



# Ludlow Piano Festival

## 22 – 26 May 2024

## And we're back again in May!

If you're hungry for more piano events, come to the second Ludlow Piano Festival – **5 consecutive days, 19 events, 3 venues.**

We open with our popular CELEBRITY concert and include COMEDY from: Rainer Hersch, a show celebrating Victoria Wood's music and three SILENT MOVIES with 'live' accompaniment.

Strictly Piano will happen again, followed by a concert where you listen lying down, we highlight FILM MUSIC, include JAZZ, we highlight BRITISH composers, have a 'words and music' concert featuring Dame Harriet Walter, a DUET event and have a headline act whose programme has to be seen to be believed. And the street pianos return.

There really is something for everyone! Events will sell out quickly so please ensure you are the first to hear when ticket sales go live early in 2024.

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[www.ludlowpianofestival.com](http://www.ludlowpianofestival.com)

## Wednesday 22nd May

### Celebrity Concert

Midlands Today legend, Shefali Oza, hosts our hugely-popular festival curtain-raiser featuring the likes of: **Tim Vine, Rachel Parris, Tony Hawks, Rob Rinder, Dr Adam Kay** and **Giles from Gogglebox\***

\*all subject to availability

## Thursday 23rd May

### Rainer Hersch: 'All Classical Music Explained'

Rainer Hersch takes us on a comedic tour of the entire history of classical music. In 75 minutes!

### I, Clara

Clara Schumann's extraordinary life in her own words (read by Dame Harriet Walter) interspersed with her piano works, and music by her husband Robert Schumann as well as Brahms, Liszt, Mendelssohn, and Chopin (played by Lucy Parham).

### Martin James Bartlett

The BBC Young Musician of the year (2014) brings us twentieth century music from France, Spain and America.

### Charles Owen

Ludlow favourite, Charles Owen, returns. Whatever Charles chooses to play will give rise to an evening of exquisite and impassioned musicianship.

## Friday 24th May

### "Best of British, pt 1" – Mark Bebbington

The Germans once called England 'Das Land Ohne Musik' ('The Country Without Music'). Today Worcestershire-born Mark (and later David Owen Norris), will try to prove them wrong. Both will talk about and play music by English composers from Purcell to Elgar, Bax to Bridge, Coates to Coleridge Taylor!

### Masterclass – Charles Owen

Charles returns to pass on some tricks of the trade to student pianists.

### Benjamin Frith and Heidi Rolfe

#### – "Scheherazade (and more) for four hands."

Duets by Rimsky-Korsakov, John Field, Brahms, Debussy and (with Alistair McGowan) Samuel Barber.

### Tyler Hay: 'Better Than Beethoven?'

Rising star, Tyler Hay, plays pieces by composers and pianists (Kalkbrenner, Thalberg, Hummel etc) who were widely thought to be better than Beethoven in their day but who are now largely and unfairly forgotten. Did Beethoven just get lucky? You decide!

## Saturday 25th May

### "Best of British, pt 2" – David Owen Norris

One of the nation's most loved pianists and broadcasters explores British music in a unique lecture-recital that will demonstrate idiomatic piano music by a wide range of native composers.

### Have You Seen Me Friend? – 'The Music of Victoria Wood'

Paulus ('The Cabaret Geek'), and pianist Michael Roulston perform their tribute to the musical brilliance of one of Britain's most-loved comedians. Book early!

### "You Heard It in A Film" – Anne Lovett

A recital dedicated to music that has been used in or written for movies. Relive those magical movie moments in Anne's stylish and infectious company."

### "Strictly Piano" – Viv McLean

Viv McLean returns to play more classical piano music for you to dance to! Sew on your sequins, get your fake tans done again and quick-step back in time.

### Christina McMaster – "Lie Down and Listen"

Christina will bring 60 mattresses (or bring your own yoga mat) and ask you to lie down and relax as she plays a selection of soothing classical pieces. The perfect end to a busy day!

## Sunday 26th May

### Christina McMaster: 'How We Listen'

Christina returns to talk about the nature of how we listen to music guiding the listener to an awareness of deep listening states and listening to silence.

### "Silent Piano"

Laurel and Hardy, Charlie Chaplin, Buster Keaton with live piano accompaniment!! – from Stephen Horne (with Martin Pyne on percussion). An unmissable chance to see three great silent comedies as they were enjoyed 100 years ago.

### 'Young Artist Recital' with Tomos Boyles

Tomos was recently awarded first prize at the Wales International Piano Festival in Caernarfon. He will perform work by Clara Schumann, Chopin and Ravel.

### "Jazz in the Afternoon"

A history of jazz piano from Joplin to Jarrett with Ludlow-born, Liam Dunachie – now a regular on the jazz scene in London and around the world. What better way to spend a Sunday afternoon?

### "Baroque and Roll" – Scipione Sangiovanni

There is something for everyone in Scipione's extraordinary mix of pieces which steers a course from Handel via Duke Ellington to Radiohead, Nirvana and Herbie Hancock. An exhilarating way to close the second Ludlow Piano Festival.