

Welcome to the Jenny Lind Gala Concert

Today, the Jenny Gala Concert celebrates the opening of Malvern Civic Week 2013 and recalls its theme of « Malvern: bridging the past and the future ».

The unique format of the concert, Chopin music with a story, for piano and voice, set in the large space of a historic church, provides some special benefits for our city.



It marks the 125th anniversary of Jenny Lind's death and burial in Malvern, and it gives new insight into her legacy and global impact on the arts – a source of inspiration for us all.

The Jenny Lind Gala Concert also builds bridges between Malvern and other places – notably Malvern's new twin city Mariánské Lázně of the Czech Republic renowned for its business enterprise, health spas and annual Chopin Festival.

Thank you to Malvern Civic Society, Christ Church and Icons of Europe for their role in conceiving and pulling off this important event!

Julian Roskams
Mayor of Malvern



Icons of Europe

This cultural association, founded in 2001 and inaugurated under the auspices of the Secretary General of the Council of Europe, focuses on musical events and historical research of Icons of art, music, literature and science.

JENNY LIND GALA CONCERT

Malvern Civic Week 2013

Presented by Icons of Europe

« *Chopin's Dream* »

Daniel Blumenthal piano

Jennifer Simpson mezzo soprano | Cecilia Jorgensen narrator



Christ Church, Malvern

Saturday, 13 July 2013

Daniel Blumenthal

Daniel Blumenthal, the prominent American pianist is a laureate of several international music competitions, Leeds among them, and professor at the Royal Conservatory of Music in Brussels.



He continues to enjoy a career of acclaimed performances on five continents and award winning recordings. He has served on the jury of the Queen Elisabeth Music Competition for Piano.

Jennifer Simpson



Jennifer Simpson, mezzo soprano is currently studying at the Guildhall School of

Music & Drama, London. She is born in Worcestershire.

Cecilia Jorgensen



Cecilia Jorgensen, Swedish, is co-founder of Icons of Europe.

She has since 2002 researched the new book *Le Rêve de Chopin* on Chopin and Jenny Lind's secret and tragic romance, which will be published later in 2013.

The Jenny Lind Gala Concert chronicles dramatic elements of this story in 10 plots, which lead up to masterpieces of Chopin's music.¹



Chopin at Parc Monceau, Paris 1906

Music with a Story

Daniel Blumenthal plays a selection of Chopin's masterpieces. Jennifer Simpson performs two songs. Cecilia Jorgensen narrates the story.



Polonez, Le Rêve de Chopin pianiste, watercolour and gouache, c. 60 x 125 cm; Teofil Kwiatkowski, Paris 1859; with permission by the National Museum, Poznań.

1. Étude N° 12 in C minor, Op. 10, "Revolutionary"
2. The Maiden's Wish, N° 1 of 19 Polish Songs, Op. 74
3. Ballade N° 4 in F minor, Op. 52
4. Berceuse, Op. 57
5. Ballade N° 1 in G minor, Op. 23
6. Waltz in D-flat major, Op. 64, N° 1, "Minute Waltz"
7. Polonez / Polonaise in A-flat major, Op. 53, "Heroic"
8. Mazurka in A-flat major, Op. 24, N° 3 for piano and voice
9. Funeral March, Piano Sonata N° 2 in B-flat minor, Op. 35, III
10. Fantaisie-Impromptu in C-sharp minor, Op. posth. 66

¹ A booklet with the complete script of the Gala Concert and a series of colour images will be available at iconsofeurope.com on 15 July 2013.