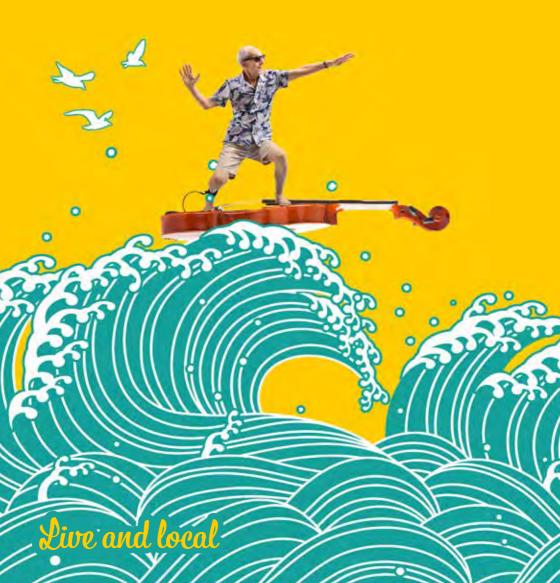
The Bexhill Festival of Music

3 June - 9 July 2023





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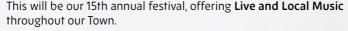
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Welcome to The Bexhill Festival of Music 2023







Here you will find a full variety of musical styles: classical, folk, jazz, rock, swing, choral and musical theatre. The range of instruments continues to grow and this year will be swelled further by an electronic organ and a solo harp!



Many events are free to attend. Others will raise money for our local charities through modest ticket prices/collections/donations.



The Festival is committed to supporting music for our younger generation, so the **Schools Summer Big Sing** will take place at the De La Warr Pavilion. This brings pupils, students and teachers from our local schools and colleges together for an evening of music and singing accompanied by professional musicians. Our thanks extend to the **De La Warr Pavilion**, the **Bexhill Lions** and **Claremont Independent School** and all the **Music Teachers** for their support.



children at **Bexhill Library**.

We thank the advertisers in this programme for their financial help and once again our thanks extend to **Rother District Council**, **Gaby Hardwicke Solicitors**

It is equally encouraging to see that a musical day has been organised for



and McPhersons Accountants for their continued support.

So please attend as many events as you can. It's what all the musicians –



from local amateurs to international professionals – thrive on. Above all, this Festival is for you. It wouldn't exist without you!

Brian Beeston

Chairman info@bexhillfestivalofmusic.co.uk

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SATURDAY JUNE U3

Rother Community Choir proudly presents: Singing in the Reign

An eclectic mix of songs for everyone to enjoy with guest performers the Leading Ladies Musical Tribute.

St Mark's Church, Green Lane, Little Common, Bexhill-on-Sea TN39 4BZ

Doors open at 6.15pm for a 7pm start. Tickets £10. Available from Little Gem. Little Common – Records & Retro. Sackville Road. Bexhill or from choir members and on the door. In support of Chestnut Tree House Children's Hospice and St Michael's Hospice.

FRIDAY JUNE

The Royal Philharmonic Orchestra present **Elgar's Cello Concerto**

Mendelssohn A Midsummer Night's Dream: Overture Elgar Cello Concerto Dvořák Symphony No.8

Rory MacDonald Conductor Guy Johnston Cello

Royal Philharmonic Orchestra

The Royal Philharmonic Orchestra makes a much-anticipated return to the De La Warr Pavillion for a concert of beautiful classics. The evening opens with Mendelssohn's magical Overture to A Midsummer Night's Dream. The fairies and enchanted woodlands of Shakespeare's play captivated Mendelssohn from an early age, inspiring him to write accompanying music. From the opening notes of the overture he perfectly captured the mood of bickering lovers, shimmering sprites and magical forests.

Guy Johnston will then perform Elgar's famous and deeply heartfelt 1919 Cello Concerto. Partly a lament for the First World War, and written in the autumn of his life, it yearns for a simpler, untainted past.

Completing the programme, Rory MacDonald conducts Dvořák's Symphony No.8. Infused with Dvořák's Czech heritage, this Romantic symphony combines soaring string themes, roaring brass, atmospheric percussion and dancing woodwind.

RCC quest performers Leading Ladies Musical Tribute

The Royal Philharmonic Orchestra





FRIDAY JUNE 09

The Spinning Jenny Band Festival Barn Dance **Supporting Warming up The Homeless**

The Spinning Jenny Band are holding their annual charity Barn Dance.

