

Memento Mori Froberger – Concert Series 2016

Yeo Yat-Soon: Harpsichord



Johann Jakob Froberger 1616 – 1667

Johann Jakob Froberger, the 400th anniversary of whose birth is commemorated in 2016, was one of the most extraordinary and original voices in music history. He was a poet, a story teller and a travel writer in music. Through his extensive travels he developed a wide circle of friends and colleagues throughout Europe, including Frescobaldi in Italy, Louis Couperin in France and the diplomat and patron of the arts Constantijn Huygens in the Low Countries. His uniquely intimate and personal style was hugely influential on his contemporaries and subsequent generations of composers, including Buxtehude, Bach, Handel and even Mozart. At the height of his career he was fortunate in having a patron, the Holy Roman Emperor Ferdinand III, who was genuinely knowledgeable about music. In his last years he was supported loyally by another musical patron Sybilla, Duchess of Montbéliard at whose chateau he died.

Throughout 2016 prize-winning harpsichordist and distinguished teacher Yeo Yat-Soon will be giving a series of concerts commemorating the life and times of Froberger. Programmes will include music by Froberger himself as well as his contemporaries and composers in subsequent generations who were influenced by him.

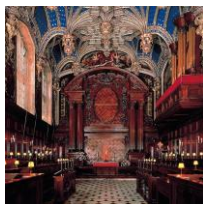
The series opens with a concert in the opulent setting of the Chapel Royal at Hampton Court Palace and further concerts will take place in historical and intimate venues: the Holywell Music Room in Oxford, Music by the Commons in Wimbledon, Garrick's Temple to Shakespeare in Hampton, Walpole Chapel in Suffolk, St Michaels' Church in Framlingham, Suffolk, for the East Anglian Academy of Organ and Early Keyboard Instruments and two performances at Forty Hall in Enfield.



Yeo Yat-Soon studied at King's College London and the Guildhall School of Music, where he won the prestigious Russell Prize for Harpsichord. He performs widely as a soloist, specializing in historic venues. Recent concerts include Handel House Museum, Horniman Museum, the Chapel Royal at Hampton Court, St George's Hanover Square, Strawberry Hill House and Kammersaal Friedenau in Berlin. Yat-Soon also specializes as a baroque opera conductor and has worked with London Baroque Opera, City of London Festival and Opéra de Bauge, for whom he will conduct Monteverdi's *L'Incoronazione di*

Poppea later this year. He plays with the ensembles Follia, The Stanesby Players and Camerata Berolinensis (Berlin). He has broadcast for BBC Radio 3, BBC4, Channel 4 and Classic FM. Yat-Soon has also had a long association with education, having been Director of Music at The Lady Eleanor Holles School and St Paul's Girls' School. For further information please visit www.yeoyat-soon.org

Memento Mori Froberger - concert dates and venues:



1.00 on Sunday 24 April

The Chapel Royal, Hampton Court Palace

'Froberger and London'

Music by Froberger and Purcell



1.10 on Saturday 21 May

Holywell Music Room, Oxford, OX1 3SD

'Froberger and his legacy'

Music by Froberger, Louis Couperin and Johann Sebastian Bach



7.30 Saturday 4 June

Garrick's Temple to Shakespeare, Hampton on Thames, TW12 2EN

'Froberger the musical poet'

Music by Froberger, Louis Couperin, Chambonnières, Buxtehude and Johann Sebastian Bach



3.00 on Sunday 5 June

Walpole Old Chapel, Halesworth, Suffolk, IP19 9AR

'Froberger the musical poet'

Music by Froberger, Louis Couperin, Chambonnières, Buxtehude and Johann Sebastian Bach



7.30 on Saturday 11 June

Music by the Commons, St John's Church, Wimbledon, SW19 4NZ

'Froberger the traveller'

Music by Froberger, Louis Couperin, Purcell and Handel



2.00 on Sunday 26 June

Forty Hall, Enfield, EN2 9HA

'Froberger and London'

Music by Froberger and Purcell



3.00 on Sunday 21 August

East Anglian Academy of Organ and Early Keyboard Music

St Michael's Church, Framlingham, Suffolk, IP13 9BJ

'Froberger the traveller'

Music by Froberger, Louis Couperin, Purcell and Handel



2.00 on Sunday 28 August

Forty Hall, Enfield, EN2 9HA

'Froberger and Paris'

Music by Froberger, Louis Couperin, Chambonnières

Further information on all concerts and ticketing details can be found at www.yeoyat-soon.org