



**44<sup>th</sup>  
mananan  
international  
festival  
of music  
and  
the arts**

**16th June  
to 30th June 2018**

**Preview &  
Booking Form  
Erin Arts Centre  
Victoria Square  
Port Erin  
Isle of Man**

## WELCOME TO THE MANANAN FESTIVAL 2018 PREVIEW

### **The Mananan International Festival of Music and the Arts has been active for forty-four years at the Erin Arts Centre, Victoria Square, Off Upper Promenade, Port Erin, Isle of Man.**

The Erin Arts Centre, founded in 1971, has fulfilled a unique and important role as a venue for music and theatre in the Isle of Man. Under the guiding hand of the founder and Director, Dr John Bethell MBE, D.Mus (Hon), Hon RNCM, the Centre has received international recognition as home to a number of prestigious events including the annual Mananan International Summer and Opera Festivals, founded in 1975, the Lionel Tertis International Viola Festival & Competition, founded in 1980, and the Barbirolli International Oboe Festival & Competition, founded in 2005.

Staffed almost entirely by a dedicated team of voluntary helpers, the Erin Arts Centre has become a prestigious venue for international artists of the highest calibre. The fine acoustic of the **Isle of Man Bank Auditorium** is suitable for nearly all forms of art. Its versatility in terms of space enables it to accommodate anything from drama and instrumental recitals to small orchestral ensembles, choral concerts, opera and, more recently, films and live screenings of opera from The New York Metropolitan and Glyndebourne, opera and ballet from Paris Opera and plays from London's Globe Theatre without losing its special atmosphere of intimacy.

The Centre has its own gallery space. The **Sir James Mellon Gallery** opened in 1994, and its fine combination of natural and artificial light makes it ideal for arts & crafts projects and exhibitions. These features also lend themselves to education and corporate presentations and lectures.



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Mananan Head Logo—Eric Austwick

## 2018 Festival Quickview

16th June - 30th June 2018

Sat 16th June Recital Worbey & Farrell	Sun 17th June Two Harps Ieuan Jones and David Lloyd Williams.	Mon 18th June In Concert The Schubert Ensemble	Tue 19th June Floral Art Demonstration Arthur MacDonald
Wed 20th June Sir Thomas Allen in conversation with Edward Seckerson	Thu 21st June Piano Recital Ronan O'Hora	Fri 22nd June In Concert Kabantu	Sat 23rd June Sun 24th June Shakespeare Lectures Andrew Killian
Sat 23rd June Filmed Opera A Midsummer Night's Dream	Sun 24th June 1935 Film A Midsummer Night's Dream	Mon 25th June 2016 Film A Midsummer Night's Dream	Tue 26th June Celebrity Recital Christine Rice (mezzo) Julius Drake (piano)
Wed 27th Drama "Where is Mrs Christie?"	Thu 28th June Celebrity Recital Michael Collins Michael McHale	Fri 29th June Dance Flamenco Dancers & Musicians	Sat 30th June In Concert Kanneh-Mason Trio

Tickets for Under 18s are £2 at all events. Events start at 8pm except where specified.

**DIRECTOR OF THE FESTIVAL**

**JOHN BETHELL MBE D.Mus (Hon), Hon RNCM**



**Welcome to this year's Festival:**

This year we celebrate our forty-fourth annual Mananan Festival. Mananan has become one of the major Music and Arts Festivals in the British Isles and it continues to bring to the Isle of Man the finest artists and performers from around the world. It also encourages talented performers and artists who live and work on the Island. Within the Festival we have competitions for young singers and instrumentalists.

We are most fortunate to have as our venue the Erin Arts Centre, founded in 1971 in the beautiful setting of Port Erin with its lovely bay, which provides a unique backdrop for the Festival. We wish to thank the Isle of Man Arts Council and those companies, organisations and individuals who continue their financial support of the annual Festivals, including the Mananan Opera Festival, whose production in September this year will be Don Pasquale by Donizetti.

I trust you will find many events within this booklet which you would like to support. Enjoy!