Little Common Community Centre, Shepherds Close TN39 4SQ

Starts 7.30pm. Please bring your own refreshments. Tickets £8 (£4 children) in advance from Colin 01424 215258 or Ken 01424 843486.

SATURDAY JUNE

The Christchurch Singers present their **Summer Concert**

With conductor Pat Reigh, accompanist Neil Bannock and MC Barry Turnwell, the choir will lead you through an evening of songs both Christian and secular with Barry's new selection of jokes and funny stories. To commemorate the coronation there will be a singalong around the British Isles for audience and choir. As always, come early for a good seat.

Christchurch Methodist Church, Springfield Road/Holliers Hill TN40 2BX.

Starts 7pm. ADMISSION FREE with a collection for Warming up the Homeless. For further information contact chriscox60@hotmail.com



The Other Band

A 3-piece outfit based locally, The Other Band presents a rollicking repertoire of Americana, country and blues, driven by mandolin, bass and guitar rhythms coupled with vocal harmonies. It has been plying its trade in the cafés, clubs and bars of Bexhill, St Leonards and Hastings for eight years and is active in raising funds for local causes – including Warming Up the Homeless, St Michael Hospice and the Sara Lee Trust, as well as supporting initiatives such as The Bexhill Family Fun Day celebrating 1250 years of the town's charter.

Bexhill Heritage Coronation Bandstand, De La Warr Parade. Bexhill-on-Sea TN40 1JS

7pm - 9pm.

The Spinning Jenny Band

The Christchurch Singers



SATURDAY JUNE

Create Music Takeover at the De La Warr Pavilion

As part of Create Music's partnership with the De La Warr Pavilion, Create Music are taking over our Outdoor Stage. The takeover will showcase a range of bands and solo performers from local schools and colleges in the Hastings & Rother area, with students from Year 10+ performing.

Outdoor Stage, The De La Warr Pavilion, Marina, Bexhill-on-Sea TN40 1DP **2pm - 6pm.** Free event. Contact events@createmusic.org.uk for more info.

SUNDAY JUNE

The Wacky Band on the Terrace

The Wacky Band is a local Wind Band with over 30 amateur musicians of various ages and abilities who meet once a week to make merry music and play at local festivals, events and fêtes under the guidance of their lively conductor, Alun Francis. They have a vast and varied playlist so you will soon be humming along to a tune you know and love!

The Terrace, De La Warr Pavilion, Marina, Bexhill-on-Sea TN40 1DP

From 12.00. Free event, Phone Brian on 07843 412966 for details.



Kenneth Roberts

Sussex Concert Orchestra present: Baroque Extravaganza

Featuring trumpet soloist Andy Gill with orchestra conducted by Kenneth Roberts, Everyone's favourite Baroque music including Handel's 'Arrival of the Queen of Sheba,' Albinoni's 'Adagio', Trumpet Concerto by Telemann, 'Air on the G string' by Bach and others.

St Peter's Church, Church Street, Bexhill-on-Sea TN40 2HE

Starts 7.30pm. Tickets are £15 on the door or £12 in advance from www.sussexconcertorchestra.org or Second Spin 01424 210894.

Creative Music Takeover

The Wacky Band

Arrival of the Queen of Sheba





SUNDAY JUNE

Mike Hatchard presents: A tribute to **Stephane Grappelli and Dudley Moore**

This show originally premiered to a capacity crowd at the Concert Artists Association, Covent Garden in early 2023 and earned no less than THREE standing ovations. Featuring four of the UK's most sought after musicians the spirit of these two contrasting icons is joyfully recreated.

St Stephens Hall, Down Road, Bexhill-on-Sea TN39 4HA

Starts 7.30. Tickets £12 at the door, reservable from yodelpie@gmail.com or telephone 07710 217672.



On Tour Promotions with No48 present: **Quiz Night with a musical twist!**

Join us for a music themed Quiz Night with lots of fun and prizes.



Town Square Social Club, 4-6 London Road, Bexhill-on-Sea TN39 3JU Starts 7.30pm. Entrance £7.50 with choice of Ploughman's meal or £3 without food. Advanced booking preferred please.

