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**THE PROGRAMME**



6:45PM

RECEPTION WITH CHAMPAGNE LAURENT-PERRIER AND CANAPÉS  
AT BELMOND LE MANOIR AUX QUAT'SAISONS

7:30PM

TORCH LIT WALK TO ST. MARY'S CHURCH FOR THE EVENING'S MUSICAL PERFORMANCE

8:00PM

PERFORMANCE COMMENCES

9:15PM

RETURN FOR A CELEBRATION DINNER CREATED BY RAYMOND BLANC, GARY JONES  
AND BENOIT BLIN, WITH SELECTED WINES, COFFEE AND PETITS FOURS

11:45PM

CARRIAGES



Dear Friends, old and new

Every autumn we celebrate with our own festival that combines two of my greatest loves; food and music. I wish you the warmest welcome to Belmond Le Manoir aux Quat'Saisons.

I am thrilled to welcome back internationally acclaimed Welsh opera singer Sir Bryn Terfel. As one of the world's most sought after singers, this year he is accompanied by harpist, Hannah Stone to make his long-awaited return to Belmond Le Manoir. Together they will perform a selection of his favourite operatic arias and popular songs.

Having released her fifth studio album, *Life, Love, Flesh, Blood* worldwide last year and following her UK tour, we are delighted to welcome, for the first time, the remarkable singer-songwriter Imelda May for the second evening of our festival.

For such a prestigious occasion, you will be welcomed with Champagne Laurent-Perrier and the most delicate canapés. My brigade and I have created menus to savour, matched with delightful wines. I am also delighted to introduce you to this year's festival sponsors, Chubb Insurance.

Let us enjoy.

CHEF PATRON  
RAYMOND BLANC OBE





THE PERFORMANCE  
TUESDAY 2ND OCTOBER

## SIR BRYN TERFEL & HANNAH STONE



We are thrilled to welcome back opera superstar Sir Bryn Terfel. As one of the world's most sought after singers, this year he is accompanied by harpist, Hannah Stone to make his long-awaited return to Belmond Le Manoir. His incredible presence on stage, phenomenal voice and his overflowing personality all contribute to his breathtaking performances.

Welsh bass-baritone **Sir Bryn Terfel** has established an extraordinary career, performing regularly on the prestigious concert stages and opera houses of the World, including the Royal Opera House, Covent Garden; the Metropolitan Opera, New York; Opéra National de Paris; Teatro Alla Scala and Zürich Opera. Roles for which he is most noted include *Falstaff*, *Dulcamara*, *Wotan* and *Holländer*. Recent additions to his repertoire include *Reb Tevye*, *Boris Godunov* and *Sweeney Todd*.

An acclaimed recitalist, he is equally renowned for his versatility as a concert performer with highlights ranging from the opening ceremony of the Wales Millennium Centre, BBC Last Night of the Proms, and the Royal Variety Show to a Gala Concert with Andrea Bocelli in Central Park, New York.

**Hannah Stone**, former Harpist to H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, studied at the Guildhall School of Music and Drama, London where she gained a B.Mus. and M.Mus. degree. During her studies, Hannah was selected to represent the Guildhall School in collaboration with the Academies Festival Orchestra, Singapore. This project culminated in an opening gala performance for the Singapore Sun Festival at the Esplanade Theatre with Dame Kiri te Kanawa. In 2010 Hannah returned to Wales to further her studies at the Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama, Cardiff, supported by the Victor Salvi Scholarship and graduated in 2012.

Hannah has performed at many notable venues including the Barbican Centre, LSO St Luke's, St John's Smith Square, Museum

of London, National Concert Hall in Dublin, St David's Hall and the Wales Millennium Centre in Cardiff. In 2010 Hannah was appointed principal harpist with the Schleswig Holstein Festival Orchestra touring Europe. She has performed as guest soloist with orchestras including the BBC National Orchestra of Wales, Sinfonia Cymru, RTÉ Concert Orchestra, English Chamber Orchestra and Borusan Philharmonic Orchestra, Istanbul.

Broadcasts include 'Bryn Terfel's Christmas', 'Carols from Llandudno', 'Noson Lawen' and 'Dechrau Canu Dechrau Canmol' for S4C and 'In Tune' for BBC Radio 3. Hannah features on Catrin Finch's 'Lullabies' on the Deutsche Grammophon label.



