

WEALDEN

Music Box Wealden is an innovative social enterprise creating a new partnership between music lovers and musicians in the Wealden area.

Our aim is to enrich the cultural life of the local community by bringing classical chamber music into the heart of the predominantly rural areas of East Sussex.

But we need your help so that we can continue to offer and even expand our service!

Please consider taking part in the Wealden Community Lottery to help us. Scan the QR code below to buy a ticket.



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and good luck!**

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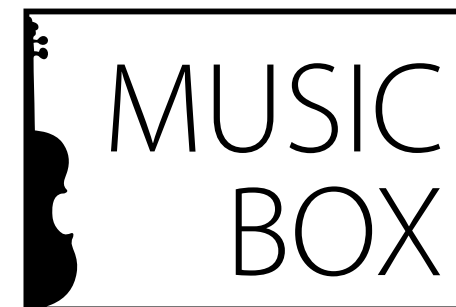


NEXT CONCERTS

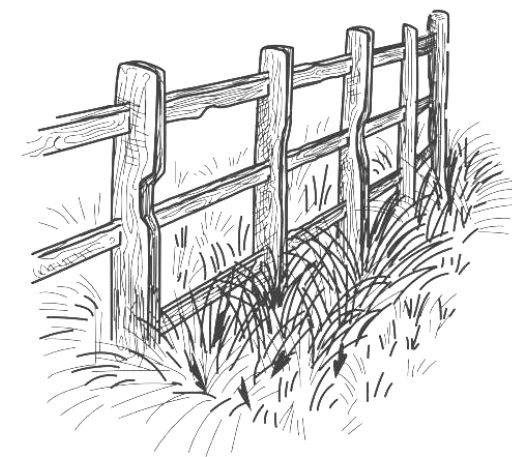
17 August 5pm
Picnic at Pevensey
at Pevensey Castle

20 September 6pm
Quiz Night
Herstmonceux Village Hall

27 September 7pm
Reawakening with The Symphonova
Church of St Mary the Virgin, Eastbourne



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A FEAST OF ENGLISH SONG

BEN HANCOX-LACHMAN tenor
WILLIAM HANCOX piano

27 July 2025
The Church of St Peter and St Paul, Hellingly

BEN HANCOX-LACHMAN tenor

Ben is undertaking a PhD in Biochemistry at Imperial College London and is establishing himself as a tenor specialising in song and oratorio.

Recent engagements include the title role in Handel's *Samson*, Bach's *Christmas Oratorio*, and the role of Don Curzio in Mozart's *The Marriage of Figaro* with Harrow Opera.

He has also performed an extensive repertoire in recital, including Schumann's *Dichterliebe*, Beethoven's *An die ferne Geliebte*, and works by composers from Brahms to Britten.

In August Ben will record *Love, Friendship and Longing*, a group of Tang Dynasty poems set to music by composer Nicholas Smith, and will also premier John Hawkins' song cycle *Both Beauties*.

WILLIAM HANCOX piano

After a degree at Cambridge, William studied with Joseph Weingarten, a student of Dohnanyi, Bartok and Kodaly.

He has performed as soloist and chamber musician throughout the UK and internationally, broadcast for Classic FM and the BBC and made a number of recordings. He was a staff pianist at the Guildhall School, Trinity College of Music and the Britten-Pears School in Aldeburgh.

William has performed throughout Europe and made several trips to China, giving masterclasses and concerts in the Forbidden City Concert Hall in Beijing. He has also worked extensively as a vocal coach, with many students now pursuing successful singing careers.

William lives in East Sussex and is deeply involved in music making in his own community. He accompanies for Hailsham Choral Society and Laughton Village Choir and launched Music Box Wealden in 2023, which promotes concerts featuring local artists in the Wealden area.

PROGRAMME

BENJAMIN BRITTEN	The Plough Boy The Foggy, Foggy Dew Come you not from Newcastle? The Salley Gardens O Waly, Waly At the Railway Station, Upway The Choirmaster's Burial
FRANK BRIDGE	A Sea Idyl
PETER WARLOCK	Ha'nacker Mill
RALPH VAUGHAN WILLIAMS	The Water Mill Silent Noon
REBECCA CLARKE	June Twilight
IVOR GURNEY	In Flanders
JOHN IRELAND	Sea Fever

**Please join us for refreshments
after the concert.**