



THE BRITISH FLUTE SOCIETY

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“Future Flute Fest”

17-19 August 2018, St John’s Smith Square, London

Festival Director: Edward Blakeman

On Friday 17 to Sunday 19 August 2018 the British Flute Society returns to St John’s Smith Square for a second summer flute festival - this time celebrating all things new in the flute world: the instrument, its technique, its music.

The world in the 21st century is a complex place and is changing at an ever-increasing pace. No one is immune from this, least of all musicians. The challenge will always be to respect and celebrate the past whilst at the same time finding new ways to engage with the present and the future. The Internet has changed everything, and it is highly likely that today's young people will have "portfolio" careers throughout their lives.

At ***Future Flute Fest*** we will celebrate many different genres and styles of flute playing through fantastic performances by world-renowned players who enjoy varied professional careers. These include evening Gala Concerts from Sophie Cherrier (Ensemble intercontemporain), Stefan Höskuldsson (principal flautist with the Chicago Symphony Orchestra), and a concert of baroque music from Katy Bircher. Our distinguished line-up also includes the diverse talents of Mark Sparks (principal flautist with the St. Louis Symphony Orchestra), Tilmann Dehnhard, Wissam Boustany, Ian Clarke, Peter Verhoyen, Ian Mullin, Stephen Preston, Philippe Barnes, Sarah Newbold, Gareth Lockrane, Amy Yule, Luke O’Toole, Carla Rees, Matthias Ziegler, Anne La Berge, Simon Williams, Karin de Fleyt, Shanna Gutierrez, Michael Cox, Joshua Batty and Marion Garver.

In addition we will focus on the physical and mental mechanics of being a flute player via our interactive “Pit Stops” and “Body Shops”. We have a session during which Stephen Preston will introduce us to Baroque dance steps: how gesture and dance fundamentally infuse the music of the period. Added to this are the opportunity for all to perform in a flute choir led by Mel Orriss and a wide variety of trade stands.

To book tickets, visit the St John’s Smith Square box office: <https://www.sjss.org.uk/whats-on>

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