

Music at Belsize Season Three

Belsize Square Synagogue has a rich musical history. Its liturgical music was saved from the flames of the Fassanenstrasse Synagogue, Berlin after 'Kristallnacht' and its services resound with European polyphony as created for cantor and choir by Sulzer and Lewandowski. As well as its cantor and professional and community choirs Belsize Square has always nurtured its children who sing for services and festivals.

In this our third season, Music at Belsize brings another dimension with performances and masterclasses. We not only highlight our own Cantor Paul Heller and Choirs in new settings, but welcome regular visitors, the Wallace chamber orchestra and the Zemel Choir who bring us exciting new programmes of music from around the globe.

Special for this year, we celebrate renowned scholar and musician Alex Knapp at 70 in association with the Jewish Music Institute; we welcome the superb Strasbourg Choir and hail a return visit by outstanding cellist Gemma Rosefield. And as a cherry on the top we look forward to another visit from celebrated violinist Maxim Vengerov performing music by our own Ella Leya Altshuler.

Prepare your ears for sweet harmonies, deep resonances and fusions of Russian and Kabbalistic sounds

Book now at the synagogue office



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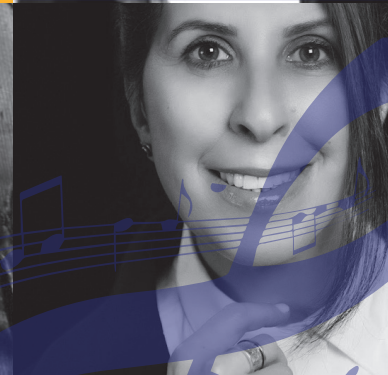
THIRD SEASON 2016

Alexander Knapp at 70 7 February

Polyphonies Hébraïques 10 April

Gemma Rosefield and Benjamin Wolf 5 June

Maxim Vengerov & Ella Leya Altshuler TBA



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Sunday 7 February 2016, 7.30pm
Alexander Knapp at 70: a Belsize Musical Celebration

Wallace Ensemble

Cantor Paul Heller, Choir of Belsize Square Synagogue

Conductor Benjamin Wolf

Music by Elgar, Handel, Bloch and Alexander Knapp

Our popular annual orchestral concert celebrates British composer, pianist, scholar, teacher and Jewish music specialist, Alexander Knapp - first Joe Loss Lecturer in Jewish Music at SOAS University of London.

Concert in association with the Jewish Music Institute. Supported by the Joe and Mildred Loss fund.

£15 students £10



Sunday 10 April 2016, 7.30pm
Polyphonies Hébraïques

The Zemel Choir

Polyphonies Hébraïques de Strasbourg

Heavenly voices of two choirs blend in perfect harmony as they join together once more in a concert of sacred and secular music by European and American Jewish composers.

£15 students £10



Sunday 5 June, 2016
Gemma Rosefield and Benjamin Wolf

4.15pm – 6.15pm Masterclass

6.15pm Refreshments

7.00pm Recital

Old friends Ben and Gemma (Remember Gemma premièred Ben's Cello Concerto?) on piano and cello for masterclass and recital.

Bloch, Janáček, Popper and Mendelssohn. (Young cellists apply via the office to participate)

£15 students £10 (includes masterclass and recital)



Date to be announced
Special Bonus concert
An evening with Maxim Vengerov
and Ella Leya Altshuler

Special friend of our Rabbi and our synagogue, world renowned violinist and Unesco Ambassador, Maxim Vengerov returns to talk and play and to premiere a work specially written for him by our own Ella Leya (Altshuler). Ella will also perform some of her own songs. Expect to be delighted by a blend of classical, jazz and folk music, infused with Middle Eastern, Russian and Kabbalistic roots. "Leya's voice is a marvel of sophisticated allure."

Ticket prices (tba)

