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Lympstone Entertainments **DRUMBEAT**

essential reading for those who don't want to miss the best of What's On in Lympstone

Since the last Drumbeat reached you, we have staged another hugely enjoyed Village Concert and two of the best attended musical events ever: the visit of the FB POCKET ORCHESTRA and STEVE KNIGHTLEY'S sell-out show, with splendid support from THE EXMOUTH SHANTY MEN. Our thanks to all who contributed to these memorable occasions. But now

THE WAITING IS NEARLY OVER



BEETHOVEN'S QUARTET JOURNEY STARTS ON FRIDAY 5TH MAY

And straightaway, let's share the good news, almost un hoped-for in the current economic climate, that the Arts Council has just announced a grant to ensure that Beethoven himself will be present at our series of six concerts in Lympstone Church in May and June. Or rather, television actor David Timson, who will appear in costume as the composer. In Beethoven's own words, put together by playwright Clare Norburn, he will introduce the Dante Quartet's performances of all 17 of Beethoven's string quartets.

That news will prompt a fresh burst of national publicity which we hope will result in more tickets sold to music enthusiasts from beyond our district. So please make sure you, and your friends, don't miss out. Put your order in with Demelza without delay, (**answerphone: 01395 272243 or email lympentsboxoffice@gmail.com**) for a season ticket for all six concerts, a three-concert weekend ticket or tickets for individual performances. Times and prices are shown below, or you can find them, and much more besides, on our dedicated website: www.beethoven-lympstone.co.uk – including some attractive special offers.

HERE'S AN IMPORTANT MESSAGE FOR YOUNG MUSIC LOVERS

We are very pleased to be able to offer **fifty free tickets for each concert to young people of 25 years old or under**, thanks to sponsorship by the CAVATINA Chamber Music Trust, which exists to bring chamber music to young people, and young people to chamber music. This is a generous scheme and we hope many will take advantage of it.

THE PROGRAMME

7.00pm Fri 5th May: *The Early Quartets 1*
Op. 18, nos. 1, 2 & 3

6.00pm Sat 6th May: *The Rasumovsky Quartets*
Op. 59, nos. 1, 2 & 3

3.30pm Sun 7th May: *The Late Quartets 1*
Op. 131 & 132

7.00pm Fri 2nd June: *The Early Quartets 2*
Op. 18 nos. 4, 5 & 6

6.30pm Sat 3rd June: *Transformations*
Op. 74 Harp, Op. 95 Serioso, Op. 127

3.30pm Sun 4th June: *The Late Quartets 2*
Op. 130, Op. 133 Grosse Fugue, Op. 135

BECOME A FRIEND OF BEETHOVEN'S QUARTET JOURNEY

Being a Friend of the concert series is one of the ways you can show your support. You may wish to give a donation, (payable to Lympstone Entertainments) which would be wonderful or buy one, or more, of the new Scenes of Lympstone 2018 calendars, with paintings by local artists.

Then there is the option to purchase a Friends Pass. This would give you a reserved place in one of the first few central pews, plus a signed colour programme, concert drinks and discounts on purchases.

On a Saturday for an extra £15 you could meet the musicians and have a drink and canapes with them at the Redwing after the concert. You will need to book this, as numbers are limited to 30 guests. Full details are on our website: www.beethoven-lympstone.co.uk



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