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Dear music lover

Welcome to our 75th season of concerts and to live music again. We hope you have kept safe during the pandemic and are ready to re-join us.

When Maidenhead Music Society began in 1946, its initial success was followed by setbacks including disastrous floods in 1947. Once again, we have survived a crisis, but our future is dependent upon the return of loyal members and increased attendances, so please come to concerts with your friends and family.

By joining as a Member, you get £5 discount on the full price for all concerts. If you come to 4 or more concerts, a Season Ticket provides an even greater saving and gives you your chosen seat in the Courtyard Theatre at Norden Farm.

We are celebrating our new start with a new-look brochure and a new logo but retain our trademark quality of music, played by the finest musicians. Our season opens with the lively Barefoot Opera performing two short works, one Classical and one Romantic. There follows every combination of piano, strings and winds. We have the much-loved piano soloist, Piers Lane; the young violin and piano duo of Elizaveta Tyun and Amiran Zenaishvili; the world-famous quartet, the Wihan, on an international tour; a quintet, the Daphnis Wind; and two ensembles, the Endymion with horn and clarinet, and Tom Poster's acclaimed Kaleidoscope Collective. Music from Gluck to Cole Porter!

Norden Farm is also weathering the storm and keeping the venue safe. Remember: a ticket to a concert allows you a discounted meal, so you could make an evening of the event. Milling around before and after the concert gives us all the opportunity to get to know one another. Note that the March 2022 concert will be at the Braywick Leisure Centre, which you may be familiar with from sports or Covid tests, but soon open to wider cultural activities.

There will be other events during the year, such as our Rising Stars concert. Let us have your details via the membership form and we will keep you informed. Our website also contains further information.

Having been Chairman for nearly a year, but unable to meet you, I am particularly enthusiastic to see you at the opera and our AGM in October – please seek me out if I haven't already buttonholed you!

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