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King's Lynn Festival announces programme highlights for 2024 Festival

Excitement is in the air as we anticipate the arrival of King's Lynn Festival 2024, set to bring the town to life from **14th to 27th July**. Audiences will be able to immerse themselves in a captivating blend of music, enlightening talks, riveting films, guided walks, and so much more.

The glorious sounds of the **Foden's Band** open this year's Festival, and events are brought to a magnificent finale by the world-renowned **Royal Philharmonic Orchestra**. The annual **Ruth Fermoy Memorial Concert** will feature **Alim Beisembayev**, the Leeds International Piano competition winner, playing in the historic King's Lynn Minster.

The Festival's tradition of presenting some of the best names in the classical music scene continues with pianist **Llyr Williams** at Houghton Hall, the **coffee concerts in King's Lynn Town Hall** with prize-winning young musicians, the annual **Early Music Day at St Nicholas Chapel**, and recitals at St George's Guildhall include **The Škampa Quartet** and clarinettist **Emma Johnson**. The annual Contemporary Consort performance will focus on the music of **Sir James MacMillan**, with the composer taking part in a Q&A with the Festival's Artistic Director, Ambrose Miller.

The Festival exhibition, titled **From Peace to Pop: British Art 1945 – 1980**, in partnership with Goldmark Art, will explore the work of artists including Allen Jones, Eduardo Paolozzi and Peter Blake, the influence of American styles, as well as the remarkable developments of the post-War period: the establishment of the Arts Council, the influence of the 1951 Festival of Britain, and the start of arts festivals in Edinburgh, Bath, Aldeburgh and King's Lynn. A series of workshops, films and talks will be held in conjunction with the exhibition, offering further insight into the art of the period.

Fresh and exhilarating experiences will be introduced during 2024 as well as continuing some traditional elements of the Festival. TOAST presents an **evening of live poetry**, Lucky Dog Picturehouse invites families to experience **Action! The (not so silent) Silent Movie Show**, and for adult audiences the centenary screening of one of the first real adventures to be captured on camera, **The Epic of Everest, 1924**. A focus on Indian culture includes the immersive **Bollywood Brass Band**, the screening of a Bollywood film, a Bollywood dance workshop, and renowned Kathak dance company, **Sonia Sabri Dance Company** present their acclaimed production *Roshini*, with live music.

The good Doctor **Martin Carthy** and his daughter **Eliza Carthy**, twice Mercury nominated, join forces to perform an eclectic range of folk songs and tunes. And the **Ukulele**

Orchestra of Great Britain perform a witty, quirky, irreverent, joyful and foot-stomping show.

Ambrose Miller, Artistic Director said *"We have one of our most ambitious programmes ever, including major international artists and prize-winners, brilliant new generation musicians for our Coffee Concerts, educational talks and a community outreach programme to inspire all ages alongside events to be enjoyed by the whole family. Bringing to the Festival a truly international flavour, our performers are from Canada, the Czech Republic, Germany, India, Japan, Kazakhstan, Lithuania, Mexico, Poland and Romania."*

The full 2024 Festival programme will be announced in early April. Tickets on sale to the public from Monday 13 May 2024 via 01553 764864 or online at www.kingslynnfestival.org.uk

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