SATURDAY JUNE

The Kukes

The Kukes are an alternative folk/country/pop band, based in Bexhill, featuring melodic harmonies, ukuleles, melodeon, whistle, banjo and an eclectic song choice. Winners of the Ukulele Society of Great Britain's Ukulele Band of the Year contest 2019.

Bexhill Heritage Coronation Bandstand, De La Warr Parade, Bexhill-on-Sea TN40 1JS

Starts 7pm.

Mike Hatchard presents...

The Kukes



SATURDAY JUNE

Kenneth Robert

"The Piano in the Parlour" with Kenneth Roberts. **Bexhill Choral Society's Director of Music**

In the 19th century, no TV, no internet, no streaming – only the piano – the home entertainment of the Victorians. So, what did they play? What was the music our great great grandparents listened to?

Kenneth Roberts, in his highly entertaining way, will guide us through and play some of the music which set Victorian Britain alight, including a section on female composers, of which there were many.

This event is part of the "St. Barnabas Victorian Heyday" celebrations.

St. Barnabas Church, Sea Road, Bexhill-on-Sea TN40 1JG.

Starts 7.30pm. Tickets £12 from Second Spin (cash), Sackville Road, Bexhill-on-Sea, Choir members or on the door.

For bookings in advance, phone 01424 222801. Card payments in advance from ticketsource.co.uk/bcs





SATURDAY JUNE

On Tour Promotions with No48 present: The Rolling Stones Tribute Band 'Stoned'

The leading Rolling Stones Tribute Band in the South East performing all the great hits.

Town Square Social Club, 4-6 London Road. Bexhill-on-Sea TN39 3JU

Starts 8pm. Advance tickets only, £12.50 inclusive, from the venue or www.onlineticketseller.com



SUNDAY JUNE 18



Sarah Jane Morris

Mike Hatchard presents: Jazz Breakfast with Sarah Jane Morris

Sarah Jane Morris has to be one of the most individual voices around. The ex-Communards singer has a stunning CV, now locally-based she still enjoys success on an international level. When collaborating with Mike Hatchard something sublime takes place – one of those shows where you feel almost anything could happen, two performers whose considerable experience has done nothing to dull their infectious exuberance.

Manor Barn, 4 De La Warr Road, Bexhill-on-Sea TN40 2JA

Starts 11am. Tickets £12 at the door or reservable from yodelpie@gmail.com or telephone 07710 217672.



SUNDAY JUNE 18



'Miss Popplewell's Garden' – Outdoor theatre with The Rudes Mechanical Theatre

It's April 1940 and Jocasta, Daphne and Dotty, will have to move from their school in idyllic Little Inkling, Sussex, to Buckinghamshire, where they will take refuge from the war. Lessons are suspended and they have two weeks left to have some fun and say goodbye to their friends. It's a disaster for Daphne. All she wants is to be kissed before she's seventeen, but now she's got to move away, she may never see Gerald again! The girls decide to make one last raid on the old witch Miss Popplewell's strawberry patch. But an intruder gets in first. Who is he? Is it the gypsies, a burglar, a foreign agent, even an escaped convict? The entire village goes into a panic. But they're British! They must stick together.

In the meantime, will the girls get the strawberries? Will their kindly headmistress, Miss Tricklebank, confine them to their dorms? Will Daphne be kissed before she's seventeen? You will have to be there to find out. The play is woven with poignancy and gently unearths buried things from Miss Popplewell's past.

Egerton Park, Egerton Road, Bexhill-on-Sea TN39 3HN

Starts 7.30pm. Visit www.therudemechanicaltheatre.co.uk or ring 01323-501260. Bring your own chairs or rugs and a picnic.



WEDNESDAY JUNE

Schools Big Summer Sing

Join students from Bexhill's schools and colleges raising their voices once again at the Bexhill Festival of Music Big Summer Sing, featuring a massed choir of Year 4 children and live band.

The De La Warr Pavilion, Marina, Bexhill-on-Sea TN40 1DP

Performances at 5pm and 7pm. Tickets: Adults £7 (Under 16s free admission).



SATURDAY JUNE 24

Breadtime Stories for Hungry Souls

Devised and performed by singer, harper and storyteller Sharon Elizabeth. Breadtime Stories for Hungry Souls is a joyous celebration of a time honoured alchemy from earth to table, the breaking of bread, the meeting of the ancient with the now. Like the taste of a fresh loaf this recipe of storytelling, song and harp will nourish and enliven the soul.

