

How to book your tickets

Tickets will be on sale to the general public from **Monday 1 April 2024** and there are two ways to buy:

- online via www.gowerfestival.org or www.ticketsource.co.uk/gowerfestival2024
- by telephoning **TicketSource** on **0333 666 3366**, Monday to Friday 9.00 am to 7.30 pm, Saturday 9.00 am to 5.00 pm.

Festival Friends have priority booking from **Monday 18 March 2024**. This is an important benefit as many concerts sell out quickly.

How to become a Festival Friend

Festival Friends receive regular newsletters about the Festival. Annual Membership costs £15 per household. For details, contact Anne Pope at friends@gowerfestival.org or download the membership application from the website.

Discounts – one of the following:

- 5% on purchases of eight tickets or more.
- 25% for disabled people, and their care-assistants are free. If you require help with access call 07413 713515 or 07532 075449.
- 50% for those under 25 in full time education.



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We are also pleased to be able to offer a limited number of free tickets to 8-25 year olds for some of our concerts (marked * overleaf). This is due to the generous support of **CAVATINA** Chamber Music Trust.

There is a maximum of four free tickets per order. For groups of more than four people eligible for **CAVATINA** tickets, please contact **07414 033001**

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Supporting Gower Festival As a registered charity (no. 1198053), the Festival is not-for-profit and relies on the generous support of many who enjoy the annual programme. If you would like to know about ways to support it, please contact info@gowerfestival.org

Welcome to the Gower Festival 2024.



Following a sell-out success in 2023, this year I again have chosen a programme of great variety, including artists who have thrilled Gower audiences in the past. We will also involve more of the smaller, beautiful churches on Gower.

One special evening will celebrate the 80th birthday of our President, Sir Karl Jenkins, in conversation with John Suchet. They will explore his music through recordings and film.

We will hear internationally acclaimed artists: piano, guitar, accordion, recorder, lute, the Castalian String Quartet, Swansea Bach Choir, an afternoon at the Glynn Vivian, a fun talk by Griff Harries and end with an outrageous evening with Red Priest!

A summer full of musical offerings for everyone, in unique and intimate settings. Do come and enjoy!

Gordon Back
Artistic Director.



The Festival is grateful to the Vera Smart Trust for generously supporting chamber music locally, and in particular the two concerts by the Castalian Quartet.

All information correct at the time of going to press. The promoters cannot accept any responsibility for changes that take place subsequently.

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GOWER FESTIVAL 2024 GŴYL GŴYR 1 – 13 July

Music for Summer evenings



Monday 1 July 7.30pm

Tickets £20

Yevgeny Sudbin (piano)

ST PAUL'S CHURCH, SKETTY SA2 9AR

'One of the most inspired of today's pianists', Yevgeny Sudbin has performed with the world's greatest orchestras. He plays music by Liszt, Chopin, Scriabin and Debussy – his *L'Isle Joyeuse*, sparkling with summer sunshine. A perfect opening to the Festival.

Sponsored by John and Georgina Harding, and anonymously

Tuesday 2 July 7.30pm

Tickets £20

Bartosz Glowacki (accordion)

ST HILARY'S CHURCH, KILLAY SA2 7DZ

Bartosz Glowacki was a hit at the 2022 Festival and we are delighted that he is returning to Gower. His programme of classical and world music includes pieces by Scarlatti, Maxwell Davies and Astor Piazzolla. An evening to remember.

Wednesday 3 July 7.30pm

Tickets £20

Morgan Szymanski (guitar)

ST CADOC'S CHURCH, CHERITON SA3 1BY

Morgan Szymanski is Mexico's leading guitarist and an ambassador for his country's culture. In beautiful Cheriton Church he takes us on a Latin American journey, with pieces from Mexico, Cuba, Venezuela, Bolivia, Brazil and Argentina.

Sponsored by Siân Walters, Art History in Focus, and by Mike & Judy Thompson

Thursday 4 July 2.30pm

Tickets £15

Morgan Szymanski (guitar)

ST DAVID'S CHURCH, LLANDDEWI SA3 1AU

A mixed programme of music by baroque and classical composers – Bach, Sor, Tárrega and Albéniz. Also included are lively dances specially composed for Morgan by Gareth Walters.

