



AN INVITATION TO A VERY SPECIAL EVENT

Dear Music Lover,

March 2015

On behalf of our very good friend and international concert pianist Alberto Portugheis, I would like to invite you and your friends to a special concert to be given at the recently renovated Wesley Centre in Harrogate on Saturday 30th May at 5.00pm. Special, because it is not only a recital of wonderful music but we shall be highlighting Alberto's London launch (to be held a week later) of his "International Peace Campaign" by holding a celebratory meal at the Majestic Hotel immediately after the recital.

You might not be aware that Alberto was nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize in 2008 and, like his compatriot and fellow musician Daniel Barenboim, Alberto works for and wishes to contribute towards the achievement of Peace and Justice throughout the world: a campaign for the "Universal Abolition of Militarism, as the only possible way for a Universal Lasting Peace". The idea of a weapon-free world must not be just a dream in the minds of philosophers and visionaries inspired by humanistic ideals but the reality shared by all of us.

The recital includes, appropriately, Alberto's own transcriptions of Samuel Wesley's organ pieces (nephew of John Wesley after whom the Chapel was named). The programme will be:

Samuel Wesley (Prelude, Air, Gavotte), JS Bach (Jesu Joy of Man's Desiring from Cantata No. 47 transc. Myra Hess), JS Bach (transc. Frederico Busoni) I call on Thee, Lord Jesus-Christ, Rejoice, Dear Christian People, Nun komm der Heiden Heiland and Chaconne in D minor (from violin Partita No.4)

INTERVAL

Heitor Villa-Lobos (A Lenda do Caboclo Polichinelle). Alberto Ginastera: Three Argentine Dances Op. 2 (Danza del Viejo Boyero, Danza de la Moza Donosa, Danza del Gaucho Matrero), Frederic Chopin (Ballade No.1 in G minor Op. 23 Polonaise in A flat, Op. 53: "Eroica")

There will then be time for you to get from the recital to the Majestic Hotel for 7.30pm for a 4 course evening meal to include:

Tomato and mozzarella salad with dressed leaves and basil pesto, oven roasted chicken supreme with herb-roasted potatoes and a chasseur sauce (or a vegetarian option of roasted vegetable wellington with tomato and red pepper sauce), vanilla crème brulee with a homemade shortbread biscuit and coffee and mints.

As well as being a wonderful opportunity to hear some fine music and enjoy a relaxing meal with friends, this is also a fund raising event and after the meal we will be holding an auction and raffle. Should you wish to contribute to this worthy cause please do not hesitate to contact me (details overleaf). Otherwise there are a number of options open for you.

Clearly we would like to see you at the recital and the meal and this will be at a total cost of £45.

If you can only attend the recital, this will be at a cost of £13 (half price to students and free to under 11s)

If you can only attend the meal, this will be at a cost of £37. Pre-booking for the meal itself is essential: the deadline date for this is 1st May.

As you can see, attending both the meal and recital saves you £5!

Alberto has been a soloist with The Harrogate Symphony Orchestra on a number of occasions and we would be delighted if you would support this venture on the 30th May.

You can order tickets directly through me by completing the slip below and sending it with a cheque payable to HSO to:

Bryan Western, 3 Netheredge Close, Knaresborough HG5 9BZ. If you would like any further information or have a question to ask, do not hesitate to contact me by email: bryanwestern@yahoo.com

With best wishes and looking forward to seeing you on the 30th May,

Bryan Western

MD and Conductor of the HSO

Ps If you are unable to come to the event and still would like to support Alberto's campaign, we would be delighted if you provide something for the auction or raffle.

To B. Western, 3 Netheredge Close, Knaresborough HG5 9BZ

Please complete the appropriate section:

I (name) _____

Address: _____

Telephone _____

.... would like to reserve:

- _____ tickets for the meal and recital @ £45 each*
- _____ tickets for the recital @ £13 (half price students and free under 11s)
- _____ tickets for the meal only @ £37 *
- and forward a cheque (payable to HSO) for £_____

** the deadline date for this is 1st May*

Signed _____