

*13<sup>th</sup> - 15<sup>th</sup> December:*

## Klosters Christmas Concerts

The magnificent Christmas Concerts truly herald the start of the festive season in Klosters! This is the 11<sup>th</sup> year of these special concerts, an extravaganza of musical treats of the highest quality, originally founded by Geoff Richards and Claude Schauerte in 2009.

cs | The concerts will be curated for the second year by Stephen Johns, Artistic Director of the Royal College of Music, London, and guest conductors will be Mark Biggins, from the English National Opera and Dr. Felix Bagge, from the Lund University.

The Lund Student Singers from Sweden have now become the Lund Switzerland Singers since many of them are no longer officially part of the choir in Lund University – the Christmas Concerts would just not be the same without them! In honor of the fact that the singers have been coming to Klosters for so many years, Felix is bringing the original singers back once again for this very special occasion. We look forward to welcoming them and their traditional and contemporary repertoire will as always delight the audience.

Also returning is the very gifted soprano soloist Julieth Lozano, the highly talented violinist Emily Sun and the brilliant tenor Theodor Uggla, who used to be in the Lund choir and as of last year has entered the Royal College of Music. New this year is Jonathan Radford, an internationally acclaimed saxophonist. Last but not least, we welcome back the Klosters Festival Singers who never fail to warm the hearts of the audience with their angelic song and the exceptional RCM Chamber Ensemble.

The programme opens this year on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December with a «lounge» concert held for the first time in Grizzly's Bar in the Piz Buin Hotel at 7.30 pm. The evening will include traditional carols, clas-



Dr. Felix Bagge from Lund University conducting not only the singers but the audience too with great gusto!

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sical highlights from Haydn and Schubert to Puccini, as well as some fun choral surprises. The evening's ticket includes a cocktail and apéro. Tickets were strictly limited, and it could be they are already sold out when you read this.

Saturday evening's concert will be held in St. Jakob's church at 7.30 pm with the full company of musicians and singers alongside the Royal College of Music Ensemble, all under the baton of conductor Mark Biggins, recently appointed Chorus Master at the English National Opera.

The evening will include such favourites as excerpts from Piazzola, Bach and Vivaldi's Four Seasons, as well as fragments from the monumental works of Durante (Magnificat) and Mozart (Solemn Vespers). The evening will feature all the young soloists, including a unique and special opportunity to hear the young up-

and-coming musician, Jonathan Radford on saxophone.

Sunday's concert starts at 5.00 pm in St. Jakob church with a programme of traditional Christmas music for choir and organ, including carols as well as music by Fauré, Sibelius, Franck, and Rachmaninov. This will be a truly magical afternoon to end the Christmas Concerts weekend with contributions from Stephen Johns on the organ, the impressive RCM trumpeters, soprano and tenor soloists taking stage alongside the Lund Switzerland Singers and the Klosters Festival Singers. As with every year, glühwein and cookies will be served after the concert.

### Tickets

Tickets can be purchased at the Klosters and Davos Tourist offices or online at <https://feriishop.davos.ch/de/event>.

On the Klosters Music Festival website ([KlostersMusicFestiva.ch](http://KlostersMusicFestiva.ch)), you can find all updated information, including a copy of the Christmas Concerts Brochure and all relevant ticket information and costs. The Klosters Christmas Concerts are a non-profit organisation and are made possible by the support of its members. All membership information and benefits can be found on the website.

A huge thank you to Geoff Richards and Stephen Johns and the hard-working team for this wonderful treat of high-class music at the Klosters Christmas Concerts next weekend.



Artistic Director Stephen Johns (left), an accomplished organist, choral conductor and Artistic Director of RCM with Felix Bagge. Foto: cs



Soloists Theodor Uggla (tenor) and Julieth Lozano (soprano) will be back again to wow the audience with their truly magical voices. Foto: cs