



## Bute Arts Society

### Welcome from the Trustees:

Bute Arts Society in a leap of faith last year increased their concert output to ten concerts in the Season 2021/22. Keeping everyone safe, we have had a successful season with larger than anticipated audiences with a more diverse and popular series of Artists.

We believe Music and the Arts are for everyone and thanks to local support concert tickets despite increasing costs are pegged to £12.50 with discounts available and are free to school pupils,


We have diversified further for 22/23 Season and to launch the series we welcome Opera Bohemia with their 20 plus Singers and Musicians along with an Schools Opera Talk. As before we have a wide variety of Artists in our nine Season concerts in Trinity Church.

We thank our concert Sponsors and Advertisers, who have made the 2022/23 Season possible.

We believe we have something for everyone to enjoy.

### The Trustees:

**Convenor** - Fiona Shaw  
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## Bute Arts Society

### Information:

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### Chamber Music Scotland

works to support Scottish based Promoters and performers of Chamber Music. CMS also helps to organise Music Workshops and other educational projects across Scotland in a variety of settings.

Bute Arts Society is subsidised by CMS with funds provided by Creative Scotland.



**Sponsorship:** thanks to our Sponsors for their support

See the numerous supporters listed on our individual credit sections

**Tickets: £12.50** at the door on concert evenings and free for School Pupils. or use the Box Office online for all performances using the WeGotTickets site at [www.wegotickets.com](http://www.wegotickets.com) then use the search facility inserting the venue or Town of your performance and purchase from there.



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## Bute Arts Society

### Performance Season 2022/23

Promoting the Arts for all on Bute

## Trinity Church

Castle Street, PA20 9HA

**9 Season Concerts:**

**Fridays 19:30**

## Rothesay Joint Campus

Townhead, PA20 9JH

**Gala Opera Performance**  
**'The Marriage of Figaro'**



## ALL WELCOME



## SPONSORS

### Individually by Events

The Support of the generous Bute businesses below allows Bute Arts Society to replace funding from Trusts which previously supported the concert season.

In particular we are indebted to Bute Island Foods Community Fund for making possible the Opera performance and school project.

The Ardyne Hotel for accommodation.  
'For Bute' for individual concert support.  
Bute Arts Society Patrons & Friends.



## PATRONS

### Making the Arts available to All on Bute

The Patrons of Bute Arts Society are a group of Private Individuals who support the Arts on Bute.

Membership is open to all and is £50 minimum Annually. Benefits include invitations to Season receptions, and other special events. Members are listed in the concert Programmes. Membership funds support special Gala performances and larger events.

Contact the Secretary at  
[john.blue1@btopenworld.com](mailto:john.blue1@btopenworld.com)



## FRIENDS

### Showing your support Bute Arts

The Friends of Bute Arts Society are a group of Private Individuals who are supporters of the Society. Membership is open to All and is £10 Annually.

Joining as a Friend allows us to show that we have support when making funding applications. Members are listed in the concert Programmes.

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## ADVERTISERS

### Business Advertisers

The Support of the businesses below allows Bute Arts Society to provide informative Programmes at all concerts & events. Our thanks goes to:

Brechins Restaurant; Busseys Beds & Carpets; Butterflies of Bute; WJ Duncan Garage; Flowers by Janine; Just Menswear; Howats Housekeeping & Property Services; John Murray Plumbing & Heating; MacQueens of Rothesay Butchers; Gerry McGuigan Joiners; Glaziers & Builders; Print Point - Print; Stationery & Books; Rothesay Motor Service.



## SEASON TICKETS

Save  
£22.50

### Available to 09 September

Enjoy your next seasons concerts at the last seasons prices by purchasing a season ticket in advance for all nine concerts. Priced at £90 for the 9 Season Concerts you make a saving of £22.50 on individual ticket prices

If you are unable to attend your ticket can be transferred to family and friends. Purchasing a Season Ticket allows the Society to plan for future years concerts. Apply on line to the Secretary at [john.blue1@btopenworld.com](mailto:john.blue1@btopenworld.com)  
We will reply with payment details and confirm your Season Ticket.



## SINGLE TICKETS

### On-Line or at the Door

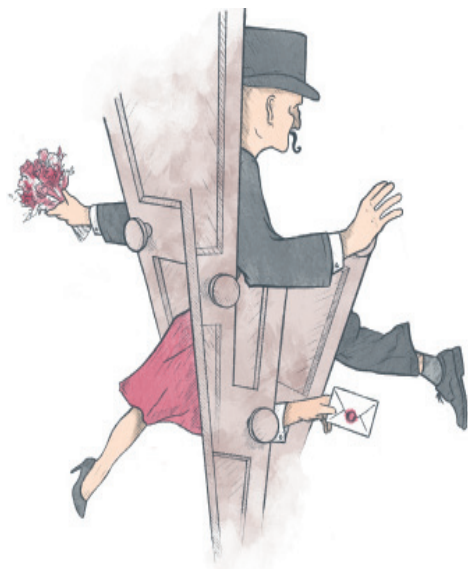
Tickets for All Performances for the 2022/2023 Season can now be purchased in advance using the 'WeGotTickets' site who add a modest administrative charge to their Tickets.

Go to their web site [www.wegotickets.com](http://www.wegotickets.com) and then use the search facility, inserting in the venue or Town of your performance and purchase from there. There will always be Tickets available at the Door but for the moment we can only take Cash payments. We are working on Credit Card payments at the venue. for future concerts.



## OPERA GALA - Rothesay Joint Campus - Sunday 14 August 2022 - Doors 13:30 Performance 14:00

### OPERA BOHEMIA in the Comic Opera - The Marriage of Figaro by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart



The Opera performance on Bute, was made possible through the support of Bute Island Foods Community Fund.