**“Characters, Things and Places”**

**Sir James Mellon Gallery**

**Exhibition for the Mananan Festival**

**By Chrissie Moss**



**Exhibition sponsored by  
Port Erin Commissioners**

Event 1 Saturday 16th June 8pm £20

**Worby  
&  
Farrell**

Return requested  
by the Friends of  
the Festival

**Sponsored by  
Sir Laurence  
and Lady New**



**“At  
Your  
Request”**

Event 2 Sunday 17th June 8pm £15

## Two Harps

**Ieuan  
Jones**



**David  
Lloyd  
Williams**

Programme includes music by Mozart, Debussy, Glazunov, Weber and John Thomas



Event 3 Monday 18th June 8pm £20

# The Schubert Ensemble

## In Concert

<b>Simon Blendis</b>	<b>Violin</b>
<b>Douglas Paterson</b>	<b>Viola</b>
<b>Jane Salmon</b>	<b>Cello</b>
<b>Peter Buckoke</b>	<b>Double Bass</b>
<b>William Howard</b>	<b>Piano</b>

Music by Schubert, Weir, Vaughan Williams

**Sponsored Anonymously**



Photo by Jack Liebeck



Event 4 Tuesday 19th June 8pm £8

## Floral Art Demonstration

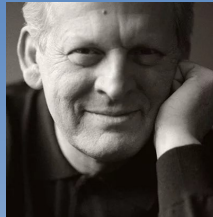
**Arthur Macdonald**



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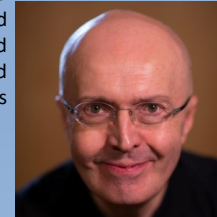
Event 5 Wednesday 20th June 8pm £15

## Sir Thomas Allen in conversation with Edward Seckerson



“**Sir Thomas Allen** - one of the most distinguished and charismatic baritones the United Kingdom has ever produced - reflects on his rich, varied, and still active career with reference to his signature roles and many recordings. His storytelling is as richly detailed as his stage acting. From his modest beginnings in Seaham, County Durham, his love of golf, and a Physics Master who first spotted his singing potential, to the stages of the Royal Opera House and the Met in New York, there are tales to be told. And if you've never beheld his hilarious re-enactment of auditioning for the legendary Herbert Von Karajan now's your chance.”

Formerly Chief Classical Music Critic of The Independent, **Edward Seckerson** is a writer, broadcaster, podcaster, and musical theatre obsessive. He wrote and presented the long running BBC Radio 3 series "Stage & Screen", in which he interviewed many of the biggest names in the business. He features regularly on BBC Radio 3 and 4 and presented the 2007 series of the musical quiz *Counterpoint*. On television, he has commentated a number of times at the Cardiff Singer of the World competition.



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**ADVOCATE**  
JOHN RIMMER

Event 6 Thursday 21st June 8pm £20

## Celebrity Piano Recital

### Ronan O'Hora

*"His sound is lustrous; his playing is lyrical and full of feeling; he thinks not only of the passing notes but of the overall form. Moreover, O'Hora is blessed with meticulous taste - there was not a vulgar, swooning or overstated passage in the program." The Washington Post*