Performance followed by a Summer Solstice celebration with folk duo 'Holly and Swerve'.



Manor Barn, 4 De La Warr Road, Bexhill-on-Sea TN40 2JA

7pm doors open for 7.30pm performance. Bar available. Tickets £10 on the door or via www.thegossamerthreadsproject,com.



Holly and Swerve

Serving the People of Bexhill

For a yearly membership of £25, clients have full access to all our services.

Introduction to self employed carers, domestics, gardeners, handyman and shoppers.

Community Car Service

For medical appointments and funerals anywhere in the South East. Suggested donation to Conquest Hospital £20.00* return (includes driver waiting for up to 2 hours).

Dial-A-Ride Bus

Minibus with tail lift to take clients anywhere in Bexhill for £8.50* return (escort free).

Day Centre

We have a Day Centre for the elderly in Bexhill, £20* a day including transport, refreshments, lunch and activities.

We also offer:

- Medical equipment for hire/sale
- Home Library Service for the housebound
- Volunteer sitters and visitors.
- Help to fill out Attendance Allowance and Blue Badge Forms etc.

*All prices / suggested donations current as of April 2022.

If you need help - contact us:

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Heart-stopping Romantic music from the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra awaits you on Friday 9 June 2023, 7.30pm

Mendelssohn

A Midsummer Night's Dream: Overture

Elgar

Cello Concerto

Dvořák

Symphony No.8

Guy Johnston Cello
Rory MacDonald Conductor

"Here was music-making of the highest order, probing and expressive, analytical and virtuosic."

The Guardian reviewing Guy Johnston's performance of Elgar's Cello Concerto, Jan 2023





SATURDAY JUNE

Queenie

Starts 1pm

Queenie is a talented young singer songwriter from Bexhill, who performs her own songs and covers with piano accompaniment.

Bexhill Heritage Coronation Bandstand, De La Warr Parade. Bexhill-on-Sea TN40 1JS



SUNDAY JUNE

Bexhill Classical Guitar Society Summer Meeting

This event will feature our members (amateurs) performances, a professional luthier demonstration and a short professional recital by the award-winning Irish guitarist Manus Noble followed by refreshments.

St Augustine's Church Hall, St Augustine's Close, Cooden Drive, Bexhill-on-Sea TN39 3AZ

3pm-5pm. Free Entry, donations collected to support the society. Cash & Card accepted. There is limited seating on a first come, first served basis, doors open at 14:45.

TUESDAY JUNE

Bexhill Community Singers present: A Summer's Evening of Song

Following on from our successful sold out 'Musicals' concert last year, Bexhill Community Singers and guests will be performing a selection of favourite songs old and new.

St Peters Community Centre, Bexhill Old Town TN40 2HE

Starts 7pm. Thanks to a generous sponsor, entry is free and includes light refreshments and a programme. Any proceeds from donations and the sale of raffle tickets will go to Cancer Research UK. For more information and to reserve your place, please contact bexhillcommunitysingers@hotmail.com or telephone 07913 818522.

Manus Noble

Bexhill Community Singers



TUESDAY JUNE

Organ Music Concert

Held at the Egerton Park Bowls Club on the last Tuesday of every month, our keyboard concerts present an evening of easy listening music featuring some of the best keyboard artists in the UK. This evening we are proud to welcome the internationally renowned player, Chris Powell.

Egerton Park Indoor Bowls Club, Egerton Road, Bexhill-on-Sea TN39 3HL Doors open 7pm, starts 7.30pm. Entrance £10 payable on the door. For full details contact Derek on 01424 848793.

WEDNESDAY JUNE

Repertoire to include:

Guitar

Book of Spells (Durrant) The Sleep of a King (Durrant) Works by Agustin Barrios Durrant versions of JS Bach

Ukulele

JS Bach and British Isles folk

Richard Durrant: Music for Midsummer

In his celebration of midsummer this maverick virtuoso and natural storyteller performs his own guitar originals, choice moments from the acoustic/classical repertoire and Bach on the ukulele. This wonderful music can be heard in venues the length of the British Isles played by an extraordinary musician carrying his entire show on a bicycle.

Guitar virtuoso and composer Richard Durrant studied at the Royal College of Music, but his unexpected musical choices and the sheer emotional depth of his playing set him apart. Connection with the land is central to Richard's work including his last three acclaimed albums Stringhenge, Rewilding and The Sleep of a King. His tours and album releases are planned around the Solstices and Equinoxes.

