BRITTEN PEARS ARTS

Christmas 2026

Friday 11 December 7pm
Snape Maltings Concert Hall

Duration: 100'
including an interval of 20'

A Festive Friday Night Is Music Night

BBC Concert Orchestra
Anna-Maria Helsing conductor

Sarah Walker presenter

Britten Pears Chamber Choir
Ceferina Penny soprano
Jonathan Eyers baritone
Ben Vonberg-Clark choir director

Engelbert Humperdinck (1854–1921) Overture from Hansel and Gretel (1893) *6'*

Richard Allain (b.1965) In the Bleak Midwinter (2012) · text: Christina Rossetti (1830–1894) *5'*

Nikolai Rimsky-Korsakov (1844–1908) Suite from The Snow Maiden (1880–81) *12'*

1. Introduction
2. Dance of the Birds
3. Procession of Tsar Berendey (Cortège)
4. Dance of the Skomorokhi (Dance of the Tumblers)

Cecilia McDowall (b.1951) A Winter's Night: A Christmas Cantata (2014) *15'*

1. In Dulci Jubilo
2. O Little One Sweet
3. Noël Nouvelet
4. Still, still, still
5. Sussex Carol

INTERVAL

Émile Waldteufel (1837–1915) The Skaters' Waltz (1882) *6'*

Judith Weir (b.1954) Drop down, ye heavens, from above (1984) · Advent Prose *2'*

Sally Beamish (b.1956) In The Stillness (2007) · Katrina Shepherd *2'*

Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky (1840–1893) Selections from The Nutcracker (1892) *12'*

1. March
2. Dance of the Sugar Plum Fairy
3. Chinese Dance
4. Arabian Dance
5. Dance of the Reed Flutes (Mirlitons)
6. Russian Dance (Trepak)

Herbert Howells (1892–1983) A Spotless Rose (1919) *4'*
· Anon, 14th century German, translated by Catherine Winkworth (1827–1878)

Gerald Finzi (1901–1956) In terra pax: A Christmas Scene, Op.39 (1954) *14'*
· Robert Bridges (1844–1930); St Luke (King James Bible)

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