

# OXFORD INTERNATIONAL SONG FESTIVAL

STORIES IN SONG: 10-25 OCTOBER 2025

FESTIVAL AT A GLANCE (LIST)

FRI 10 OCTOBER							
1	Fri 10	13:00-14:15	Lunchtime Concert	Letters from Scandinavia	Joanna Harries (mezzo-soprano), Sholto Kynoch (piano)	Holywell Music Room	£12 / £18 / £24
2	Fri 10	14:30-15:15	Song Connections	Welcome to the Festival	Sholto Kynoch, Katy Hamilton	Holywell Music Room	£6
3	Fri 10	17:15-18:15	Showcase Recital	A Life in Song	Sebastian Hill (tenor), Will Harmer (piano)	Holywell Music Room	£14
4	Fri 10	20:00-21:20	Opening Night Concert	Franz Schubert: Master Storyteller	Benjamin Appl (baritone), Sholto Kynoch (piano)	The Olivier Hall, St Edward's School	£45 / £34 / £22 / £13
SAT 11 OCTOBER							
5	Sat 11	10:45-11:45	Song Connections	Song Sofa: Benjamin Appl	Benjamin Appl (baritone), Sholto Kynoch (piano), Katy Hamilton (speaker)	Holywell Music Room	£14
6	Sat 11	11:15-12:00	Family Concert	Brushstrokes & Ballads (Family Concert)	Kitty Whately (mezzo-soprano), Simon Lepper (piano), James Mayhew (illustrator)	Jacqueline du Pré Music Building	£6
7	Sat 11	14:00-15:30	Song Connections	A World Winter Journey	Natasha Loges (speaker), Lorena Paz Nieto (soprano), JongSun Woo (piano)	Jacqueline du Pré Music Building	£18
8	Sat 11	17:00-18:00	Rush-Hour Concert	Brushstrokes & Ballads: Fairytales in Song	Kitty Whately (mezzo-soprano), Simon Lepper (piano), James Mayhew (illustrator)	Jacqueline du Pré Music Building	£22
9	Sat 11	19:45-21:00	Evening Concert	Winterreise-Weltreise	Stephan Loges (bass-baritone), Libby Burgess (piano), Natasha Loges (speaker)	Holywell Music Room	£25 / £32
SUN 12 OCTOBER							
10	Sun 12	11:00-12:30	Song Connections	Lute Songs at Rycote Park	Kristiina Watt (soprano & lute), Sarah Taylor (speaker)	Rycote Park, Milton Common	£22
11	Sun 12	15:15-17:15	Afternoon Concert	To Dieter: An Homage to Fischer-Dieskau	Benjamin Appl (baritone), James Baillieu (piano), Jamie Newall (narrator)	Holywell Music Room	£32
12	Sun 12	19:30-21:00	Evening Concert	The Height of Romanticism	Juliane Banse (soprano), Daniel Heide (piano)	Holywell Music Room	£32
MON 13 OCTOBER							
13	Mon 13	13:00-14:00	Lunchtime Concert	Willkommen, Bienvenue, Welcome ...	Claire Booth (soprano), Jäms Coleman (piano)	Holywell Music Room	£18
14	Mon 13	15:00-16:00	Song Connections	A Match Made in Heaven	Richard Stokes (speaker)	Weston Library Lecture Theatre	£12
15	Mon 13	17:15-18:15	Showcase Recital	The Orient Express	Benoit Déchelotte (baritone), Sarah Murer (piano)	Holywell Music Room	£14
16	Mon 13	19:30-21:00	Evening Concert	Mörike Lieder	Christian Immler (baritone), Anne Le Bozec (piano)	Holywell Music Room	£32
TUE 14 OCTOBER							
17	Tue 14	11:00-11:45	Song Connections	Spanish Language Lab	Lorena Paz Nieto (speaker)	The Levine Building Café, Trinity College	£8
18	Tue 14	13:00-14:00	Lunchtime Concert	Montevideo to Madrid	Santiago Sanchez (tenor), Sholto Kynoch (piano)	Holywell Music Room	£18
19	Tue 14	15:00-16:30	Song Connections	Golden Ages	Ricardo Gosalbo (speaker/piano), Julieth Lozano (soprano)	The Levine Building, Trinity College	£15
20	Tue 14	17:15-18:00	Showcase Recital	Catalan Song	Belén García Burgos (soprano), Esther Vilar-Portillo (piano)	Holywell Music Room	£12
21	Tue 14	19:30-21:00	Evening Concert	Cubaroque: De Pasión Mortal	Nicholas Mulroy (tenor), Elizabeth Kenny & Toby Carr (guitars/lutes/theorbos)	Holywell Music Room	£32
22	Tue 14	21:45-22:45	Late-Night Concert	The Soul of Tango	Victor Villena (bandoneon), Julieth Lozano, Nicholas Mulroy, Santiago Sanchez (singers)	The Levine Building, Trinity College	£18 / £15
WED 15 OCTOBER							
23	Wed 15	12:00-12:30	Song Connections	In Conversation With Cheryl Frances-Hoad	Cheryl Frances-Hoad (artist), Kate Kennedy (speaker)	Holywell Music Room	FREE
24	Wed 15	13:00-14:00	Lunchtime Concert	Untold Lives	Neil Balfour (baritone), Sid Ramchander (piano)	Holywell Music Room	£18
25	Wed 15	14:30-17:00	Song Connections	Composition Workshop	Professor Martyn Harry	Clore Studios, Mansfield Road	FREE
26	Wed 15	17:15-18:15	Showcase Recital	Try Me, Good King	Zoë Jackson (soprano), Emelia Noack-Wilkinson (piano)	Holywell Music Room	£14
27	Wed 15	19:30-21:00	Evening Concert	Liederkreis	Stéphane Degout (baritone), Cédric Tiberghien (piano)	Holywell Music Room	£34
THU 16 OCTOBER							
28	Thu 16	13:00-14:20	Lunchtime Concert	Die Schöne Magelone	Dietrich Henschel (baritone), Angharad Rowlands (mezzo-soprano), Sholto Kynoch (piano), Victoria Newlyn (narrator),	Holywell Music Room	£22
29	Thu 16	17:15-18:15	Rush-Hour Concert	Intimate Letters	Castalian String Quartet	Holywell Music Room	£18
30	Thu 16	19:30-21:00	Evening Concert	Such A Big Crush On You	Marie-Laure Garnier (soprano), Célia Oneto Bensaid (piano)	Holywell Music Room	£32 / Pay What You Can

