

Christmas at Snape Maltings

Live performances with audience resume at Snape Maltings in December

Live music-making will resume at Snape Maltings from 11 December with regular concerts for live audiences. Britten Pears Arts will continue to offer short concerts with outstanding performers, some of whom would have performed during this year's Aldeburgh Festival and Snape Proms.

The Christmas programme at Snape Maltings also includes Christmas food markets, outdoor visual art, storytelling with Father Christmas, and evenings of pizza and live music in Snape's heated Tipi.

4 – 6 December

- Christmas food market on Saturday 5 December
- Pizza and live music in the Tipi
- Late evening shopping
- Carol singing

8 December, 2pm

- Virtual Tea Dance: Britten Pears Arts is inviting care homes, community groups and individuals of all ages and abilities to take part in a virtual version of its seasonal tea dance, using music and movement to bring enjoyment to a large number of isolated people.

11 – 13 December

- Violinist **Nicola Benedetti** returns to Snape Maltings to perform solo concerts on Friday 11, Saturday 12 and Sunday 13 December.
- Stories with Father Christmas
- Christmas food market on Saturday 12 December
- Pizza and live music in the Tipi
- Late evening shopping
- Carol singing

18 – 22 December

- Concerts from **London Gay Men's Chorus** in Snape Maltings Concert Hall and **The Swingles** in the Britten Studio on Friday 18 December
- Concerts from **Alex Mendham Band** in Snape Maltings Concert Hall and **The Swingles** in the Britten Studio on Saturday 19 December
- On Sunday 20 September **New London Chamber Choir**, directed by **Dominic Ellis-Peckham**, performs seasonal choral music including Britten's *A Ceremony of Carols*, while those unable to be at Snape can watch a livestreamed performance by **The Swingles**.
- Outdoor visual art by **Paul Benney** on 18-20 December
- Plus Christmas food market on Saturday 19 December, Pizza and live music in the Tipi, Late evening shopping and carol singing
- Concerts from **Solus Trumpet Ensemble** on Monday 21 December and **The King's Singers** on Tuesday 22 December, plus outdoor family films, including OperaUpCloses's *Sammy and the Beanstalk*.

The safety of Britten Pears Arts' visitors, artists and staff is its top priority, and this may mean that line-ups, capacity and pricing may change at short notice.

Full details to be announced soon.

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Notes to Editors

Key changes to concerts

- **Reduced capacity** in the Concert Hall to prioritise audience safety and to ensure there is enough space around everyone
- **Shorter performances** of up to an hour with no interval which will allow time for cleaning between each performance
- **Face coverings** required for all audience members during the performance unless they are exempt as per the government guidelines
- **No printed materials** and this includes tickets, programmes and programme notes

About Britten Pears Arts

Britten Pears Arts is a pioneering music, arts and heritage charity based on the Suffolk coast at two popular, historic visitor destinations: The Red House and Snape Maltings. Britten Pears Arts emerged from the creative partnership of Benjamin Britten, one of the greatest composers of the 20th century, and his professional and personal partner, singer Peter Pears. Britten and Pears shared a progressive vision for music and the arts to be useful, helping people enhance and bring joy into their lives. Britten and Pears' vision inspires all our activity, from work with the local communities to our national leadership roles in the fields of talent development and music, health and wellbeing. Britten Pears Arts was created through the merger of the Britten–Pears Foundation and Snape Maltings in 2020.

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