The recital includes music by Haydn, Brahms, Beethoven and Chopin

**Sponsored in memory of the  
Reverend Leslie Guthrie MA. BD. STM**



Event 7 Friday 22nd June 8pm £20

# Kabantu In Concert

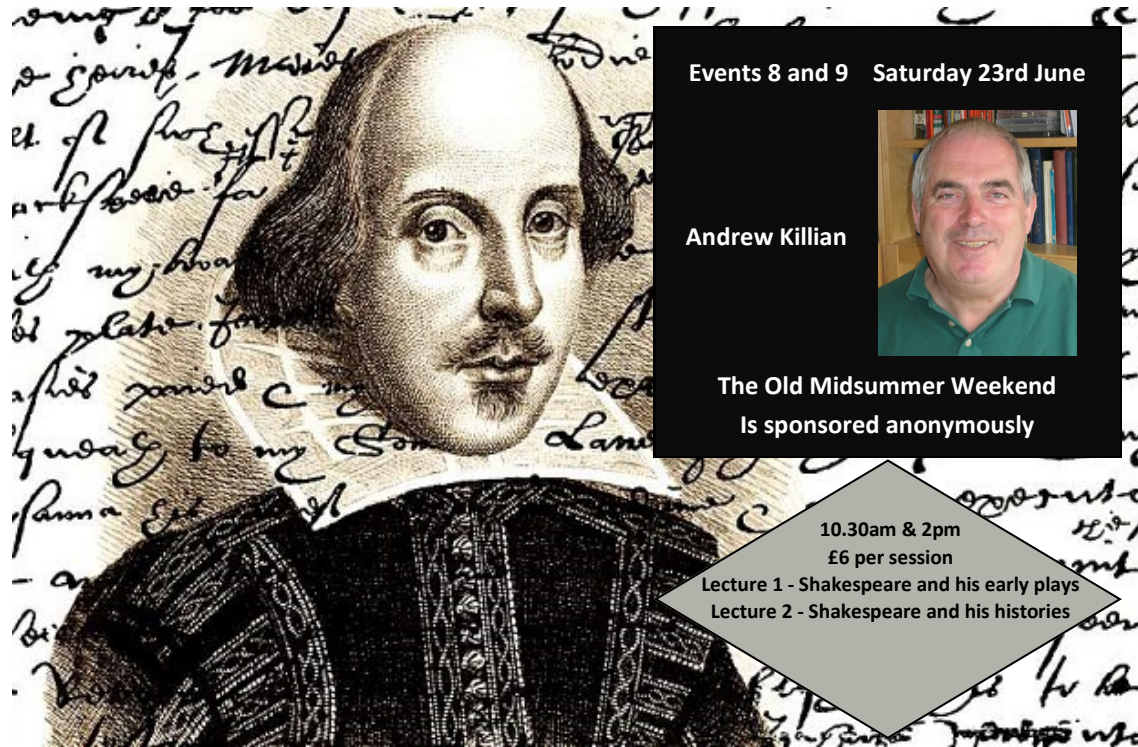
Reinventing global sounds, rewriting the rulebook - winners of the Royal Over-Seas League Competition 2017, **Kabantu**, meaning "of the people", is a five-piece band from Manchester who unravel new marriages of music from around the globe to celebrate the space where different cultures meet.

Vocal harmonies from South Africa coalesce with everything from Celtic reels and Brazilian samba and beyond.



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Events 8 and 9 Saturday 23rd June

Andrew Killian



The Old Midsummer Weekend  
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10.30am & 2pm  
£6 per session  
Lecture 1 - Shakespeare and his early plays  
Lecture 2 - Shakespeare and his histories

Event 10 Saturday 23rd June 8pm £10

1981 film of the opera  
from the  
Glyndebourne Festival

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**POSTAL BOOKING FORM**

Date.....

Pull out this booking form, fill in and return to: Mananan Festival Bookings,  
Erin Arts Centre, Victoria Square, Port Erin, Isle of Man, IM9 6LD.  
For full booking information please see the back page of this insert.

Name.....

Address.....

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Post Code.....

Telephone.....

Email.....

Please tick if you would like to join our emailing list   
Tickets will be posted to the address above.

<b>Mananan Friends of the Festival</b>	
Life Member	Yes / No
10-Year Member	Yes / No
Annual Member	Yes / No
Festival Membership No.	.....

