

Brangwyn Hall Forthcoming Events

February to May 2006



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FEBRUARY

Friday 3 February at 7.30pm

BBC National Orchestra of Wales
Romance & Fairytales



Conducted by: **Rumon Gamba**
Piano: **Jean-Phillipe Collard**

Strauss *Don Juan*
Strauss *Burleske*
Fauré *Ballade*
Ravel *Mother Goose (complete)*



Richard Strauss

Richard Strauss' *Don Juan* captures the tempestuous passions, longings, triumphs and restless search for beauty that leads inexorably to the emptiness and despair that claim the world's great lover. Ravel's *Mother Goose*, by comparison, summons up the fairytale world of childhood in music that is both playful and achingly tender.

The distinguished French pianist Jean-Phillipe Collard joins conductor Rumon Gamba and BBC NOW for two pieces for piano and orchestra - Strauss' high-spirited early *Burleske* and the exquisite *Ballade* by Fauré.

Tickets: £13.50, £10.50 with concessions
Box Office: Grand Theatre 01792 475715
BBC NOW ticketline 0800 052 1812

Sunday 5 February from 11am

Chinese New Year Celebration

Exhibitions and demonstrations of Chinese delicacies, oriental ornaments, Chinese arts and crafts, calligraphy, lion dance, acrobatics, cultural music and dance.

Tickets: To be confirmed
Box Office: Swansea Chinese Community Centre
01792 469919

Friday 24 February at 7.30pm

The Škampa Quartet



Mozart Quartet K 156 in G
Beethoven Quartet Op 59, No 1 in F (Rasumovsky)
Ravel Quartet in F

Tickets: £8.00

Box Office: Grand Theatre 01792 475715

This concert is given in association with the Vera Smart Trust.

MARCH

Wednesday 1 March at 7.30pm

**BBC National Orchestra of Wales
Radio Cymru St David's Day Concert**



Conducted by: John Quirk

A showcase St David's Day celebration concert featuring popular Welsh language artists and the award-winning choir Ysgol Gerdd Ceredigion, accompanied by the BBC National Orchestra of Wales.

Tickets: £10.00 with concessions

Box Office: Grand Theatre 01792 475715

BBC NOW ticketline 0800 052 1812

Saturday 4 March at 6.30pm

Swansea Gospel Male Voice Choir

Tickets: Free Entry (no tickets required)

For information: Moelwyn Hughes 01792 773864

Saturday 11 March at 7.30pm

BBC National Orchestra of Wales
Schubert's Great Symphony



Conducted by: **Joseph Swensen**
Cello: **Alban Gerhardt**

Beethoven *Overture, Coriolan*
Prokofiev *Sinfonia Concertante*
Schubert *Symphony No 9 (Great)*



Joseph Swensen

Schubert's Ninth Symphony, with its noble themes, inexhaustible energy and romantic warmth, is one of his most compelling and majestic pieces. Former Principal Guest Conductor Joseph Swensen's passion for the great classical composers will ensure Schubert's Symphony, and the tragic heroic struggle of Beethoven's Coriolan Overture, receive performances of fierce intensity.

And BBC NOW is joined by one of the most exciting young classical music talents to have emerged in recent years: Alban Gerhardt is the soloist in Prokofiev's Sinfonia Concertante - a cello concerto in all but name, direct and incisive but full of deep lyrical warmth.

Tickets: £13.50, £10.50 with concessions
Box Office: Grand Theatre 01792 475715
BBC NOW ticketline 0800 052 1812

Sunday 12 March at 2.30pm

Organ Recital by Huw Williams



The programme will include the Third Organ Symphony by Vierne and the Prelude and Fugue in E minor ('The Wedge') by J. S. Bach, as well as music by Mulet and Dupré.

2005 marked the retirement of Colin Yeoman, organist of All Souls, Tychoch, Swansea, and teacher and mentor of many

aspiring organists from the Swansea area over a period of some 20 years. This short series of organ recitals at the Brangwyn Hall is presented in his honour by three of his former pupils who went on to Organ Scholarships at Cambridge University and have all since taken up careers as professional musicians, as a mark of their esteem.



Huw Williams

Tickets: £5.00 with concessions

Box Office: Grand Theatre 01792 475715

Other recitals in this series are on 2 April and 30 April.