FRI 17 OCTOBER							
31	Fri 17	11:15-12:00	Song Connections	A Week Two Welcome	Sholto Kynoch	The Levine Building Café, Trinity College	FREE
32	Fri 17	13:00-14:00	Lunchtime Concert	Tales of the Unexpected	Henk Neven (baritone), Hans Eijsackers (piano)	Holywell Music Room	£18
33	Fri 17	14:45-16:00	Song Connections	Song Club	Richard Wigmore (speaker)	The Doctorow Room, St Edmund Hall	£13
34	Fri 17	17:15-18:15	Showcase Recital	Folksongs	George Robarts (baritone), Thomas Eeckhout (piano)	The Levine Building, Trinity College	£14
35	Fri 17	19:30-21:00	Evening Concert	Winterreise	The Erklings	Holywell Music Room	£34
36	Fri 17	21:45-22:45	Late-Night Concert	In Heaven	Olivia Vermeulen (soprano), Jan Philip Schulze (piano)	The Levine Building, Trinity College	£18 / £15
SAT 18 OCTOBER							
37	Sat 18	11:00-14:45	Song Connections	Schubert in 1825	Graham Johnson (speaker / piano), Martha Guth (soprano), Zoë Jackson (soprano), Nancy Holt (mezzo-soprano), Magnus Walker (tenor), Sebastian Hill (tenor), Benoit Déchelotte (baritone), George Robarts (baritone)	Holywell Music Room	£30
38a	Sat 18	17:00-18:20	Evening Concert	A Schubertiade	Schubert & Co.: Harriet Burns (soprano), Katy Thomson (soprano), Katie Bray (mezzo-soprano), Bethan Langford (mezzo-soprano), Alessandro Fisher (tenor), Joshua Owen Mills (tenor), Gareth Brynmor John (baritone), Frederick Long (bass-baritone), Sholto Kynoch (piano)	The Levine Building, Trinity College	£25 / £34
38b	Sat 18	19:30-20:50	Evening Concert	A Schubertiade (repeat)	Schubert & Co.: Harriet Burns (soprano) Katy Thomson (soprano) Katie Bray (mezzo-soprano) Bethan Langford (mezzo-soprano), Alessandro Fisher (tenor), Joshua Owen Mills (tenor), Gareth Brynmor John (baritone), Frederick Long (bass-baritone), Sholto Kynoch (piano)	The Levine Building, Trinity College	£25 / £34
39	Sat 18	20:00-21:00	Under 35s Concert	An Erklings Celebration	The Erklings	Holywell Music Room	£10
SUN 19 OCTOBER							
40	Sun 19	11:00-12:00	Family Concert	The Erklings Family Concert	The Erklings	Holywell Music Room	£6
41	Sun 19	11:30-12:30	Showcase Recital	Viennese Coffee Morning	Ellen Pearson (mezzo-soprano), Francesca Lauri (piano)	The Levine Building, Trinity College	£18
42	Sun 19	15:00-16:15	Afternoon Concert	Im Abendrot	Nikola Hillebrand (soprano), Julius Drake (piano)	Holywell Music Room	£18
43	Sun 19	19:00-20:30	Evening Concert	Schwanengesang	Thomas Oliemans (baritone / piano), Paolo Giacometti (piano)	Holywell Music Room	£34
MON 20 OCTOBER							
44	Mon 20	13:00-14:00	Lunchtime Concert	Silent Awakening	Martha Guth (soprano), Erika Switzer (piano), Anna Menzies (cello)	Holywell Music Room	£18
45	Mon 20	17:00-18:00	Rush-Hour Concert	Everything You've Ever Lived	Lotte Betts-Dean (mezzo-soprano), Dimitris Soukaras (guitar)	Holywell Music Room	£18
46	Mon 20	19:30-20:45	Evening Concert	Die schöne Müllerin	Roderick Williams (baritone), Carducci String Quartet	The Olivier Hall, St Edward's School	£47 / £34 / £22 / £13
47	Mon 20	20:45-22:00		Schubert Party	The Erklings	The Olivier Hall Café, St Edward's School	£12
TUE 21 OCTOBER							
48	Tue 21	13:00-14:00	Showcase Recital	Summer Nights	Nancy Holt (mezzo-soprano), Weng Soon Tee (piano)	Holywell Music Room	£14
49	Tue 21	15:00-16:00	Song Connections	In Conversation With... Emily Hazrati	Emily Hazrati (artist), Nazli Tabataba-Khatambakhsh (artist), Dominic Brookshaw (speaker), Philip Ross Bullock (speaker)	Weston Library Lecture Theatre	£12
50	Tue 21	17:15-18:15	Song Connections	Song Sofa: Roderick Williams	Roderick Williams (baritone), Christopher Glynn (piano), Katy Hamilton (speaker)	Holywell Music Room	£14
51	Tue 21	19:30-21:00	Evening Concert	Mahler & Swedish Song	Camilla Tilling (soprano), Paul Rivinius (piano)	Holywell Music Room	£34
WED 22 OCTOBER							
52	Wed 22	13:00-14:00	Lunchtime Concert	Shostakovich, Britten and Mahler	Oliver Johnston (tenor), Natalie Burch (piano)	Holywell Music Room	£18
53	Wed 22	15:00-16:30	Song Connections	Shostakovich: A Life in Song	Philip Bullock (speaker), Katy Thomson (soprano), Rustam Khanmurzin (piano)	Holywell Music Room	£15
54	Wed 22	18:15-19:15	Storytelling Event	The Crick Crack Club: Baba Yaga	Ben Haggarty & Sarah Liisa Wilkinson (storytellers)	The North Wall Arts Centre, Summertown	£12
55	Wed 22	20:00-21:15	Evening Concert	Baba Yaga: Songs & Dances of Death	Rowan Hellier (mezzo-soprano), Sholto Kynoch (piano), Andreas Heise (choreographer), Ana Dordevic (dancer), Carola Schwab (dancer)	The Olivier Hall, St Edward's School	£45 / £34 / £22 / £13
THU 23 OCTOBER							
56	Thu 23	13:00-14:00	Showcase Recital	Moore's Melodies	Hugo Brady (tenor), Mark Rogers (piano)	Holywell Music Room	£14
57	Thu 23	15:00-16:00	Song Connections	Pre-Concert Discussion	Maeve O'Rourke (speaker), Deirdre Brenner (speaker)	Weston Library Lecture Theatre	£10
58	Thu 23	17:15-18:15	Rush-Hour Concert	The Magdalene Songs	Lotte Betts-Dean (mezzo-soprano), Deirdre Brenner (piano)	Holywell Music Room	£18
59	Thu 23	19:30-21:00	Evening Concert	The Book of Kings	Soraya Mafi (soprano), Ian Tindale (piano)	Holywell Music Room	£32
60	Thu 23	21:45-22:45	Late-Night Concert	Irish Folk Music	Zoë Conway (Irish fiddle / singer), John McIntyre (guitar)	The Levine Building, Trinity College	£18 / £15

