

## PROGRAMME PREVIEW 2013

### NINTH EAST NEUK FESTIVAL OFF TO A FLYING START 3-7 July

The beautiful landscape of the East Neuk region of Fife has always inspired Festival artistic director Svend Brown and 2013 is no exception - with birds flocking into the theme of things in a big way.

One of the soaring highlights of the East Neuk

Festival is the UK premiere of *Inuksuit*, a huge outdoor percussion work composed in 2009 by **John Luther Adams**, one of today's greatest musical thinkers and experimentalists. Stimulated by the nature and ecosystems of his Alaskan home, Adams is a perfect voice for the Festival mantra of magically combining music with natural environment to give a special sense of place.

Birds have inspired musicians for many centuries and were described by Messiaen as 'God's own musicians': one of his avian-inspired works and Adams' *Songbirdsongs* will feature in the musical programme as well as Beethoven's Symphony No 6 'Pastoral'. Our feathered friends will also be depicted in the art, sculpture and literary strands of the 2013 Festival.

The core music programme is, as ever, five days of world-class music making with some of the greatest musicians and ensembles around: the **Scottish Chamber Orchestra**, **Tallis Scholars**, **London Conchord Ensemble**, Scotland's contemporary music ensemble **Red Note**, **Elias String Quartet** and the **Tokyo String Quartet** in their last ever European recital before they retire. **Christian Zacharias** also returns to his beloved East Neuk for the fifth time as both pianist and conductor.

Renowned for imaginative use of often quirky venues, the Festival will be roosting round the Cambo country house estate for a day-long programme of music, food, literature, art and family events in the gardens and grounds and also the huge potato

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barn, the acoustic triumph of last year. Treasured churches of Cellardyke, Crail, Kilrenny and St Monans continue to host music ranging from Taverner to Ligeti by way of Beethoven, Brahms and Mozart.

**Littoral**, the literary strand of East Neuk Festival, builds on last year's successful debut with a lively programme of readings and discussion on the subjects of nature, landscape, foraging and, undoubtedly, birds. An expanded programme will include storytelling, events for children and a creative writing masterclass.

Full programme will be announced late January 2013.

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