Saturday 18 & Sunday 19 March from 9.00am

Welsh Regional Brass Band Championships

Saturday	1st – 3rd Sections
Sunday	4th Section and Championships

Tickets: £4.00 on the door

Monday 27 March at 7.00pm

The Maesteg Gleemen Male Voice Choir

(National Eisteddfod Winners 1987 & 1996)

Featuring the Chilean Tenor, Luis Esteban Olivares Sandoval
(Finalist at the 2005 BBC Cardiff Singer of the World)

Conductor:	Alun Wyndam Hodges
Accompanist:	Paula Suzanne Best B.A.(Hons)

Tickets: £16.50, £12.50, £10.00

Box Office: 01656 737923 / 07976 420161

APRIL

Saturday 1 April at 7.30pm

BBC National Orchestra of Wales
Pictures at an Exhibition



Conducted by: **Walter Weller**
Violin: **Arabella Steinbacher**

Roussel *Bacchus et Ariane,*
Suite No 2

Glazunov *Violin Concerto*

Mussorgsky *Pictures at an Exhibition*



Montage featuring Walter Weller

Ravel's orchestration of Mussorgsky's gallery of people, stories and places is a remarkable meeting of minds. Originally written for the piano, *Pictures at an Exhibition* has fantastic power and strength but cried out for the hand of a master orchestrator like Ravel to bring its glittering fantasy to life.

The legendary Walter Weller, who has established an extraordinary rapport with both Swansea audiences and the players of BBC NOW in recent years, will also conduct Glazunov's intense *Violin Concerto* and the elemental dance rhythms of Roussel's *Bacchus et Ariane Suite*.

Tickets: £13.50, £10.50 with concessions

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BBC NOW ticketline 0800 052 1812

Sunday 2 April at 2.30pm

Organ Recital by Michael Phillips



The programme will include the *Fantasia in C minor* and "St Anne" Fugue by J. S. Bach, as well as music by Messiaen, Arvo Pärt, William Mathias, Elgar and Vierne.

Tickets: £5.00 with concessions

Box Office: Grand Theatre 01792 475715



Michael Phillips

Thursday 6 April at 7.15pm

West Glamorgan Youth Music

Directed by: **Phillip Emmanuel**

The annual concert showcasing all the young musicians of West Glamorgan featuring the Youth Brass Band, String, Wind and Primary Orchestra.

Tickets: £5.00, Concessions £4.00

Box Office: Music Office 01792 846338

Saturday 8 April at 7.30pm

Swansea Philharmonic Choir

Rossini *Stabat Mater*

Szymanowski *Stabat Mater*

Tickets: To be confirmed

Box Office: Yvonne Gabriel 01792 401383

Grand Theatre 01792 475715

Palm Sunday 9 April at 3.00pm

This year's traditional Choral masterpiece performed on Palm Sunday will be **Brahms' Requiem**



Chamber Orchestra of Wales and guest choirs Côr Dydd and the Cardiff Polyphonic Choir.

Soprano *Elin Manahan Thomas*

Baritone *Robert Davies*

Tickets: £16.00, £14.00 and £10.00

Concessions £14.00, £12.00 and £10.00

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Palm Sunday 9 April at 7.30pm

**The International Trumpet Festival Wales
Presents Trumpet Classical Spectacular**



Chamber: Orchestra of Wales
Conductor: Ken Woods
Introduced by: Nigel Seaman



Philippe Scharz

Hear the world's best and most popular trumpet concertos in one truly spectacular concert – concertos by Vivaldi, Rossini, Haydn and Telemann played by the Chamber Orchestra of Wales with international trumpeters, James Watson, Roger Webster and Philippe Scharz as guest soloists. This is definitely a night not to be missed!

Tickets: £8.00, concessions £6.00, accompanied children under 10 free

Tickets available on the door

Saturday 22 April at 10am

Spring Charities Fayre

**For information, please ring Gaynor Browne on
01792 544013**

Sunday 30 April at 2.30pm

Organ Recital by Huw Daniel



The programme will include the Toccata & Fugue in F and other works by J. S. Bach and 'Master Tallis's Testament' by Herbert Howells, as well as music by Hubert Parry and John Ireland.

