# **Chiaroscuro String Quartet**

Thursday 31st January 2019 7.30pm



Beethoven Schumann Schubert

Quartet in A major Op. 18 No 5 Quartet in A minor Op. 41 No 1 Ouartet in D minor D810 'Death & the Maiden'

Since 2005, the international Chiaroscuro Ouartet - from Russia. Spain, Sweden and France - has performed classical and early romantic period repertoire on gut strings with historical bows. This creates their critically acclaimed unique sound. We will first hear Beethoven's lively Op. 18 No 5 followed by the reflective tones of one of Schumann's only set of works for this ensemble. Schubert's fabulous 'Death and the Maiden' quartet rounds off this programme. This quartet, written when the composer realised that he was dying, is named after a poem 'Der Tod und das Mädchen' which the composer had previously set to music.

> '... playing is intense and refined, exploratory and poised. The Guardian

Leon McCawley piano Thursday 21st March 2019 7.30pm



Mozart Beethoven Schumann Hans Gál Brahms Chopin

Sonata No 1 in C major K279 Sonata No 32 in C minor Op. 111 'Abegg' Variations Op. 1 Three Sketches Op. 7 Klavierstücke Op. 119 Polonaise — Fantasie Op. 61

Leon McCawley's first successes as winner of the BBC Young Musician piano section and the 1993 International Beethoven Piano Competition have since been confirmed by his busy career as an international soloist. Leon is currently professor of piano at the Royal College of Music. There is a classical start to our concert with an early Mozart sonata followed by Beethoven's last sonata and Schumann's variations on the name 'Abegg'. Romantic Brahms and Chopin conclude our programme after introducing us to the Austrian composer Hans Gál.

> 'Commanding technical authority and a shining, enriched tone' The Guardian

Jamal Aliyev & Jâms Coleman cello & piano Thursday 11th April 2019 7.30pm



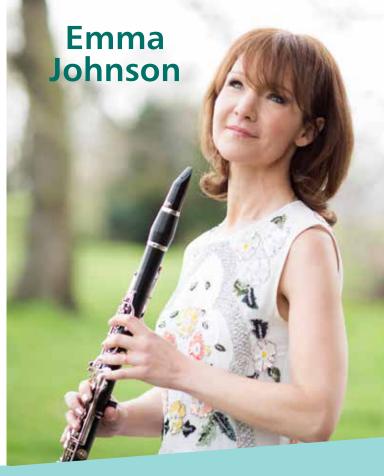
Cello Sonata in G minor Op. 5 No 2 Beethoven

Bloch 'From Jewish Life' Bridge Cello Sonata in D minor Sonata for solo cello Ligeti

Rising star, cellist Jamal Aliyev, will perform a varied programme from Beethoven to Bridge. Originally from Azerbaijan, Jamal is studying with Thomas Carroll while completing his Masters at the Royal College of Music. Jamal had an eventful year in 2017, debuting at the BBC Proms as well as achieving selection by the prestigious Young Classical Artists Trust scheme. Jamal's frequent recital partner, pianist Jâms Coleman, enjoys performing as a soloist, accompanist and chamber musician. Their programme includes classical Beethoven, Bloch's suite based on Jewish melodies and Bridge's reflection on the First World War.

> "...a young artist possessed of enviable technique and a rich broad palette.' Classical Music Magazine





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#### **Comfortable Venue**

All of our concerts take place at the warm, modern Morpeth Methodist Church - fully accessible with a lift and a hearing loop. The building is perfect for chamber music with fantastic views and great acoustics from every seat. There is plenty of parking available in the surrounding area and the church is within easy walking distance of the bus station.

#### **Good Value**

Buy a season ticket for £63 and save £27 on single ticket prices! Bring a friend for FREE to the first concert with your season ticket. We support local young musicians by inviting young people aged 18 and under to attend our concerts for FREE.

'Morpeth Methodist Church is a nice venue more intimate, naturally, than the Sage and with a surprisingly clear acoustic. It was packed for this gig, even up in the gallery where the view was perfect.'

David Whetstone, culture editor of the Journal

### Kammerphilharmonie Europa string ensemble Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2018 7.30pm



Vivaldi Concerto in G minor F.XI No 21
Albinoni Concerto Saint Marc in E flat major for trumpet
JS Bach Violin Concerto in E major BWV 1042
Suk Serenade for Strings in E flat major Op. 6
Albinoni Adagio in G minor
Nielsen Little Suite for Strings Op. 1

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# **Engegård Quartet** string quartet

Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2018 7.30pm



Haydn Grieg Schumann Quartet in D minor Op. 76 No 2 'Fifths' Quartet in G minor Op. 27 Quartet in A major Op. 41 No 3

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## Emma Johnson & John Lenehan clarinet & piano Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2018 7.30pm



Rossini Introduction, Theme & Variations for clarinet
Brahms Sonata in F minor Op. 120 No 1
Poulenc Sonata for clarinet
Bernstein Sonata for clarinet and piano
Gershwin arr. Johnson/Lenehan
Tribute to Benny Goodman

Emma Johnson shot to fame as the winner of the BBC Young Musician of the year competition in 1984. She is one of few clarinettists to establish an international solo career and appears with many of the world's leading orchestras.

Her partner for our recital is pianist John Lenehan - in demand as a soloist as well as being a successful composer and arranger. Their recital will cover familiar classics to jazz with Gershwin's tribute to Benny Goodman.

...'immaculate ensemble work, sheer beauty of sound, stunning technical finesse, perfect balance..,

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