

## Samling's Summer Celebration

Our seasonal highlight, *Party in the Garden* is the perfect way to welcome in summer in style, and it is just around the corner. From 12 noon on Sunday 20 June a fun afternoon awaits guests from far and wide in the beautiful gardens of Dilston House, near Corbridge in Northumberland.

An outdoor feast will be offered to all guests, including delicious barbecue food, freshly prepared salads and accompaniments. And no British garden party would be complete without strawberries and cream, afternoon tea and cakes to enjoy on the lawns. Summery drinks from Pimms to real ale will be available from the bar.

Samling champions gifted, young musicians wherever possible. So we are delighted to announce that the party atmosphere will be amplified by young people from across our county taking to the two stages. Performers will include string trio Trinski, modern brass ensemble Geneva Brass, Queen Elizabeth High School's big band and steel drummers the Sunshine Panners.

As well as music, our garden party offers visual artists from the North East and Cumbria an opportunity to show and sell their work. This year's specially curated Samling exhibition will feature a new line-up of artists, including Louise Bradley, Anja Percival, Peter J Rodgers, Lizzie Rowe and paintings by our Patron, Sir Thomas Allen. We will also feature sculptures by Linda Watson and works in glass by Gavin Marshall.

What's more, luxury prizes will be on offer in the Samling auction and summer raffle. Our large marquees will provide shelter, whatever the weather. We hope this will be to give some shade on a warm summer's day, just like last year!

***Party in the Garden*** is not only a great day out for family and friends; it is a vital fundraising event in a time when historic sources of funding are diminishing. Money raised goes towards helping us continue providing a vital link between world class artists (still to come this year alone are the great baritones Olaf Bär and Sir Thomas Allen, as well as David Syrus, Head of Music at the Royal Opera House and Scottish soprano Isobel Buchanan) and emerging, young musicians through our residential Masterclass and Concert series.

These artists also share their work and talents in performances for audiences in the North East and beyond. We also provide opportunities for young professional singers and musicians to share their talents, work and perform with schoolchildren as part of our Outreach programme (please see details of our latest project in Cumbria overleaf).

***Party in the Garden*** tickets are available directly from Samling. Simply complete an invitation slip or contact us to find out more. Come and explore the gardens, take part in the fun activities laid on throughout the day for adults and especially children, or simply sit back and enjoy friendly company in an idyllic setting.



Photographs: Marc Hewison

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# Inspired!

Kirby Lonsdale was the hub of Samling's lively Outreach project in May this year. Five Scholars and the Berkeley Ensemble spent three days in the town working with pupils from St Mary's C of E Primary and Queen Elizabeth School giving presentations, workshops and rehearsing repertoire for a concert in St Mary's Parish Church. Called 'Inspired' this climax to the residency saw two choirs – primary and secondary – sing special arrangements of spirituals, Tyneside folksongs and opera choruses accompanied by the professional ensemble and pupil orchestra.

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## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### PARTY IN THE GARDEN

**Sunday 20 June, 12pm onwards**  
Dilston House, Corbridge  
With live music, barbecue lunch, afternoon tea, activities for children, auction & original art to buy.  
**Tickets in advance:** £40 per family (2 adults and up to 4 children), £18 per adult, £5 per child  
**Tickets on the day:** £45 per family (2 adults and up to 4 children), £20 per adult, £6 per child.  
Tickets available from Samling on 01434 602885 or email enquiries@samling.org.uk

### SAMLING MASTERCLASS WEEK

**Sunday 10 – Sunday 17 October**  
Led by Olaf Bär, David Syrus and Paul Farrington, with pianists Caroline Dowdle, Christopher Glynn and six specially selected young singers and a pianist:

Ruby Hughes	Soprano
Kathrin Neubert	Soprano
Justina Gringyte	Mezzo-soprano
Sam Boden	Tenor
John Moore	Baritone
Derek Welton	Baritone
James Baillieu	Piano

#### Samling Masterclass

**Wednesday 13 October, 2-5pm**  
Hall Two, The Sage Gateshead  
Tickets £10

#### Samling Concert

**Saturday 16 October, 7pm**  
Hall Two, The Sage Gateshead  
Tickets £20.50 (A/B), £14 (C)

Tickets available from The Sage Gateshead  
Ticket Office 0191 443 4661 or  
www.thesagegateshead.org

### SAMLING MASTERCLASS WEEK

**Sunday 7 – Sunday 14 November**  
Led by Sir Thomas Allen, Isobel Buchanan, Roger Vignoles, Paul Farrington and Caroline Dowdle with six specially selected young singers and two pianists, including:

Meeta Raval	Soprano
John Pumphrey	Tenor
Andrew Finden	Baritone
Philip Smith	Baritone
Will Vann	Piano

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### SAMLING SHOWCASE

**Wigmore Hall, London**  
**Friday 10 December, 7.30pm**  
Sir Thomas Allen and Malcolm Martineau lead this annual concert in London, with performances by five Samling Scholars:

Sarah-Jane Brandon	Soprano
Cecelia Hall	Mezzo-soprano
James Geer	Tenor
Philip Smith	Baritone
Daniel Wnukowski	Piano



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# Friendly Feedback

**Just like many charities and arts organisations, Samling offers its supporters the chance to join a Friends' scheme. In return for their donation, our Friends receive a range of benefits and are invited to become actively involved in our work. Two of our Friends wrote to us recently to tell us why they joined up..."**

"There is a certain frisson," says Gold member Doreen Middlemast, "about chatting to incredibly talented people who have just given stunning performances on stage. Being a Friend affords the opportunity to give personal encouragement to these singers and accompanists who are starting out on their careers. It is a great thrill to hear of the singers being aware of the warmth of the audience's support during Masterclasses and also to watch the future development of their careers, knowing that "you heard it here first"!

"As a Friend I can also support the educational aspect of Samling's work. Samling's approach to involving youngsters in music is very refreshing and the high quality education work produced in the Schools' Projects is not only admirable but vital in ensuring future audiences and musicians. Music students of any age are welcomed at Masterclass sessions too and give rapt attention when they have access to such an experience."

"Samling allows me to offer my support for the highest quality music-making right here and right now in the North-East. I know that I am contributing to an organisation which is passionate about ticking both the educational and musical boxes in order to leave a lasting legacy for the world-wide music profession of tomorrow. As Sir Thomas Allen says "There is nothing quite like this in the world."

John Haggith has supported Samling from its very early days. "No other charity I support offers in return so much sheer pleasure and its continual striving for excellence is close to my heart," he wrote.

"Experiencing a masterclass with Thomas Allen, or any of the supreme international opera stars, pianists and leaders, including a brilliant vocal consultant, handing on their expertise to highly gifted young singers from around the world is a delight. Masterclass is an engrossing and wonderfully enjoyable experience and the end-of-course concert at which the students and their tutors perform are joyous occasions, which anyone can attend. To share the tutors' enthusiasm and the students' exhilaration as they describe the week frequently as the most inspirational experience of their lives is a unique privilege available nowhere else. Samling enriches my life".

**If you would like to join the Samling Friends' Scheme and support our work with young artists of all ages or find out more please call 01434 602885 or email Claire Murphy at enquiries@samling.org.uk**

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