars makes this concert both inspirational and a must.

The **Family Concert** is for young and old alike. This exhilarating event, with full orchestra, will include *Peter and the Wolf*, narrated by our very own celebrated Timmy Mallett, as well as other well-known story-telling pieces.

For those who love the sound of brass, brilliantly played and in the wonderful acoustic setting of a church, **The Great Exhibition Ensemble** will perform nineteenth-century brass chamber music on period instruments. Many of these instruments, were rescued from bar-room walls, car boot sales and even a scrap merchant's furnace and given a new lease of life in the setting for which they were originally intended.



An evening of **Folk, Fun and Food** features **Jez Lowe and the Bad Pennies**. The Sony Academy award winning singer/songwriter is one of Northern England's finest and has included Cookham in his list of Festivals and International gigs this year. But for those who prefer to swing to the sound of music of the Big Band era, we have the 17-piece **Apollo Big Band** playing music from Basie and Miller to Holland and Bubl , and embracing the very best from more modern writers and singers.



Our **Organ Recital** is a celebrity event. Organist, choirmaster and composer Paul Leddington Wright, brought up in Maidenhead, is probably best known as the principal conductor of BBC's Songs of Praise. He was organist and choirmaster at Coventry Cathedral for many years.



Other musical events include **Soul Train**, with Ren e Cullen and band at the White Oak. While **Live@** will transform Holy Trinity Church into a stunning venue with state-of-the-art lighting and sound for a Festival Special night of country blues from Barney Newman and alt-folk duo Stables.



Our 2019 festival concludes with a **Gala Concert** on May 19<sup>th</sup>, performed by Cookham's own **Cantorum Choir**. With full orchestral accompaniment they will provide an inspiring festival finale including Handel's splendid *Dixit Dominus*.

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