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Hertfordshire Festival of Music 2018

The Hertfordshire Festival of Music - now in its third year but for the first time encompassing a week of concerts and events - takes place between June 10 and 16 in Hertford, Hertford Heath and Watford. Inspired this year by the theme 'The Music of Fantasy, Folklore and Fable', HFoM is delighted to have received major support for the first time from Arts Council England, and presents international artists performing in delightful venues.

Stephen Hough is HFoM 2018's Principal Artist and Featured Living Composer. Stephen gives a solo recital, masterclass and performance of his own music with **The Prince Consort** and **Alisdair Hogarth**. He will also discuss his life and career through the prism of his fascinating paintings, a cycle of which will be on display, during the Festival, at Hertford Theatre.

Also appearing will be **Tasmin Little** OBE with pianist **John Lenehan**; flautist **Emma Halnan** with pianist **Manon Fischer-Dieskau**; mezzo-soprano **Beth Margaret Taylor** with pianist **Andrew O'Brien**; cellist **Gemma Rosefield** with pianist **Nicola Eimer**; composer and animateur **Adam Saunders**; **The Galliard Ensemble** with **Matthew Sharp**; jazz pianist **Chris Eldred**.

Tickets for most concerts can be bought for **just £2** by anyone under 18 or in full-time study, and the most expensive tickets at any HFoM concert are just £25.

Hertford is easily accessible by road and rail, and only twenty miles from central London. The county town boasts historic and unusual buildings, fine independent shops and restaurants, and nestles in attractive countryside. In the warm days of June, it will be a pleasure to stroll Hertford's streets before and after performances. The main venue is the splendid Church of All Saints', near the town centre; other venues such as the Friends Meeting House are also easy to access and are very attractive places in which to hear music: Haileybury's Bradby Hall and Watford School of Music's Clarendon Muse.

The Festival Box Office will open on 1 March. For any further information or comment please contact info@hertsmusicfest.org.uk or (+44) 07976 307 423

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