



STRAWBERRY HILL
Horace Walpole's Gothic Castle

Music for a Gothic Villa



An entertainment for Horace Walpole in the spirit of
18th century Gothic with music by Cavazzoni, Byrd,
Arne, Galuppi, Royer and CPE Bach

Yeo Yat-Soon: Harpsichord

7.30pm on Thursday 23rd July 2015

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Tickets £16.00 (Children £10.00) available from:
<http://www.strawberryhillhouse.org.uk> 020 8744 1241 or at the door

Prize-winning harpsichordist and distinguished teacher Yeo Yat-Soon returns to Strawberry Hill with a fascinating programme specially devised for Strawberry Hill and Horace Walpole. It comprises music by Walpole's contemporary Londoners, composers which he may have encountered on his 'grand tour' of Europe in the 1740's and music in the spirit of 18th century Gothic which Walpole did so much to pioneer.



In 1749, Horace Walpole began building Strawberry Hill House. Over the next twenty five years he created a magnificent villa in the style which became known as 18th century Gothic. In 1764 he further developed the Gothic theme by publishing what was to be recognized as the first ever Gothic novel, *The Castle of Otranto*, whose fantastical and supernatural themes (said to have been sparked by a dream he had at Strawberry Hill) influenced later writers of Gothic fiction in the 18th and 19th centuries.



Yeo Yat-Soon studied at King's College London and the Guildhall School of Music and Drama, where he won the prestigious Raymond Russell Prize for Harpsichord. Yat-Soon has specialised in baroque opera and has conducted major productions for London Baroque Opera, the City of London Festival and Opéra de Baugé. Yat-Soon works widely as a harpsichordist, performing regularly at prestigious historic venues in the UK and throughout Europe. Recent solo work has included performances at Handel House Museum for the British Harpsichord Society and the Friedenau Kammeraal for the Early Music Society of Berlin. He is a member of Follia, The Lovekyn Consort and the Berlin-based Camerata Berolinensis and has broadcast for BBC Radio 3 and Classic FM. Yat-Soon also has a long association with education, having been Director of Music at The Lady Eleanor Holles School and St Paul's Girls' School, during which time he conducted orchestras of national repute which toured China and the USA and broadcast for BBC and Channel 4 television.

For further details please visit:

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