

Lunchtime Recital 9th January 2026 – Peter May (piano)



A real pleasure to have Peter back with us. He played for us last time in July 2023 whilst still in his final year at St Albans School. Now at age 20 he's studying at the Royal Academy of Music. We were pleased to be able to

welcome members of his family who were there to support him and, like us, to enjoy a well-chosen programme.

Programme:

Partita for Keyboard No. 2 in C minor, BWV 826

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

- I. Sinfonia*
- II. Allemande*
- III. Courante*
- IV. Sarabande*
- V. Rondeaux*
- VI. Capriccio*

Reflets dans l'eau, from Images, Book 1

Claude Debussy (1862-1918)

**Sposalizio from *Années de pèlerinage*,
Deuxième année: Italie**

Franz Liszt (1811-1886)

Alborada del gracioso, No. 4 from *Miroirs*

Maurice Ravel (1875-1937)



A pleasure to watch as well as to listen. Peter's sinuous fingers seemed to caress the piano keys as he watched over them – almost as if detached – and talked to them, silently. Each pianist who plays for us has their own way of expressing emotion, both in the music itself and the way they move. It's a big part of the close-up recital experience.

We certainly hope he'll come to us again!