Durrant's bicycle stands next to him onstage at each concert, its lights illuminating his performance. His idea of "Cycling Music" was motivated by the effect on the environment of an average 35,000 carbon heavy miles playing concerts in the years leading up to his first Cycling Music tour in 2014.

Durrant says: "These concerts are not just about the fragile beauty of these instruments, they might also remind people how remarkable a bicycle is. Bicycles save money and promote good health but most importantly they help protect the natural environment. We must all acknowledge that there is a climate crisis."

Chris Powell





"One is left with the impression of a man who loves music and life in equal measure," Gramophone Magazine

St Peter's Church, Church Street, Bexhill-on-Sea TN40 2HE

Time: 7.30 - 9.30. Tickets: £16. £15 concessions: £5 for under 18s. Buy online at De La Warr Pavilion website or call 01424 229111 or buy on the door.

FRIDAY JUNE

Bexhill & Little Common Royal British Legion Band

The Bexhill and Little Common Royal British Legion Band are delighted to be performing in the festival once again this year. They play a wide selection of wind band pieces, arrangements of popular, film and show tunes with the occasional short classical piece thrown in for good measure!

The band is led by Martin Bunce, a highly experienced conductor, composer and trumpeter. Martin has (among other ventures) performed with a number of leading orchestras, including most notably the London Symphony Orchestra. When not at the club, they play throughout East Sussex including Eastbourne and Alexandra Park Bandstands, and Lewes Town Hall.

Town Square Social Club, 4-6 London road, Bexhill-on-Sea TN39 3JU **Starts 8pm**. Tickets are available on the door or in advance from the club bar, price £3.

SATURDAY JULY

The F.O.G

The F.O.G (Five Old Geezers) are a five piece local band playing a lively mix of 60s/70s, Blues & Country. Together for the past 5 years, appearing at various local venues. Come and join us at the Albatross Club on Saturday



Albatross RAFA Club, 15 Marina, Bexhill-on-Sea TN40 1JS Starts 3pm.

British Leaion Band



SATURDAY JULY

BEXFEST 2023 at the De La Warr Pavilion

After the huge success of Bexfest 2022, we are excited to announce Bexfest will return in 2023. Bringing you the BEST anthems from the 90s, naughties all the way up to your favourites today! This year's lineup includes Jaguar Skills, Vula (Basement Jaxx) performing her Basement Jaxx hits Oh My Gosh, Red Alert, Turn Me On & more, UK Apache (Original Nuttah Live), Rozalla performing Everybody's Free & more, Kele Le Roc performing Garage anthem My Love + Bassment Jaxx hit Romeo & more, Alex Party performing Don't give me your life, Read my lips & more, DJ Pied Piper & MC DT Do you really like it. Sweet Female Attitude performing Flowers



& more, Top Cat (Live PA) hits from Champion Sound/Police & Helicopter/Shy Fx – Everyday/Bun the Sensi & many more, Miss Melody + more TBA.

On the DLWP Terrace & West Lawn, De La Warr Pavilion, Marina. Bexhill-on-Sea TN40 1DP

2pm-10.30pm. Tickets £28, £31, £35 from the box office at www.dlwp.com



SUNDAY JULY

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The Harp, 35 Devonshire Road, Bexhill-on-Sea TN40 1AH Starts 3pm.

TUESDAY JULY 04

ContraBand Big Band - an evening of Swing and Latin numbers

ContraBand continues to be a 17 piece big band playing swing jazz, latin and other styles of music. We have been in our current formation since Covid. We rehearse weekly and have enjoyed gigging last year both indoors and also outdoors on bandstands. We are delighted to be involved with the festival again and this year are raising money for the Alzheimer's Society.

Town Square Social Club, 4-6 London Road, Bexhill-on-Sea TN39 3JU Starts 7.30pm. Tickets will be £7.50. Information from Ronnie Parker (bandleader) on 07973 703053. Tickets also available at the venue itself.

