



RATHFINNY

Conchord at Rathfinny

A sumptuous weekend festival of classical music, premium wine and delicious food – curated by the acclaimed London Conchord Ensemble, Rathfinny Wine Estate's resident ensemble of international musicians

Friday 12th to Sunday 14th June 2015 - Sussex

Rathfinny Wine Estate is delighted to be bringing a unique music festival to their Sussex vineyard this summer, in collaboration with the London Conchord Ensemble.

'Conchord at Rathfinny' combines premium wine with chamber music performed by international musicians in the new RIBA nominated Winery, set in the stunning, rolling countryside of the Rathfinny Estate. It offers an enticing alternative to the annual summer festival line-up, and is carefully programmed to bring a unique new theme to its audiences each year. As befitting its location overlooking the English Channel, the theme of the inaugural weekend festival will be 'the sea.'

Emily Pailthorpe, recognized as one of the world's leading oboists, is a founding member of the London Conchord Ensemble which performs widely across the globe as one of Europe's leading chamber ensembles. Emily is the festival's Artistic Director and she has carefully crafted a weekend of classical music to be enjoyed by both long-standing aficionados and those new to the genre.

Weekend tickets are available for £275, or single performances can be enjoyed for individual prices. These range from £175 for the unique Gala Dinner, where sublime performances from around the world are accompanied by wine from the home of the composer, chosen and introduced by the owner of the estate, Mark Driver, to £15 for a Sunday morning Baroque coffee concert.

One of the many festival highlights will be the performance of 'Rhythm of Silence', co-commissioned by The Charleston Trust and Rathfinny Wine Estate. It will be premiered at Charleston Festival and also performed at Latitude and Bath festivals. 'Rhythm of Silence' is a performance that blurs the boundaries between literature and music; inspired by Virginia Woolf and Benjamin Britten and written and devised by Alexandra Spencer-Jones. Actors include Emily Pailthorpe's own daughter, Brownwen Pailthorpe.

The festival will also feature special guest Dame Felicity Lott who will be performing on Saturday 13th June. The renowned English soprano's appearance at the festival

gives a clear indication of the calibre of performances to be anticipated and enjoyed by those attending the festival.

The Rathfinny Wine Estate, established by Mark and Sarah Driver in 2010, will be releasing its first premium Sussex Sparkling wine in 2017. Rathfinny is also establishing itself at the forefront of British winery tourism, having recently opened its luxurious Flint Barns to the public who are able to enjoy a stay in the vineyard and to walk the many trails across the South Downs National Park, including the Rathfinny Trail, due to open on 2nd May.

Full Line-up and prices

WEEKEND TICKET:

£275 including a Sunday buffet lunch. Accommodation is not included but local recommendations are available from Rathfinny upon request.

FRIDAY 12TH JUNE

6pm – Gala black tie dinner (**£175**)

An opening evening of music and wine. Mark and Sarah Driver invite guests into The Winery for a dinner theatre with a menu specially designed by the Rathfinny chef using locally sourced, fresh ingredients. Each dish will be served with a complementary wine and the London Conchord Ensemble will play music from each of the wine regions

- Followed by -

A late night performance, George Crumb – ‘Vox Balaenae’ (Voice of the Whale 1976)

SATURDAY 13TH JUNE

3pm – Piano four-hands tea recital (**£20**)

Mozart - Sonata for Piano Four-Hands in D Major, K. 381

Debussy - Petite Suite

- Interval -

Schubert - Eight Variations on an Original Theme, D. 813

Smetana - Vltava (The Moldau), from Má Vlast

6pm – Gala Evening with Dame Felicity Lott & Alexandra Spencer Jones (**£60**)

Pre-Concert Interview – Led by Michael Berkeley, composer and broadcaster.

Rhythm of Silence – New theatrical performance piece jointly commissioned by Charleston and Rathhny.

- Interval -

Song Cycle chosen by Dame Felicity Lott including music by Britten, Debussy and Fauré
Debussy arr. Beamish – La Mer

- To Be Followed By -

Café Conchord! Musical revelry with accordionist Paul Hutchinson and members of London Conchord Ensemble.

SUNDAY 14TH JUNE

11.15am – Baroque Concerto Coffee Concert (**£15**)

J S Bach - Brandenburg Concerto No. 5 in D major, BWV 1050

Alessandro Marcello - Concerto for Oboe and Strings in D Minor performed with J S Bach's ornamentation

Vivaldi - Violin Concerto in E-flat, RV 253 'La tempesta di mare'

3pm – Festival Final Concert (**£30**)

Beethoven - Quintet in E-flat Major for piano and winds, Op. 16

- Interval -

Schubert - Octet in F Major, D. 803

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