

Dear Music Lovers,

Summer is approaching and we are reaching the end of our spring season and indeed our first year of concerts. We will take a break for the summer but will then be back with a new and exciting programme in September.

Last concert 14 April

Thank you to those of you who attended the concert on 14 April with the Swedish soprano Malin Christensson together with the British pianist Simon Lepper. It was a fantastic concert with songs by Mozart, Schubert, Wolf, Strauss and Swedish composers such as Stenhammar and Rangström. As a result of their Swedish Hall Concert, Malin and Simon were invited, at very short notice, to repeat their programme at the Wigmore Hall the following Monday. This BBC Radio 3 Lunchtime Recital was also broadcast live throughout the UK as well as in many other European countries.

Next concert 19 May

We end this season with an exclusive CD-release concert with the Stenhammar Quartet. The musicians are Peter Olofsson and Per Öhman, violins, Tony Bauer viola and Mats Olofsson, cello, members of the Swedish Radio and the Gävle Symphony Orchestras. The programme consists of music by Stenhammar, Britten, Larsson-Gothe and Hillborg. Champagne and canapes (*from Scandinavian Kitchen*) will be available to the audience courtesy of the record label Phono Suecia and a CD is included in the ticket price.

Special Guests

Mats Larsson-Gothe and Anders Hillborg are two of Sweden's most prominent composers today with commissions from ensembles and orchestras all over the world. Larsson-Gothe is composer in residence at Norrlandsoperan and his new opera written for both Norrlandsoperan and Cape Town Opera in South Africa has received much attention. Anders Hillborg is a composer who moves easily between many different areas and genres. For many years he has had a close and fruitful collaboration with the conductor Esa-Pekka Salonen who has often performed his works with e. g. the Los Angeles Symphony Orchestra. To a Swedish audience he might be best known for his songs, written for Swedish pop-singer Eva Dahlgren, which earned him a Swedish Grammy in 1995. Both Larsson-Gothe and Hillborg will be present on the night and during the interval there will be a short interview with the composers on stage and a chance for the audience to ask questions directly to them.

Friends subscription and Tickets

Concerts always start at 7.30pm and are always on a Tuesday. More information about the society can be found on our website www.swedish-hall.org.uk where you can find up-to-date information about our concerts, the performers and tickets.

You can also join as a friend of Swedish Hall Concerts through buying our combined subscription & friend package. Not only would you then help our work and contribute to the future of the society, but you also enjoy the following benefits:

- 2 tickets to each of the 7 concerts
- A glass of wine at every concert
- A CD with highlights from each year's series
- A newsletter to keep you updated with the latest information

Friends will also be mentioned in programmes and on the website.

We look forward to seeing you at our concerts!

Kind regards



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