



Recital for Violin and Piano

with Richart van Zyl

19 July 2026

The Church of St Peter & St Paul, Hellingly BN27 4HA



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WILLIAM HANCOX piano

After a degree at Cambridge, William studied with the Hungarian pianist Joseph Weingarten, himself a student of Dohnanyi, Bartok and Kodaly. He has performed in major venues as a soloist, chamber musician and accompanist throughout the UK and internationally, broadcast for Classic FM and the BBC and made a number of CD recordings. He has held staff pianist positions at the Guildhall School of Music and Drama, Trinity College of Music and the BrittenPears School in Aldeburgh. William has performed throughout Europe and made several trips to China, giving masterclasses, song recitals, solo recitals 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 live music making in his own community. For many years he was pianist and artistic director of Music at Lime, a chamber music series in Herstmonceux, and he is the accompanist for Hailsham Choral Society and Laughton Village Choir.

His most recent project is Music Box Wealden, with ambitious plans to bring more quality classical music into the heart of this largely rural community

RICHART VAN ZYL violin

Richart gave his first public concert aged three and was a member of the National Children's Orchestra, performing in many of the UK's most prestigious venues.

He has won top prizes at festivals and competitions, giving recitals and performing as soloist with local orchestras including the Corelli Ensemble of which he is a regular member.

He was selected for a project at Stradivari House in Cremona, participating in masterclasses and collaborating with the new generation of violin makers as was common in the days of Stradivari.

An avid composer, Richart's works have been performed at the Royal College of Music, where he studied violin, composition, conducting and piano in the Junior department. He currently studies violin with Maeve Jenkinson with additional guidance from Michał Cwizewicz, So-Ock Kim and Kirill Troussov.

Richart enjoys writing, arranging and performing in different genres, frequently contributes music for theatre, and is greatly valued for his ability to improvise.

PROGRAMME

DEBUSSY

Minstrels

POULENC

Sonata for Violin and Piano

RICHART VAN ZYL

Voyage

RAVEL

Sonate Posthume

RICHARD WILLIAMS

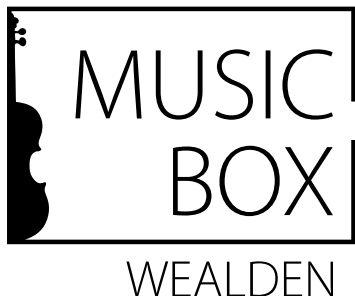
Lullaby

RAUTAVAARA

Whispering

GERSHWIN / HEIFETZ

Selections from Porgy and Bess



Music Box Wealden is the brainchild of local pianist William Hancox. After many years performing, recording and teaching throughout the UK and around the world, he became convinced of the importance of developing a model which makes it easier to bring together musicians and concertgoers in their own communities.

Localism and sustainability are central to the Music Box vision. We provide a varied programme of classical music to all kinds of venues across the area, with many performers drawn from the wide pool of talented professional musicians who live locally.

We're looking to make a contribution to the musical health of our community and help to make sure that this vital part of our culture is still alive and well for future generations to enjoy.

NEXT CONCERTS

14 August 2026, 5pm

Ancient Airs & Ancient Spaces

Alfriston Clergy House, The Tye
Alfriston BN26 5TL

6 September 2026, 5pm

Flute Fiesta

St Margaret the Queen,
Buxted TN22 4AY

3 October 2026, 5pm

Baroque Alchemy

Michelham Priory,
Upper Dicker BN27 3QS



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