Beauchamp Baroque

Presents

Recorders at Hellens

A unique event in Hellens Barn on Thursday, December 10th. At 7.30pm.

Music by Rubbra, Corelli, Bach and John Frith for recorders, violins and keyboard to include

The Christmas Concerto by Arcangelo Corelli

Together with

The Public Premiere of John Frith’s Sonata for Treble recorder and Piano

In this concert, we are taking the recorder from the 18th century through to the 21st. In the Baroque, the recorder was a popular amateur instrument, and music was often arranged and published for recorders, even if originally written for other instruments. In the second half of the concert, we will be playing a contemporary arrangement of the Christmas concerto for two treble recorders with strings and continuo, and also Bach’s great trio sonata for two flutes and continuo, but played on two voice flutes, tenor recorders in D, which were often used to substitute for the baroque flute at the time. Most people have a sketchy idea of the rediscovery of the recorder in the twentieth century, usually associated with the name Arnold Dolmetsch and his family. In fact, Carl Dolmetsch was responsible for the commission of many new works for recorder and keyboard from English composers, including Edmund Rubbra, and we will be starting the concert with two of these, the Sonatina, and the Fantasia on a Chord which includes an obligato part for viola da gamba.  Moving onwards into the 21st century we have a link with Ledbury based composer John Frith, whose composition mentor at college was Rubbra. John has recently composed a sonata for treble recorder and piano, and at Hellens we will hear the public premiere of this, played by the dedicatee, Tim Cranmore, and Ruth Melhuish (piano).

The Performers.

Pam Smith and Tim Cranmore (recorders) and John Frith

With

**Kathryn Wheeler** and **Peter Jackson**, violins

**Ange Cranmore**, viola da gamba,

**Rosemary Robinson**, spinet,

and

**Ruth Melhuish**, piano.

Tickets £12/£10 (concessions) on the door.

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