

Concerts in February

Soundbites

We hope you will join us regularly to enjoy the fine music, tasty food and a warm welcome! We are most grateful to our sponsors Waitrose for their very generous support.

Wednesday 7th February Gordon Pullin - Tenor John Cooper - Piano Barbara Manning - Piano Solos

It is a great pleasure to welcome Gordon Pullin to Hertford. He has had a long and distinguished career, having sung with the BBC Northern Singers for fifteen years and been a member of several cathedral choirs. His solo performances of English Song have been broadcast on Radio Three and he has given recitals throughout Europe.

The programme will include ballads and piano pieces by composer John McLain who will also be attending. John is described as a light-music composer with a gift for writing memorable melodies.

Wednesday 14h February Eleanor Lovegrove - Trumpet Lynn Carter - Piano

Now in her second year at the Royal College of Music, Eleanor returns to Soundbites with a programme that reflects the trumpet's rich and colourful history. Her programme will also include a group of jazz standards with a 'romantic' theme!

Wednesday 21st February Dimita Burov - Violin Mark Smith - Piano Mozart - Sonata for Violin in Bb, K 378 Brahms - Sonata No. 3 in D minor

We are pleased to welcome back Bulgarian born violinist Dimita and his accompanist Mark. He pursues a busy career as both teacher and performer. He is presently Head of Strings at Harrow School.

Wednesday 28th February Music Students from Haileybury

Soundbites has developed a close association with Haileybury and several members of the teaching staff are regular recitalists at our concerts. It is always a

pleasure to hear performances from their young musicians and to welcome back the school's new Director of Music, Quentin Thomas. The programme will reflect the diverse music making opportunities that exist within the college and will include both soloists and chamber groups.

Evening Concert

We have recently reached an agreement with UHArts to jointly present a series of evening concerts in All Saints in 2007.

The first concert features **prize-winning pianist Richard Uttley on February 24th at 7.30 pm.**

Richard's programme will include *Sonatas* by Berg and Beethoven (*Les Adieux*) and Brahms *Four Piano pieces Op 119* as well as more recent works by Adès and Jackson.

Richard is in his second year of reading Music at Clare College, Cambridge and studies piano with Ian Buckle. He previously attended the Junior School of the Royal Northern College of Music and Greenhead College, Huddersfield.

In 2004, Richard reached the National Quarter Finals of the BBC Young Musician of the Year. He was the winner of the Kirklees Young Musician of the Year 2005 prize and in the same year won the Moray Piano Competition.

In October 2006, Richard won the Seventh British Contemporary Piano Competition. This success has secured him many future engagements throughout the country. In addition to taking first prize, Richard won the Sonic Arts Network prize for his performance of a work with tape.

Tickets are £10 (£5 concessions) at the door or from UHArts.

We look forward to welcoming you at this exciting inaugural concert.