Tickets: £5.00 with concessions

**Box Office: Grand Theatre
01792 475715**

MAY

Thursday 4 May at 7.30pm

BBC National Orchestra of Wales *Russian Fantasy*



Conducted by: **David Atherton**
Piano: **Noriko Ogawa**

Steven Roberts *Sinfonia for Brass, Percussion
and Strings (world premiere)*

Rachmaninov *Piano Concerto No 1*

Mussorgsky *Prelude, Khovanshchina (arr Shostakovich)*

Stravinsky *Petrushka*



Russian Fantasy

Stravinsky's ballet conjures the world of the fairground against which the tragedy of the puppet clown Petrushka and his doomed love for a ballerina is enacted. Written immediately after the Firebird, this is one of Stravinsky's most lovable works, full of vivid colours and rhythmic vitality. Rachmaninov was just eighteen when he composed his First Piano Concerto - a superb, lushly romantic showpiece in the tradition of Tchaikovsky and Rimsky-Korsakov.

Tickets: £13.50, £10.50 with concessions

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BBC NOW ticketline 0800 052 1812

Friday 5 May at 7.30pm

Eisteddfod Fundraising Concert

Organised by the Pontarddulais, Hendy, Forest and Llanedi Local Appeals Committee to raise money for the Swansea National Eisteddfod 2006, the concert will feature:

- Pontarddulais Male Voice Choir
- Lleisiau Lliw
- Cantorion Pontarddulais
- Pontarddulais Brass Band
- Cor Glandulais

**Tickets will be available from committee members
(Luned Jones – secretary 01792 882346)**

Sunday 14 May at 8.00pm

Swansea Community Orchestra



Conducted by: Paul Lewis

A programme of music which will include movements from Beethoven's 'Pastoral Symphony'.

Tickets: £3.00, Concessions £2.00

Box Office: Grand Theatre 01792 475715

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Friday 19 May at 7.30pm

St Helens Balconiers Concert

In support of the Guide Dogs for the Blind, the Balconiers present their Annual Gala concert.

Artists to be announced.

Tickets: £10.00, £8.00, £6.00

(£1 from each ticket sold will go to the Charity)

**Box Office: John Williams, SuperNews, Sketty Park,
Swansea 01792 414671**

Grand Theatre 01792 475715

Saturday 20 May at 7.30pm

**BBC National Orchestra of Wales
Great Romantic Masters**



Conducted by: Richard Hickox

Baritone: Wolfgang Holzmair

Mendelssohn *Overture, Die schöne
Melusine*

Mahler *Rückert Lieder*

Elgar *Symphony No 1*



Great Romantic Masters

Mahler and Elgar are amongst the greatest of orchestral composers, loved by audiences because of the intense emotions

that are a hallmark of their music. Elgar's First Symphony ranges through catastrophe, nostalgia and haunting serenity to the triumph of its closing pages and has been at the centre of both Richard Hickox's and BBC NOW's repertoire for many years.

Baritone Wolfgang Holzmair, who made such an impression with his performance of Mahler's Songs of a Wayfarer in 2002, returns with the gentle and introspective Rückert Lieder.

"I first played Elgar One in 1976 with the BBC Symphony Orchestra in a Prom. I was seated at the last desk of the viola section, so imagine my horror when I turned the page and saw Elgar's instructions 'Last desk only'. I think I managed OK as they asked me back for further concerts!"

- Ross Cohen, Viola

Tickets: £13.50, £10.50 with concessions
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BBC NOW ticketline 0800 052 1812

Friday 26 May at 7.30pm

Angela Hewitt – Piano Recital



The celebrated Canadian pianist, Angela Hewitt, has been called "the pre-eminent Bach pianist of our time" by The Guardian.

Rameau	<i>Suite in A minor (1728)</i>
Rameau	<i>Suite in G major (1728)</i>
Bach	<i>Goldberg Variations, BWV 988</i>