## MENU

**LA COQUILLE SAINT-JACQUES**  
SEARED SCALLOP, TEXTURES OF CAULIFLOWER

**L'OEUF**  
TRUFFLED HENS EGG, PARMESAN, MUSHROOM TEA

**LE TURBOT**  
CORNISH TURBOT, PARSLEY & PICKLED COCKLES

**LA VENAISON**  
RHUG ESTATE VENISON, JUNIPER

**LE CHOCOLAT**  
BITTER CHOCOLATE MARQUISE, SOFT CARAMEL AND CURCUMA ICE CREAM



THE PERFORMANCE  
WEDNESDAY 3RD OCTOBER

## IMELDA MAY



If you don't know Imelda May, prepare to be blown away. If you are already a fan, get ready to hear her as you never have before.

She has found a new groove, exploring blues, soul, gospel, folk, rock, sensitive acoustica, cinematic drama and explosive balladry on a set of the boldest, most personal and intimately autobiographical songs she has ever written. Long celebrated by peers as one of the most sensational singers of contemporary music, Imelda May has made the album of her life "*Life Love Flesh Blood*".

Her musical range is breathtaking, from the classic fifties rock and soul melodrama of bitter ballad *Black Tears* to the slinky, sensuous *How Bad Can A Good Girl Be?* Imelda knew before she had even begun work on *Life Love Flesh Blood* that it was time for a change of musical direction. "I love the rawness of rockabilly but it's just one of the many

musics that inspired me. I also love my punk, blues and jazz and it was always mixed in there." Her 2014 album *Tribal*, she says "meant a lot to me because I knew I had got to the end of that road. I wanted to go as far as I could, so that I could step away from it." It was her highest chart topping album worldwide, going to number one in Ireland, and top three in the UK.

Such stellar talents don't congregate by chance. Imelda's reputation as a vocalist can be deduced from the company she keeps, performing over the years with Lou Reed, Smokey Robinson, Tom Jones, Meat Loaf, David Gilmore, Sinéad O'Connor, Wanda Jackson, Lulu, Paolo Nutini, The Dubliners, The Chieftains, U2, Robert Plant and many more.



## MENU

### LA BETTERAVE

TERRINE OF GARDEN BEETROOT, HORSERADISH

### LE CRABE

RAVIOLI OF CORNISH CRAB, GINGER CONSOMME

### LE FLETAN

CONFIT OF GIGHA HALIBUT, SMOKED PAPRIKA

### LA CAILLE

SPICED NORFOLK QUAIL, ROAST CARROT

### LE CAMEL

SALTED CARAMEL MILLEFEUILLE, ALMOND MILK ICE CREAM







## TICKETS

Tickets for **The Raymond Blanc Festival of Music** include a Champagne Laurent-Perrier reception upon arrival, the evening's concert performance at St Mary's Church, followed by a celebration dinner at Belmond Le Manoir, with accompanying wines, coffee and homemade petits fours.

### TICKETS ARE PRICED AT £450 PER PERSON.

All reservations are taken on a strictly first come, first served basis. Dress is smart casual and you will be seated at tables with fellow guests in either La Belle Epoque or the restaurant. Menus are subject to change without prior notice.



## HISTORY OF THE RAYMOND BLANC FESTIVAL OF MUSIC

Belmond Le Manoir aux Quat'Saisons is the fulfilment of Raymond Blanc's personal vision – to create a hotel and restaurant in harmony, where guests will find perfection in food, comfort, service and welcome. It is a house that loves to celebrate and for 27 years, **The Raymond Blanc Festival of Music** has become firmly established as one of the autumn's social and musical highlights. We have welcomed many of the most celebrated artists from the world of opera, classical music and jazz. Past performers have included **Jack Savoretti, Jamie Cullum, Bryn Terfel, Russell Watson, Katherine Jenkins OBE, Courtney Pine CBE, Madeleine Peyroux, Rick Wakeman, Alfie Boe, Cleo Laine & John Dankworth, Julian Lloyd Webber, Inessa Galante, Montserrat Caballé & Lesley Garrett.**



## OVERNIGHT ACCOMMODATION

For those guests wishing to stay overnight, Belmond Le Manoir has a choice of 32 elegant bedrooms and suites offering the highest standard of comfort and luxury, each room is individually designed and many have their own private garden terrace.

For more information and reservations please telephone events on 01844 277200 or email: [events.mqs@belmond.com](mailto:events.mqs@belmond.com)

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