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Well, here we are at the end of August. The evenings are getting longer and the mornings shorter. If I have to choose my personal favourites during August it would include a concert that I did not preview as I had not picked up that it was on. Cellist Katy Bell and violinist Emma Donald came together in St Giles Parish Church in Marchmont, Edinburgh to play the two most outstanding duos for violin and cello - those by Ravel and Kodaly. I have heard the two works individually in the past, but this was the first time both together. It was one of the most intense musical experiences that left me exhausted just listening. Then last Sunday it was good to see that musicinverness's afternoon concerts are starting to attract an audience, and especially for a work as great as Dvořák's Cello Concerto in the composer's own arrangement for cello and piano. My warmest thanks to Stephen Laidlaw and Ailsa Aitkenhead for sourcing and presenting this wonderful piece of music for us. But, let's look forward to September.

Scottish Chamber Orchestra

Thursday 1st September 2022 at 7.30pm

KINGUSSIE BADENOCH CENTRE

The Wonders of Nature with Catherine Larsen-Maguire

Former bassoonist with the Berlin Philharmonic conducts the SCO in the first of four concerts in their annual summer tour. The first half will feature a new commission by the SCO of three short pieces by three young Scots composers, inspired by the Scottish landscape and grouped under the banner "Held by Water". The SCO's Principal Bassoonist, Cerys Ambrose-Evans will then be the soloist in Mozart's Bassoon Concerto. After the interval cellist Philip Higham plays

the solo part in two works by Antonin Dvořák and the concert ends with that composer's Czech Suite in D major, crammed with beautiful melodies.
If still available, tickets can be obtained from Caberfeidh Horizons at 16 High Street, Kingussie or from the SCO office on 0131 557 6800.

Nairn Book and Arts Festival

Until Sunday 4th September at various venues

For programme details see www.nairnfestival.co.uk

The Osprey Music Society

Friday 2nd September 2022 at 7.30pm

Boat of Garten Community Hall

Ashley Fripp

For his fourth visit to TOMS, pianist Ashley Fripp will play a programme of works by Mozart, Liszt and Chopin.

Tickets : Members £15, Non-members £17, Students and Schoolchildren FREE. From Ann Napier by email at ann.nap@btinternet.com or by phone 01479 831213 or 07850 752757

Highland Chamber Orchestra

Saturday 3rd September 2022 at 7.00pm in Inverallan Church, Grantown-on-Spey

Sunday 4th September 2022 at 3.00pm in Craigmonie Centre, Drumnadrochit

Conducted by Robin Versteeg. Violin soloist Zoe Hodi.

The HCO invites you to join them for the September 2022 pair of concerts. The programme opens with Beethoven's Overture to Fidelio and then Zoe Hodi is the soloist for Saint-Saëns Violin Concerto No 3 in B minor, Op 61. After the interval the HCO will play the Symphony No 3 "Scottish" by Felix Mendelssohn.

Admission by a suggested donation of £10 at the door.

Phil Cunningham and Aly Bain

Saturday 3rd September 2022 at 8.00pm in Empire Theatre, Eden Court

You might be lucky and get a seat in the gods for this visit to Eden Court by two of Scotland's musical institutions. They may have been playing together regularly for more years than many of us would bear thinking about, but if virtuoso fiddle and accordion is your thing then this is the show for you. And you get a mass of corny, old jokes thrown in for good measure. Eden Court Box Office. In person or www.eden-court.co.uk or 01463 234234

National Theatre Live.

Sunday 4th September 2022 at 1.00pm and 8.00pm in Eden Court La Scala

Prima Facie featuring Jodie Comer

Jodie Comer (Killing Eve) makes her West End debut in this single-hander as Tessa, a brilliant young barrister facing the many directions the law pulls her in. UK premier of the award-winning play by Suzie Miller.

Budapest Café Orchestra

Sunday 4th September 2022 at 7.30pm in Eden Court One Touch Theatre

Budapest Café Orchestra play a blistering barrage of traditional folk and gypsy-flavoured music from across the Balkans and Russia, Klezmer laments, Romanian Doinas, Hungarian Czadas and their own unique re-imaginings of some of the biggest tunes ever written by the classical greats.

National Theatre Live

Thursday 8th September 2022 at 7.00pm in Eden Court La Scala

Sunday 25th September 2022 at 1.00pm in Eden Court La Scala

Much Ado About Nothing by William Shakespeare

In a setting that might puzzle Shakespeare, the legendary family-run Hotel Messina on the Italian Riviera has been visited by artists, celebrities and royalty. But when the owner's daughter weds a dashing young soldier, not all guests are in the mood for love. A string of scandalous deceptions soon surround not only the young couple, but also the adamantly single Beatrice and Benedick.

National Theatre of Scotland and Edinburgh International Festival

Thursday 8th September 2022 to Saturday 10th September 2022

Empire Theatre, Eden Court

Burn

A co-production between the National Theatre of Scotland, New York City's The Joyce Theater and Edinburgh International Festival, '**Burn**' is a new creation from the legendary Scottish

actor and author Alan Cumming, and the Olivier award-winning and internationally renowned choreographer Steven Hoggett. This brand-new piece of dance theatre challenges the 'biscuit tin' image of Scotland's National Bard and goes beyond the poetry to focus on the man himself - his poverty, his personal tragedy, his struggles with mental health and his spectacular success.