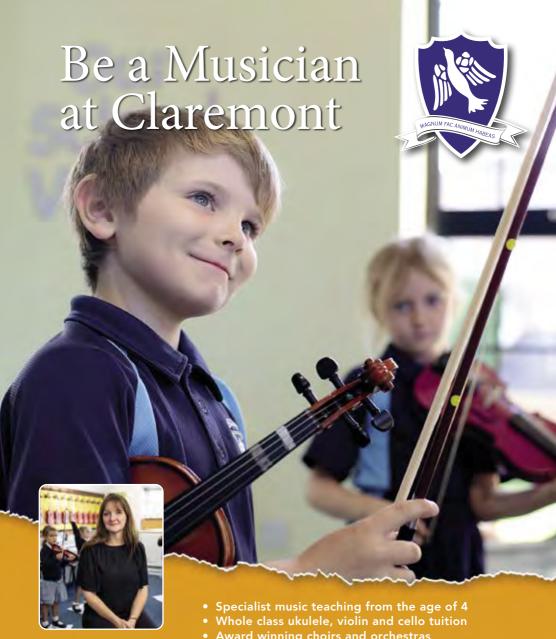
ContraBand (photo by jefftpenfold)











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SATURDAY JULY 08

Sharon wishes to thank East Sussex Library for generously supporting this event



Bexhill Library Presents: 'Jacob and the Raven King' a free musical storytelling experience for all the family

Written and performed by Sharon Elizabeth

Jacob travels back in time to medieval Pevensey Castle where the king has descended into a deep lament after the mysterious death of his beloved white raven. The king is paralysed with grief and suspicion, but Jacob's encounter with a travelling harper brings the magic they have all been searching for. Followed by an introduction to the harp.

The story has been adapted for two age groups.

11am: 2 to 7 year olds. Duration 1 hour 2pm: 8 to 11 year olds. Duration 1 hour

Sharon Elizabeth is a storyteller, singer, harper and community musician who has toured extensively both here and in New Zealand. www.thegossamerthreadsproject.com

Bexhill Library, Western Road, Bexhill-on-Sea TN40 1DY





SUNDAY IUIY

The Bexhill Classical Guitar Society Recital

Featuring a recital by international prize-winning Bulgarian guitarist Pavel Raley

St Barnabas Church, Cantelupe Road, Bexhill-on-Sea TN40 1JG

Starts 3pm until 4pm. This event is free to enter and we ask for donations in a retiring collection to keep the society and concert series going. Cash and card accepted.



The Last Night of the Bexhill Proms with the Sussex Concert Orchestra at the De La Warr Pavilion

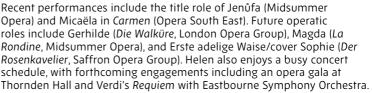
Conducted by Kenneth Roberts

Featuring the **Bexhill Festival Choir** led by **Lorraine Barry** and guest soprano soloist Helen Bailey.

The first half of the evening will be a trip to the magical world of Vienna featuring music by Johann Strauss and Frank Lehar and will include The Blue Danube, Radetzky March, Thunder and Lightning and music from The Merry Widow.

After the interval it's time to wave your flags and sing along to all the prom favourites including I Vow to Thee My Country, Fantasia on Sea Songs, Jerusalem and Auld Lang Syne! Union flags are available on the evening.

British lyric soprano, Helen Bailey, trained at Trinity College of Music, Royal Academy of Music, and Royal Academy Opera.



Starts 7.30pm. Tickets £11, £16 & £21 (concessions available). Box office 01424 229111. Book online at www.dlwp.com





Kenneth Roberts



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Last Night of the Bexhill Proms

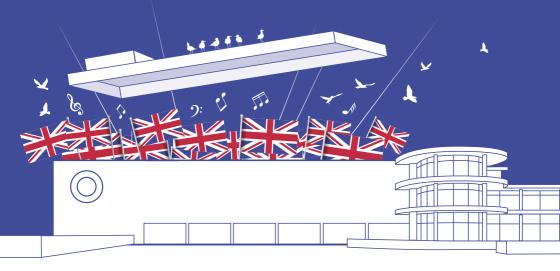






Louise was so wrong when she thought she was going to be the lead singer in the new line up!

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BEXHILL PROMS

SUNDAY 9 JULY 2023



Helen Bailey

SUSSEX CONCERT ORCHESTRA

Conducted by **Kenneth Roberts**Featuring the **Bexhill Festival Choir**led by **Lorraine Barry** and guest soprano soloist **Helen Bailey**.



Kenneth Roberts

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De La Warr Pavilion, Sunday 3rd July 2022. Starts 7.30pm. Tickets £11, £16, £21. Concessions available.

Box office **01424 229111**.







