

SHORT COURSE DETAILS

SWE08170 HANDEL – MUSIC APPRECIATION

Tutor: ROY STRATFORD

Dates: WEEKEND FRIDAY 28 SEPTEMBER – SUNDAY 30 SEPTEMBER

ABOUT YOUR COURSE:

The astonishing success of The Messiah acts in some ways as a barrier to all the other wonderful music that Handel wrote. A man of the theatre, Handel ruled over the London opera scene in the early eighteenth century but it is only in the twentieth century that these wonderful works have become part of the repertoire. Also the oratorios that are not The Messiah, the wonderful Concerti Grossi, the Italian Cantatas the list is almost endless. Come and enjoy a weekend exploring this magnificent music and how a composer sometimes compared with Bach as an inferior is actually just as great but quite different.

Roy Stratford and violinist Oliver Nelson will give a recital for violin and piano on Saturday evening, 29 September at 8pm – this is included in the programme for course participants. Non-resident students who would like to book dinner at the college on Saturday evening prior to the recital, should book this in advance with the Bookings Office. (Additional tickets for guests for the recital are available to purchase online in advance or at the door.)

LEVEL: SUITABLE FOR ALL

A subject focused course that is delivered to suit any level of experience from beginner to advanced practitioner.

ABOUT YOUR TUTOR:

Roy Stratford studied at Reading University and the Royal College of Music. He leads a very varied musical life as pianist, conductor, teacher and lecturer and loves to pass on his musical enthusiasms to others. He is Head of Piano and Chamber Music at St Paul's School, London.

TIMETABLE (provisional – this may be adapted by the tutor during the course)

Arrival day: Friday 28 September

From 4.00pm	Arrival for residential students
6.45pm	Non-residential students please arrive by 6.45pm for welcome chat and dinner
7.00pm	Dinner
8.00pm – 9.00pm	First teaching session – attendance is an essential part of the course.

Other days: Saturday 29 September

9.15am	Morning classes start
10.30am	Coffee
11.00am	Morning classes continue
12.45pm	Lunch
2.00pm	Afternoon classes
3.30pm	Tea
4.00pm	Afternoon classes continue
5.00pm	Classes finish
From 6.30pm	Dinner followed by evening recital*

*Should you have guests who wish to join you for this concert, please book tickets via www.westdean.org.uk, the event reference is SEC08174, tickets cost £10.

Departure day: Sunday 30 September

(Residential students to vacate rooms by 10am)

9.15am	Morning classes start
10.30am	Coffee
11.00am	Morning classes continue
12.45pm	Lunch
2.00pm	Afternoon classes
3.00pm	Classes finish
3.30pm	Tea then departure

Please bring:

Pen and paper may be useful.

HEALTH AND SAFETY:

The tutor will instruct students in health and safety issues relevant to this course. There are no health and safety restrictions on access to this studio/teaching space in the absence of the tutor.

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