Tickets for this 60 minute production from Eden Court Box Office in person, online at www.eden-court.co.uk or by phone on 01463 234234

Glyndebourne Festival Opera

Sunday 11th September 2022 at 1.30pm and 7.45pm in Eden Court La Scala
La bohème by Giacomo Puccini with libretto by Giacosa and Illica

In La bohème Puccini elevates ordinary people to the level of the extraordinary, the tragic, the timeless – transformed by a score that has seduced generations of audiences. Fresh from Festival 2022, Glyndebourne's new five-star production is 'a masterpiece in monochrome'. When seamstress Mimì meets the struggling writer Rodolfo they are instantly drawn together. But Paris is a city of hardship as well as love, as the two young Bohemians and their friends soon discover.

Tickets for La bohème from Eden Court Box Office in person, online at www.eden-court.co.uk or by phone on 01463 234234

Sacred Music Workshops

Saturday 17th September 2022 from 2.00pm to 4.00pm in Inverness Cathedral
Organised by D James Ross and Sue Lightman

James and Sue ask if you would like to play and sing lovely music in a lovely setting with lovely people. Yes, they are restarting the monthly series of Sacred Music Workshops for amateur singers and instrumentalists. The cost of each monthly session is £10. Please sign up beforehand by contacting Sue at suelightman@gmail.com Further workshops will be on Saturday 29th October and Saturday 26th November.

Music Nairn

Saturday 17th September 2022 in Nairn Community and Arts Centre at 7.30pm
Briggs Lisney Piano Duo

The piano duet of Sarah Beth Briggs and James Lisney will be playing a varied programme of music by Hans Gal, Mozart, Schubert, Fauré, Dvořák and Debussy.

Buy advance tickets from Nairn Community and Arts Centre in person or by phone on 01667 453476 or on the website www.nairncc.co.uk Adults £18. Members £15. Under 25s and U.C. £3

Jazz Nairn

Saturday 24th September 2022 at 8.00pm in Nairn Community and Arts Centre
Jeff Barnhart International Trio

Jazz Nairn welcomes another visit from USA pianist (and raconteur) Jeff Barnhart. This time Jeff will bring his 'International' Trio. That is Jeff on piano/vocals, wife Anne on flute and the well kent Edinburgh musician, clarinetist John Burgess. They promise old and new versions of great 20's and 30's music. Come along for some fine foot-tapping music.

Tickets £17. At the door on the night or in advance from Reception Desk at Nairn Community Centre or by phone 01309 641114 www.jazznairn.org

Royal Opera Live

Tuesday 27th September 2022 at 7.15pm in Eden Court La Scala
Madama Butterfly by Giacomo Puccini with libretto by Giacosa and Illica

On a starlit night in Nagasaki, these are the words spoken by American soldier Pinkerton to young geisha Cio-Cio-San. But as they both learn, words and promises carelessly spoken can have indelible consequences. With a score that includes Butterfly's aria, 'Un bel di, vedremo' ('One fine day') and the 'Humming Chorus', Giacomo Puccini's opera is entrancing and ultimately heart-breaking. Encore screening on Sunday 2nd October 2022 at 2.00pm

Tickets for Madama Butterfly from Eden Court Box Office in person, online at www.eden-court.co.uk or by phone on 01463 234234

Musick Fyne with members of Coronach

Thursday 27th September 2022 at 8.00pm in Pluscarden Abbey
Concert of Choral Music directed by D James Ross.

The twenty-eight singers of Musick Fyne perform Robert Carver's Mass 'Cantate' as well as his stunning masterpiece 'O bone Jesu' and a processional from the Inverness Sangscuil, interspersed with music for harp and for recorders. The concert also features the premiere

of a new work by Gordon Tocher, 'Orisons of the Air' specially commissioned to mark Musick Fyne's 40th Anniversary.

Admission Programmes £10 per person in aid of the Abbey's charitable works will be on sale at the door from 7.00pm

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Thursday 29th September 2022 at 7.30pm in Inverness Crown Church

Piatti String Quartet

The Piatti Quartet first came to Inverness as award winners from the Tunnell Trust for Young Musicians in 2011. Since then the four musicians have returned several times and have built up a following from the Inverness audience. For this concert First Violinist Michael Trainor and Cellist Jessie Ann Richardson are joined by Rebecca Chan on second violin and Tetsuumi Nagata on viola. Their programme features Beethoven's first Razumovsky quartet, Vaughan Williams Three Preludes on Welsh Folk Tunes, John Ireland's Holy Boy and Bedrich Smetana's autobiographical quartet "From My Life".

Admission : Adults £16. Members £13. Under 16s etc £8. Payable at the door. Cash or Card.

The Osprey Music Society

Friday 30th September 2022 at 7.30pm in Boat of Garten Community Hall

Piatti String Quartet.

Same musicians as for musicinverness. Same programme but in a different order.

Tickets : Members £15, Non-members £17, Students and Schoolchildren FREE. From Ann Napier by email at ann.nap@btinternet.com or by phone 01479 831213 or 07850 752757

Well, that's it for September. Enjoy what you choose to support, and please let me know how you get on. A quick email would be much appreciated.

More ideas in a few weeks for October.