Performed in a new English Translation and Staged Production with 20 Singers & Musicians

#### Obtain your Gala Opera Tickets £10 from

Bute Arts Society ticket outlets or the Box Office on line at [www.wegotickets.com](http://www.wegotickets.com)



type: Rothesay Joint Campus in the Search Box on the Ticket site.

**Opera Bohemia** Scotland's professional touring opera company comes to the isle of Bute with Mozart's sublime comedy, The Marriage of Figaro. The big day has arrived for Figaro and Susanna, but a catalogue of twists and turns threatens to spoil it all! Will the wedding go ahead, or will Count Almaviva have the last laugh? Oliver Platt directs a new English version of the opera, designed by Alisa Kalyanova, and performed with chamber orchestra under the baton of Alistair Digges. A stellar cast includes Scottish favourite Catriona Clark and former Scottish Opera Emerging Artists, Andrew McTaggart, Charlie Drummond and Arthur Bruce. The opera is packed full of wonderful arias, duets and ensembles, all brought to life in this exciting new production.



#### CONCERT (1) 09 September 2022

### SCOZZESI

a Quartet of Male Singers with Piano



Scozzesi (italian for Scottish men) sing harmonies arranged specifically for tenor I, tenor II, baritone I and baritone II. The singers are all young Scottish men who are already making their mark in their solo careers. The gentlemen perform a mixed repertoire of solos, duets, trios and quartets from the worlds of opera, operetta, Gilbert and Sullivan, songs from the shows, and include some of our best loved traditional tunes in four part harmony.

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#### CONCERT (2) 07 October 2022

### RENARD ENSEMBLE

Wind Quintet - Tunnell Trust Winners 2021



Formed in 2018 by students at the Royal Academy of Music and the Guildhall School of Music and Drama, Ensemble Renard takes its name from Igor Stravinsky's Opera of the same title. In 2019, the Ensemble won the Nicholas Blake Prize at the Royal Academy of Music. They are equally at home performing traditional repertoire, arrangements of familiar tunes and lesser known works. They come to Bute with the support of the John Tunnell Trust.

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#### CONCERT (3) 04 November 2022

### ROMANTIC PIANO

Nikita Lukinov - Piano Scotland



A disciple of the Russian piano school Nikita Lukinov started his musical education at the age of six in Voronezh, Russia. Already, he has had an amazing successful career winning numerous piano prizes. After studying in Russia Nikita won a scholarship to continue his education in the UK. Since 2017 Nikita has been a scholarship recipient at the Royal Conservatoire of Scotland, where he is pursuing his BMus Degree studying with Petras Geniušas.

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#### CONCERT (4) 2 December 2022

### CANTILENA Festival Players Viennese Trio



Cantilena was formed in 1970 by the late Adrian Shepherd. Visiting Islay they found support for a week of music from the islanders. The first Festival was in 2000 and has now become a regular event on Islay. Every July since, the beautiful Hebridean island is home to Cantilena's professional musicians and students of the Royal Conservatoire of Scotland. From this they formed the Cantilena Festival Players and they perform their Viennese Programme for Bute Arts Society.

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#### CONCERT (5) 3 February 2023

### JOY & ANDREW Vocal & Instrumental Duo in English, Gaelic & Scots



Sibling duo Joy & Andrew Dunlop hail from Connel, in the West Highlands, and have been making music together since childhood. Following her successful 2021 concert for Bute Arts Joy returns with brother Andrew on piano for a meeting and melding of their two worlds; marrying traditional Gaelic material with classical leaning accompaniments, to create a sound uniquely their own. Raw, authentic live performances in English, Gaelic and Scots.

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#### CONCERT (6) 3 March 2023

### RESOL String Quartet CMS Artists to Watch



Friends joined through their love of chamber music, the Resol String Quartet formed in the Autumn of 2018 at the Royal Conservatoire of Scotland, with a vision to make classical music making more inclusive both in the present and for the future. The Resol String Quartet bring their shared ideal of honesty to all that they do and bring us a varied and interesting String Quartet Programme.

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#### CONCERT (7) 14 April 2023

### ECLECTIC DUO Cheryl Forbes & Gordon Cree



Performing for you with a 'Smile and a Song'. They come to Bute once again direct from their latest Cruise Ship performances. Enjoy an eclectic, entertaining musical feast, including popular opera arias, operetta favourites, Scottish & Irish songs, Broadway hits, light hearted character songs and favourite melodies on instruments both conventional and less so..., as well as tales and reminiscences from two fascinating careers.

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#### CONCERT (8) 12 May 2023

### FLUTE & PIANO Marrazza - Cart Duo from the USA



Renowned for its passionate and musically stirring performances, the Marrazza-Cart Duo is a chamber ensemble formed by Regina DiMedio-Marrazza (piano) and Robert Cart (flute). The duo performs throughout the United States, including concerts at Carnegie Hall, the Kennedy Center, the Philadelphia Ethical Society, the Philadelphia International Music Festival, the National Flute Association, and several colleges and universities.

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#### CONCERT (9) 2 June 2023

### CHASING SAKURA Seonaid Aitken Jazz Ensemble



In Japan, the cherry blossom (sakura) is widely celebrated. It is symbolic of rebirth - springtime, hope, optimism - but is also a reminder of the impermanence of life. Its beauty is wonderful yet fleeting. Through jazz, classical and folk idioms, Seonaid's musical suite 'Chasing Sakura' - originally commissioned by Edinburgh Jazz & Blues Festival in 2021 - was written for a hand picked ensemble of string quintet and saxophone/flute and follows the lifespan of the cherry blossom.

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