Thursday 4 July 7.30pm

Tickets £25

Karl Jenkins at eighty

AVALON SUITE, KING ARTHUR HOTEL, REYNOLDSTON SA3 1AD

In conversation with music presenter John Suchet, our President Sir Karl Jenkins talks about his life and career as a multi-talented composer and instrumentalist. His appeal is universal: 'music without boundaries, loved by everyone'.

Sponsored by Morgan LaRoche

Friday 5 July 7.30pm

Tickets £20

Clare Hammond (piano)

ST PETER'S CHURCH, NEWTON SA3 4RB

'A pianist of extraordinary gifts', Clare Hammond plays Beethoven's 'Moonlight' Sonata, pieces by Fauré and Debussy, Clara Schumann and Cécile Chaminade. An evening of delights and discoveries.

Sponsored by David and Jan Eastwood, and anonymously

Saturday 6 July 7.30pm

Tickets £20

Swansea Bach Choir directed by **Greg Hallam**

ST CENYDD'S CHURCH, LLANGENNITH SA3 1HU

We look forward to welcoming these talented singers back to Gower. Their programme includes music by Britten, Holst and Vaughan Williams, plus the premiere of a work by Welsh composer Gareth Treseder.

Sponsored by Mary Sylvester

Monday 8 July 2.30pm

Tickets £15*

Tabea Debus (recorder) & **Toby Carr** (lute)

CLYNE CHAPEL, MAYALS, SWANSEA SA3 5BT

Leading recorder player Tabea Debus and lutenist Toby Carr cross the centuries from anonymous medieval dances to the music of 16th- and 17th-century masters such as John Dowland and Henry Purcell. An exploration of tunes that get lodged in the mind.

Sponsored by Roger and Angie Taylor

Tuesday 9 July 2.30pm

Tickets £15

Artists of Gower. Talk by Peter Wakelin

GLYNN VIVIAN ART GALLERY, ALEXANDRA ROAD, SWANSEA SA1 5DZ

Celebrating Gower art and artists, the Festival pays affectionate tribute to the painter Glenys Cour in the year of her 100th birthday. Enjoy an exhibition of work inspired by Gower, a talk by art historian Peter Wakelin, and a tea party.



Yellow Landscape, © Glenys Cour.
City & County of Swansea: Glynn Vivian Art Gallery Collection

Wednesday 10 July 2.30pm

Tickets £15*

Castalian String Quartet

ST MARY'S CHURCH, RHOSILI SA3 1PL

We welcome the acclaimed Castalian Quartet to Gower. Alongside Viennese classics by Schubert and Beethoven, they play Five Fantasy Pieces by Samuel Taylor-Coleridge, full of colour and rhythmic vitality echoing Dvořák.

In memory of Brian Clarkson, former Vice-President
Sponsored by Richard Taylor and Gareth Evans

Wednesday 10 July 7.30pm

Tickets £12

Fun Talk by Griff Harries,

'Name that tune—name the composer?'

VESTRY, CAPEL Y CRWYS, THREE CROSSES SA4 3PU

Stories of South Wales composers who wrote tunes loved by millions. Their names may be forgotten but their music isn't. Sound clips, film, surprising facts, humour and more.

Thursday 11 July 7.30pm

Tickets £20*

Castalian String Quartet

ST RHIDIAN & ST ILLTYD'S CHURCH, LLANRHIDIAN SA3 1ER

Three late masterpieces. Haydn's 'Sunrise' Quartet, Op. 76, is followed by Janáček's First Quartet, drawing on Moravian folk music, and then Schubert's great G major Quartet, with its amazing fund of melody.

Friday 12 July 7.30pm

Tickets £20

Pavel Kolesnikov (piano)

ST PETER'S CHURCH, NEWTON SA3 4RB

A firm favourite with Gower audiences, Pavel Kolesnikov is one of the most sensitive and thoughtful pianists of his generation, admired for his ability to offer listeners a fresh perspective on familiar music.

Sponsored anonymously and by Arthur Llewellyn Jenkins,
Wales' Leading Furniture Centres

Saturday 13 July 7.30pm

Tickets £20*

Red Priest

REYNOLDSTON VILLAGE HALL SA3 1AA

Named after Vivaldi, the original 'red priest', these musicians are famous for their energetic approach to baroque music, combining technical wizardry and showmanship. An exhilarating conclusion to the Festival.

Sponsored by Swansea Timber & Plywood, and anonymously