

THE JEWEL IN ENGLAND'S MUSICAL CROWN



Hidden away in the beautiful Surrey countryside, Woodhouse is a jewel in England's musical crown. With its reputation thoroughly established for stunning productions of opera and concerts of chamber music. Founder Monika Saunders is celebrating 15 years of Music at Woodhouse.

"The New York Times put us up there with Glyndebourne and Garsington, so this anniversary is really something to celebrate," she says. The idyllic location with its unique Arts and Crafts house set in a stunning garden with its own lake, next to which the operas take place, makes for memorable performances.

To mark the special anniversary, Monika Saunders is embarking on a year of festivities, including a special project involving a complete cycle of all the Beethoven string quartets performed by the award winning Hieronymus Quartet. The seventeen quartets will be performed over six concerts, the first one having taken place in November this year and the last one happening in June 2016. "The quartets are magnificent, everything you could ever want to listen to in chamber music"



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says Monika. "To have the whole cycle performed at Woodhouse is very special. Join us for the ride!"

The cycle will be performed by the London based Hieronymus Quartet whose members all met at the Guildhall School of Music and Drama in 2011. They immediately won the CAVATINA competition's first prize and the Audience Prize, and the following year were chosen for a residency at Aldeburgh. In 2014 they were invited to IMS Prussia Cove and earlier this year won one of three prestigious ChamberStudio mentorships at Kings Place in London.

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First violinist Yolanda Bruno, is from Canada, second violinist Hunouk Park from South Korea, violist Jenny

Lewisohn from the UK and cellist Vladimir Waltham from France. "They bring so much experience to the group, and have so much fun playing together!" Monika enthuses. The quartet will perform three works in each concert, mixing the early, middle and late quartets at each performance. "This is a fabulous opportunity for us and we are thrilled to be performing these life-affirming works" says cellist Vlad Waltham. The concerts will take place in March, June, and October of 2015 and in March and June 2016. Dates and ticket information can be found at www.woodhousesounds.com.

Also planned for this special anniversary year is a New Year Gala Concert of string serenades on the 18th January 3p.m to be played by OrQuesta, The coronation of Poppea in May and Falstaff by Verdi beginning of September.

2015 is the Anniversary year of Lewis Carroll who lived and died in Guildford. As a tribute Woodhouse will present Alice in Wonderland and Through the Looking glass with ballet dancers of the Bolshoi and Alice is a 12 year old stunning very talented ballerina, the same age as Alice in the book! ■



THE DETAILS

For further information and to book tickets, contact Woodhouse Music at woodhousemusic@gmail.com, or telephone 07917 778010.