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**MEDIA RELEASE:**

**King's Lynn Festival announces programme highlights for 2022 Festival**

The 2022 King's Lynn Festival is set to maintain its quality hallmark throughout two busy weeks from **17 – 30 July**, opening and closing with world-famous names - **Grimethorpe Colliery Band** and the **Royal Philharmonic Orchestra (RPO)**.

The Grimethorpe Brass Band will launch the festival with a rousing concert at the Corn Exchange and the RPO will fill the venue's stage for an exciting finale. The renowned **Skampa Quartet** will present the memorial concert for festival founder, Ruth Lady Fermoy.

The festival will mark the **Queen's Platinum Jubilee** when music composed by Purcell and played at her Coronation, is included in the concert to be given by Spiritato as part of the Festival's annual **Early Music Day** at St Nicholas' Chapel. Early Music Day will also feature organist **Rachel Mahon** and **Ensemble Hesperis**.

Two much-respected TV personalities will add to the festival's wide appeal - **Nick Crane** will give the Royal Geographical Society with IBG lecture and **Andrew Graham-Dixon** will present two lectures on different aspects of the history of art. Jazz singer **Clare Teal** and her band and folk group **The Unthanks** will add to the variety of music on offer with performances at the Corn Exchange.

The packed programme will also include coffee concerts, films, walks, special events marking the 150th anniversary of the birth of Ralph Vaughan Williams and his associations with King's Lynn, and the Contemporary Consort who will be joined by composer, Michael Berkeley.

Artistic director Ambrose Miller said: *"It is a terrific festival programme including internationally-famous names, brilliant young talent and fascinating lectures. It offers something for everyone."*

In a new initiative the Festival is also expanding its **half-price ticket offer to all those under 25 years old**, to encourage a younger generation to enjoy what the Festival has to offer.

The full 2022 Festival programme will be announced in early April. Tickets on sale to the public from Tuesday 3 May 2022 via 01553 764864 or online at [www.kingslynnfestival.org.uk](http://www.kingslynnfestival.org.uk)

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