Angela Hewitt

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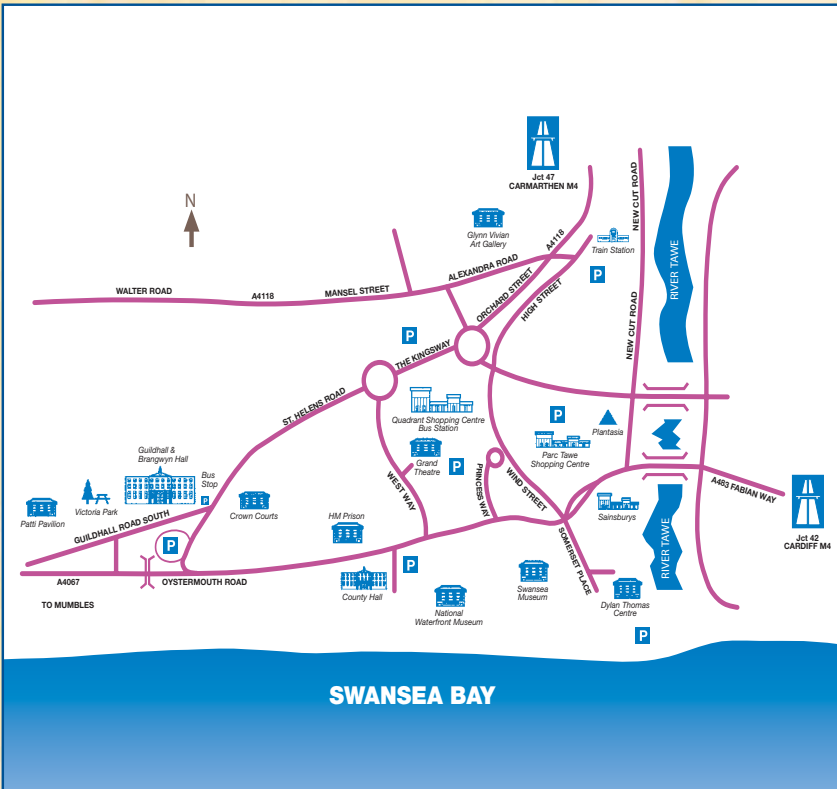
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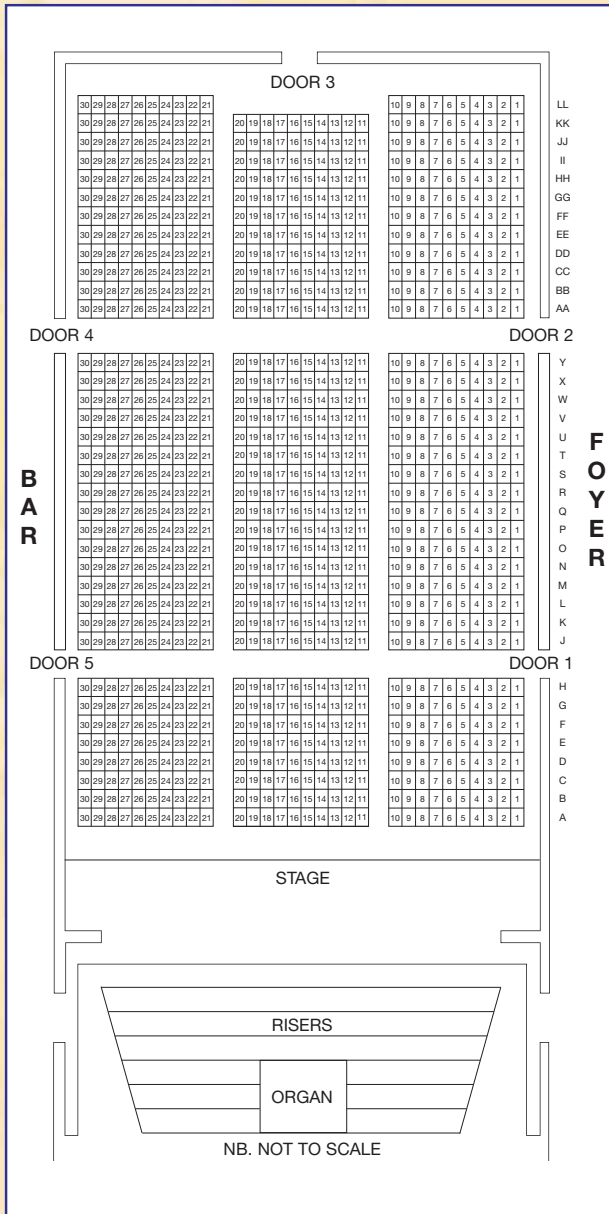
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Brangwyn Hall Seating Plan



Facilities



There is full disabled access to the Brangwyn Hall. For your convenience, please inform the venue if you are attending a function.



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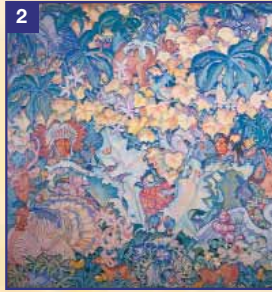
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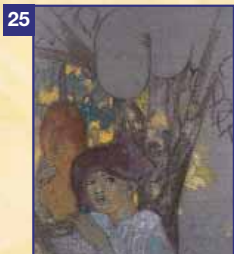
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