**FRI 24 OCTOBER**

61	Fri 24	13:00-14:00	Lunchtime Concert	On Wings of Song	Helen Charlston (soprano), Consone Quartet	Holywell Music Room	£20
62	Fri 24	17:15-18:15	Showcase Recital	Did I Sing Too Loud?	Rosie Lavery (soprano), Anna Michels (piano)	Holywell Music Room	£14
63	Fri 24	19:30-21:15	Evening Concert	Totentanz	Konstantin Krimmel (baritone), Ammiel Bushakevitz (piano)	Holywell Music Room	£32
64	Fri 24	21:45-22:45	Halloween Concert	Danse Macabre	Aphrodite Patoulidou (soprano), Keval Shah (piano)	New College Ante-Chapel	£18

**SAT 25 OCTOBER**

65	Sat 25	13:30-14:30	Lunchtime Concert	The Shackled King	Sir John Tomlinson (bass), Rozanna Madyus (mezzo-soprano), Fenella Humphreys (violin), Sam Ewens (trumpet), Kyle Horch (saxophones), Ben-San Lau (piano)	Holywell Music Room	£26
66	Sat 25	16:30-17:30	Choral Concert	Durufié Requiem	The Choir of Merton College, Bethan Langford (mezzo-soprano), Jonathan Eyers (baritone), Benjamin Nicholas (director)	Merton College Chapel	£27 / £20 / £10
67	Sat 25	19:00-21:00	Closing Concert	Love's Labyrinth	Helen Charlston (mezzo-soprano), Sholto Kynoch (piano)	Holywell Music Room	£40