

Ilkley Concert Club Afternoon Concerts

Thursday 14 November 2024

Ravi Nathwani guitar

Roberto Gerhard 1896 - 1970

Fantasia

Sérgio Assad b. 1952

"Valseana" from Aquarelle

Mario Castelnuovo-Tedesco 1895 - 1968

Variations through the centuries Op. 71

Roland Dyens 1955 - 2016

Triaela III. Clown Down (Gismonti Au Cirque)

Solasta Saxophone Quartet

Eleanor Williams soprano **Aaron Low** alto
Conor Parker-Delves tenor **Emily Manson** baritone

Satoshi Yagisawa b.1975

The Dance in the Heat Haze

Samuel Barber 1910 - 1981 arr. Johan van der Linden

Adagio for Strings

Pedro Iturralde 1929 - 2020

Suite Hellenique

Peter Maxwell Davies 1934 - 2016 arr. Rob Buckland

Farewell to Stromness

Manuel de Falla 1876 - 1946 arr. Manuel Mijain

Danza ritual del fuego (Ritual Fire Dance)

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Ravi Nathwani

Ravi Nathwani is an exciting young British Asian guitarist from Reading. After undergraduate and postgraduate studies at the RNCM tutored by guitarist Craig Ogden he is currently on the International Guitar Festival's Young Artist Programme. Ravi has received the *Help Musicians UK* Postgraduate Award and the Julian Bream Career Development Award.

Ravi has twice performed at the Wigmore Hall in concerts featuring students from the RNCM and has taken part in masterclasses with some of the world's leading guitarists including Zoran Dukic and Sean Shibe.

Ravi is the first guitarist to become a member of RNCM Songsters: an auditioned group of predominantly singers and pianists specialising in performing art song, and has worked closely with mezzo-soprano, Sophie Clarke, in the duo Cantelina. They received first place in the RNCM Song Cycle Competition and performed here in Ilkley in the Afternoon Concert series last year.

Solasta Saxophone Quartet

The **Solasta Saxophone Quartet**, formed at the RNCM in September 2022, are an exciting, emerging ensemble sharing a dedication to chamber music and a passion for original repertoire for the saxophone quartet. They have enjoyed a range of performance opportunities benefitting from individual and ensemble tuition from many experienced chamber musicians including Timothy McAllister of the PRISM quartet, and Rob Buckland, Carl Raven and Andy Scott of the Apollo Saxophone Quartet.

Since their first public concert in July 2023 as part of the RNCM's 50th anniversary celebrations, the Solasta Quartet has gone from strength to strength with success in chamber music competitions at the RNCM winning both the Fewkes Woodwind Chamber Prize in March and the audience vote for their performance in the Christopher Rowland Chamber Ensemble of the Year Award in June.

The quartet believe that their differing life experiences and backgrounds bring richly varied perspectives to rehearsals, with their hard work and shared dedication to the quartet creating a strong bond of friendship and mutual respect.

In July 2024 Solasta premiered two works by RNCM student composers as part of *Nature's Music*, earlier the same month they performed in a concert for new undergraduate and postgraduate students at the RNCM and will perform again in the college Concert Hall in November 2024.