If you would like to become a Friend of the Festival, information & membership forms are available from the EAC Box Office.
<i>Membership: £15 per year</i>
<i>Ten Year Membership: £150</i>
<i>Life Membership: £300</i>



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Sat 16 Jun	Worbey & Farrell		£20		
		Under 18s	£2		
Sun 17 Jun	2 Harps		£15		
		Under 18s	£2		
Mon 18 Jun	Schubert Ensemble		£20		
		Under 18s	£2		
Tue 19 Jun	Floral Art		£8		
		Under 18s	£2		
Wed 20 Jun	Sir Thomas Allen with Edward Seckerson		£15		
		Under 18s	£2		
Thu 21 Jun	Ronan O'Hora		£20		
		Under 18s	£2		
Fri 22 Jun	Kabantu		£20		
		Under 18s	£2		
Sat 23 Jun 10:30am	Shakespeare lecture 1		£6		
		Under 18s	£2		
Sat 23 Jun 2pm	Shakespeare lecture 2		£6		
		Under 18s	£2		
Sat 23 Jun	Filmed Opera Midsummer Night's Dream		£10		
		Under 18s	£2		

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Sun 24 Jun 10:30am	Shakespeare lecture 3		£6		
		Under 18s	£2		
Sun 24 Jun 2pm	Shakespeare lecture 4		£6		
		Under 18s	£2		
Sun 24 Jun	1935 Film Midsummer Night's Dream	Film only	£10		
		Under 18s	£2		
		with supper	£20		
Mon 25 Jun	2016 Film Midsummer Night's Dream		£10		
		Under 18s	£2		
Tue 26 Jun	Christine Rice with Julius Drake		£20		
		Under 18s	£2		
Wed 27 Jun	"Where is Mrs Christie"		£15		
		Under 18s	£2		
Thu 28 Jun	Michael Collins with Michael McHale		£20		
		Under 18s	£2		
Fri 29 Jun	Flamenco Evening		£20		
		Under 18s	£2		
Sat 30 Jun	Kanneh-Mason Trio		£20		
		Under 18s	£2		

I enclose a cheque made payable to MANANAN FESTIVAL for

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## **BOOKING INFORMATION**

### **DATES**

#### **LIFE MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF THE FESTIVAL**

Postal Bookings for Life Members and Friends of the Festival opens 6 March 2018.

All bookings will be processed in order of receipt.

Tickets will be posted from 27 March 2018.

#### **ALL OTHER BOOKINGS**

All other bookings open 3 April 2018.

### **HOW TO BOOK**

**BY POST:** Complete your booking form in full and post to:

MANANAN FESTIVAL, ERIN ARTS CENTRE, VICTORIA SQUARE, PORT ERIN IM9 6LD, ISLE OF MAN

**BY PHONE:** Telephone +44 (1624) 832662

Please note: Telephone bookings must be paid for within 3 days.

**IN PERSON:** The Box Office is open Tuesday to Friday 10.30am to 4.30pm

### **PAYMENT**

Payment can be made by Cash or Cheque.

Please make cheques payable to "MANANAN FESTIVAL"

Please note we can not accept payment by Card.

### **EXCHANGE AND REFUNDS**

The Festival does not operate a refund policy. Please check your tickets as soon as you receive them.

We will offer to re-sell unused tickets once all other tickets for an event are sold.

A handling charge of £2 per ticket will be deducted from any resulting refunds.



Event 13 Sunday 24th June 8pm

Supper, talks and film - £20

Film only - £10

Continuing our Old Midsummer theme, this film version from 1935 stars James Cagney, Mickey Rooney and Olivia de Havilland

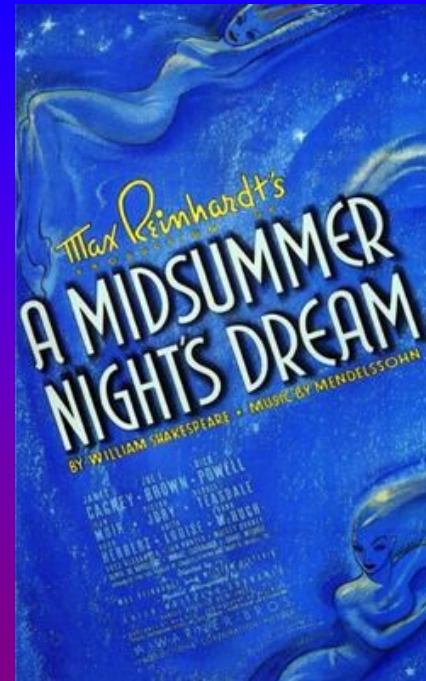
5:30pm Supper

7pm A talk by Andrew Killian on the Historical Background of Shakespeare's play.

