

Summer at Snape: 23 July – 31 August

- **30 great evenings of music in Snape Maltings Concert Hall, 1 – 31 August**
- **New temporary Dome Stage at Snape Maltings to host 30 FREE early evening performances featuring a hugely eclectic line-up, 23 July – 30 August**
- **Snape Maltings offers a great day out on the Suffolk coast, with other activities including exhibitions, river trips, walks, cafés, the new River View Restaurant, and its outstanding shops.**
- **A visit to The Red House, Aldeburgh completes the experience, with Britten and Pears' house museum, art collections, beautiful gardens and an exhibition.**

Britten Pears Arts is preparing for its busiest ever summer holiday season, with more than 60 events taking place from 23 July to 31 August at its two sites on the Suffolk coast, Snape Maltings and The Red House, Aldeburgh.

The Dome Stage: 23 July – 30 August, Wednesdays to Sundays (and Bank Holiday Monday)

For the first time Britten Pears Arts presents a series of outdoor concerts at Snape Maltings on a new temporary structure, The Dome Stage. The line-up is remarkable for its huge breadth of music and for the outstanding quality of the performers. All events are free, but booking is essential to avoid disappointment. The series is programmed in association with [Serious](#).

Among many highlights are MOBO-nominated saxophonist **Camilla George** (23 July), a collision of East European and Middle Eastern musical traditions from **The Turbans** (31 July), acclaimed electric guitarist **Justin Adams** (lead guitar with Robert Plant) playing with gimbri (three-string guitar) player **Mohammed Errebaa** (7 Aug), samba and Afro-Latin funk from **The Fontanas** (13 August), ex-Bellowhead fiddler **Sam Sweeney's** rocking new band (14 August), Cuban salsa with hip hop beats from **Eliane Correa & La Evolucion** (15 Aug), a mellow blend of classical and R&B from **Ayanna Witter-Johnson** (20 August), alt-pop from Suffolk's quickly rising singer-songwriter **Bessie Turner** (21 August), and jazz and rock with a South Indian twist from **Arun Ghosh** (22 August). The series finale on 30 August sees the jazz quintet **Kansas Smitty's Hot 5** celebrate the Chicago swing sound.

Performances start at 5.30pm, lasting approximately 60 minutes.

Tickets are free and booking opens on Saturday 3 July, 10am.

For information including full line-up, booking, food and drink options on site, and Britten Pears Arts' free shuttle bus service, visit snapemaltings.co.uk.

Indoor events at Snape Maltings Concert Hall: 1 – 31 August

Snape Maltings hosts concerts each evening presenting world-class artists, bands and orchestras from across the worlds of classical, jazz, rock and pop, and folk music. Among many highlights are singer-songwriter **Rufus Wainwright** (6 August), one of Rolling Stone magazine's Top 20 Guitarists of All Time, **Richard Thompson**, who treats the Snape audience to an acoustic set (8 August), and 'UK soul queen' **Mica Paris**, who mixes classic hits such as 'Oh Happy Day' and 'Something Inside (So Strong)' and original songs from her latest album, *Gospel* (18 August).

There are beautiful harmonies from country music duo **Ward Thomas** (4 August) and high-energy folk from **Talisk** (29 August) and **The Longest Johns** (14 August), who have been at the forefront of

the recent surge of interest in sea shanties. The series closes with acclaimed folk singer **Kate Rusby** and her band (31 August).

Jazz performers include the **Julian Bliss Septet** (5 August), **Down with the Count Swing Orchestra** (9 August), **Hailey Tuck** (13 August), and the **Pete Long Big Band** (19 August).

International stars of the classical world include the **Jess Gillam Ensemble** (25 August), **London Symphony Orchestra with Sir Simon Rattle** and the **London Philharmonic Orchestra with Alpesh Chauhan** (27 August), while the **Royal Philharmonic Concert Orchestra** opens the series with a programme of great film music (1 August) and the **Orchestra of the Age of Enlightenment's** Baroquebusters programme (7 August) features some of the most popular music of all time.

Tickets start from £10 and General Booking opens on Saturday 3 July, 10am.

For the full line up and booking, visit snapemaltings.co.uk.

Roger Wright, Chief Executive of Britten Pears Arts, said:

'After helping lead the way in re-starting events with live audiences in August 2020, we are now excited to be able to offer such a wonderful and diverse celebration of music. Our two series of outdoor and indoor events are aimed at sharing the joy of brilliant live music with everyone, and we hope to welcome to Snape Maltings many people who have never been here before.'

Enjoy the full offer of the Suffolk Coast

In addition to concerts, there is a wealth of other activities on offer at Snape Maltings. There are exhibitions in July and August by artists **Maggi Hambling** and **Chris Watson** (on now until 31 August), **David Downes** (1 - 7 July), **Roger Hardy** (1 – 31 August), and **Sudbourne Park Printmakers** (31 July – 31 August).

Located in an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty and Special Scientific Interest, Snape Maltings is a paradise for walkers and nature lovers. Visitors can take walks from Snape along both banks of the River Alde or choose to join a **River Trip** along the Alde, which gives those on board amazing views of the stunning scenery and wildlife. There are excellent food and drink options on site, including the **River View Café & Bar**, and the new **River View Restaurant**, both led by the exciting new team of Norman Ball, Pascal Pommier and Hayley Thompson. And for many, the highlight of any visit to Snape is time spent exploring the beautifully presented shops, including **House & Garden**, **The Food Hall**, and **The Craft Shop**, which is currently celebrating its 50th anniversary.

Meanwhile in Aldeburgh **The Red House** offers visitors the chance to enjoy its beautiful, tranquil gardens, the brilliantly presented house museum of composer Benjamin Britten and his partner Peter Pears, the exhibition *Such an Artist to Write For*, chances to get insights into 20th-century social history at the Archive, and outdoor refreshments at the new takeaway café, The Red Hut.

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Britten Pears Arts is a pioneering music, arts and heritage charity based on the Suffolk coast at two popular, historic visitor destinations: The Red House and Snape Maltings. Britten Pears Arts emerged from the creative partnership of Benjamin Britten, one of the greatest composers of the 20th century, and his professional and personal partner, singer Peter Pears. Britten and Pears shared a progressive vision for music and the arts to be useful, helping people enhance and bring joy into their lives. Britten and Pears' vision inspires all our activity, from work with the local communities to our national leadership roles in the fields of talent development and music, health and wellbeing. Britten Pears Arts was created through the merger of the Britten–Pears Foundation and Snape Maltings in 2020.

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