8pm Film

Followed by a discussion led by Andrew Killian

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Event 14 Monday 25th June 8pm £10

# A Midsummer Night's Dream

Continuing our Old Midsummer theme

The BBC film version of  
Shakespeare's play from 2016

starring

Matt Lucas, Maxine Peake,  
Nonso Anozie, Elaine Paige,

Richard Wilson,  
Bernard Cribbins,  
and John Hannah



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Event 15 Tuesday 26th June 8pm £20

## Christine Rice (mezzo-soprano)



*Christine Rice is one of the finest mezzo-sopranos of her generation and performs for the first time at The Erin Arts Centre. Her programme includes a performance of the Poulenc one-act drama, La Voix Humaine (The Human Voice). A woman's last conversation with her lover and the pain of her betrayal are captured heartbreakingly in Poulenc's music.*

with Julius Drake (piano)

The programme includes music by Haydn, Berlioz and Poulenc





Event 16 Wednesday 27th June 8pm £15

## 'Where is Mrs Christie?'

A play by Chris Jaeger



"Chris Jaeger's roller-coaster drama of the mysterious disappearance of the high priestess of mystery is a gripping piece of theatre, with **Liz Grand** bringing his words to life with a stunning portrayal of a woman who, for once, seems to have temporarily lost the plot."

Worcester News

Event 17 Thursday 28th June 8pm £20

## Celebrity Recital

**Michael Collins**

**(Clarinet)**

**with**

**Michael McHale**

**(Piano)**



Music by Finzi, Ireland, Arnold, Debussy, Saint-Saëns and Poulenc

Event 18 Friday 29th June 8pm £20

## FLAMENCO EVENING

Flamenco Dancers and Musicians

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**Angela Alonso (female dancer)**

**Carlos Otero (male dancer)**

**Lola Rueda (female dancer/singer)**

**Leo Power (singer)**

**Ramon Ruiz (guitarist)**

**Demi Garcia Sabat (percussion)**



Ramon



Angela



Lola



Leo



Carlos



Demi

Flamenco is a Spanish art form made up of three parts: guitar playing ("guitarra"), song ("cante"), and dance ("baile"). It originated in the southern regions of Spain, but is thought to be influenced by many world cultures, including Latin-American, Cuban, and Jewish traditions.

**Sponsored by Mr Clive Coates**

Saturday 30th June 5pm Retiring Collection

## Festival Service

**St. Columba's Church,** Castletown Road, Port Erin

Father Leo Cooper

Reverend Canon Duncan Whitworth

Cathedral Choir

Director: Dr Peter Litman

Organist: Max Smith



Event 19 Saturday 30th June 8pm £20

## Kanneh-Mason Trio



The Kanneh-Mason Trio consists of three siblings: 17-year old Sheku (winner of the BBC Young Musician of the Year 2016 Competition), 19-year old Bramah and 20-year old Isata, who have been performing orchestral and chamber music concerts together and as soloists since they were very young.

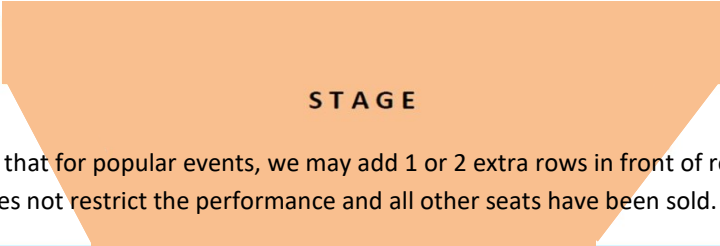
Sheku and Isata appeared in the 2017 Mananan Festival to such acclaim that we welcome them back with their brother.

Music by Beethoven and Brahms

**Sponsored by Miss Ann Murray**

**ISLE OF MAN BANK AUDITORIUM for guidance only**

K18	K17	K16	K15	K14	K13	K12	K11	K10	K9	K8	K7	K6	K5	K4	K3	K2	K1	<b>ENTRANCE &amp; EXIT RAMP</b>
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**STAGE**

Please note that for popular events, we may add 1 or 2 extra rows in front of row A if it does not restrict the performance and all other seats have been sold.

Fire Exit

## **PORT ERIN**

### **RECREATION**

**Boat Trips** — see notice at the Harbour

**Bowls** — Breagle Glen

**Golf** — The Rowany Golf Club

**Miniature Golf** — Breagle Glen

**Railway Museum** — The Station, Station Road

**Tennis** — Breagle Glen

**Books & Music** — Bridge Bookshop, Shore Road  
(More information and Guide Book from Port  
Erin Commissioners Office and the EAC)

### **TRAVEL**

**Isle of Man Transport:** (01624) 662525 / 833125

**Isle of Man Airport:** (01624) 821600

**Bus Departures:** By the Railway Station and  
Bay View Road (behind the EAC).

**Steam Trains:** Leave Port Erin Station in  
Station Road for stations to Douglas.

## **CAFÉS AND RESTAURANTS**

The Bakeaway, Station Rd. 832792

Bay Hotel, Shore Rd, Lower Prom. 832084

Bradda Glen Café & Restaurant 837713

Breagle Glen 835767

Café Delicious, Shore Rd.833332

Café Red, Station Rd 404782

Cosy Nook Café, St Catherine's Terrace 835020

Falcon's Nest Hotel, Station Rd. 834077

La Gusto Pizza Takeaway, Shore Rd. 834834

Mandarin Takeaway, Church Rd. 835555

Port Erin Fish & Chip Shop, Station Rd. 836994

Station Hotel, Station Rd. 838991

Southern Asia Takeaway, Strand Rd. 836516

Subway Café, Shoprite. 833368

Waterside Bistro, Shore Road, Tel: 835284

Whistle Stop Coffee Shop, Railway Station 261804

### **TAXIS**

Bunty's Taxis: (01624) 835433

Richard's Taxis: (07624) 491850



## **OTHER INFORMATION**

**DISABLED FACILITIES** Wheelchair users are requested to advise the Box Office at the time of booking. An Induction Loop System for the hard-of-hearing is available at the Box Office and in the Auditorium. Please ask at the Box Office for details.

**Please Note: This system may not be compatible with all hearing aids.**

**HARRY'S BAR**, situated in the Erin Arts Centre, is open 30 minutes before a performance, where you can pre-order drinks for the interval. Drinks available are tea, coffee, soft drinks & wines. We do not have a licence for spirits or beers.

Please note: no food or drinks are to be taken into the auditorium.

**DOORS OPEN** 30 minutes prior to performance.

**MANANAN FESTIVAL ONLINE** For up-to-date events listings and information visit our website [www.erinartscentre.com](http://www.erinartscentre.com) and click 'What's On', or on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/erinartscentre](http://www.facebook.com/erinartscentre)

**E-MAIL & MAILING LIST** Keep in touch with events at the Erin Arts Centre by joining The Erin Arts Club or Mananan Friends. For more information contact the Box Office or visit our website, [www.erinartscentre.com](http://www.erinartscentre.com)

*Artists and programmes are correct at the time of going to press and we reserve the right to change artists and/or programmes without notice if necessary. It cannot be assumed that Row A is the front row. Patrons are respectfully reminded that latecomers can only be admitted when there is a suitable pause in the programme.*

*The Promoter reserves the right to refuse admission.*

# MANANAN FESTIVAL OPERA

founded in 1976

Patron: Margaret Curphey

# DON PASQUALE



Stefan Janski  
Opera Director

**By Gaetano Donizetti**

A comic opera performed in English  
14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> September 2018 at 7.30pm

Full details and booking forms will be available in June.

