

BELLA CIAO!

A celebration
of Italian
culture

APRIL
15>27
2024

LISTEN SING
PLAY WATCH
LEARN TASTE
WALK TALK



Perfect!



I forgot!



Ciao!



I am thirsty



Bring attention



What are you saying / doing?



NOTE: **S**>Season Ticket, **WP1**>Weekend Pass 1, **WP2**>Weekend Pass 2

Welcome to **Bella Ciao!**

Listen, Sing, Play, Watch, Learn, Taste, Walk, Talk

Come and join us as we celebrate Italian culture in Bedford through a wide range of experiences which explore the old and the new. Italy - here, Italy - there, Italy in all of us. We're all Italians, at least during Bella Ciao!

Bella Ciao! is inspired by Italian culture and its central place in our lives: Pasta, Palestrina, Pizza, Puccini, Partisan songs, Plainchant and plenty else.

Never have the arts been more necessary to help us make sense of a changing and challenging world, nor has it ever been more difficult to sustain them, nor indeed launch an ambitious new festival!

Bedford Music Club is thrilled to be adding to Bedford's cultural life by acting as a catalyst for change, creativity and co-operation, bringing together outstanding musicians and building partnerships with local schools, arts organisations, venues, practitioners and enthusiasts.

So for two weeks of thirty events with hundreds of participants, whether you are a toddler or an old-timer, there is something here for you. Come and join us in shouting Bella Ciao! across Bedford.

Duncan Fraser
Curator

Ian Rowlands
Chair

Mon 15

19:30 - University Theatre

Cinema Paradiso (12)

The classic award-winning film which revitalised the Italian film industry, featuring wonderful music by the legendary father and son Morricone partnership.

**£5
S, WP1**

Fri 19

18:30 - Bunyan Meeting

It's All about the Bass

Leon Bosch, Valentina Ciardelli

Conversation with Leon Bosch, world-renowned bass player and founding director of I Musicanti and Valentina Ciardelli, Bella Ciao! commissioned composer.

Free



Fri 19

19:30 - Bunyan Meeting

Italian Chamber String Classics

I Musicanti

Gioachino Rossini

String Sonatas 1 and 3

Luigi Boccherini

String Quintets 1 and 3

Valentina Ciardelli

String Quintet

Luciano Berio

Sequenza XIVb for bass

£25

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Fri 19

21:45 - Bunyan Meeting

Florence Inspires De Parys Sextet

Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky

Souvenir de Florence

Valentina Ciardelli

5 Short Easy Pieces for Strings - Five Souvenirs
(Bella Ciao! Commission, World Premiere)

- Francesca
- Crystals from the Lily I mulini di Signa?
- Basta che mi lasci valcosa
- Monte Falterona
- Bella Ciao

£15

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Sat 20

17:00 - St Paul's Church

Monteverdi Madrigals

I Fagiolini

Catherine Pierron (organ)

Girolamo Frescobaldi

Rhapsodic organ toccatas

Claudio Monteverdi

Madrigals

Passionate Italian swooning

(1620 style: think Tallis meets Puccini)

£15

S, WP1

Sat 20

18:30 - St Paul's Church

The Bean Counters: from Mules to Chihuahuaus

Robert Hollingworth

Conversation with choral guru,
founding director I Fagiolini and
podcaster Choral Chihuahua

Free



Sat 20

19:30 - St Paul's Church

Italy Sings

I Fagiolini
with Goldentones

Orazio Benevoli

four choir mass for St Peter's Rome

Luciano Berio

Sequenza 3 (hold onto your hats)

Cathy Berberian

Stripsody (cartoon strip in music)

£25

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Sat 20

21:30 - St Paul's Church

Mindful Night-time Chant

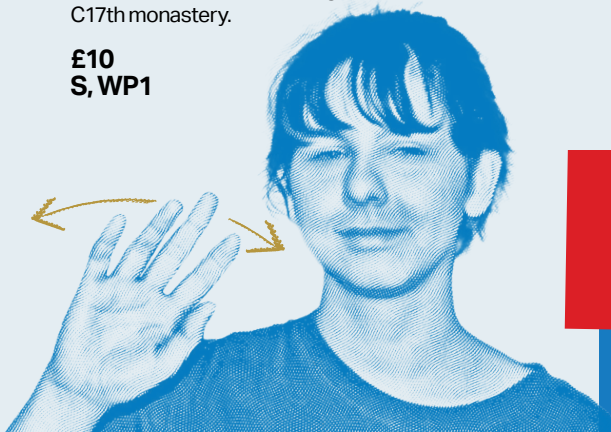
Bella Ciao Singers, Duncan Fraser

Candlelight Complaine reimagined
Plainsong, Palestrina.

Relax and end the day with a glimpse into a
C17th monastery.

£10

S, WP1



Sun 21

14:00 - The Quarry Theatre

Cool Italian Jazz

Duo Petti

Erika (voice) and Manuel Petti (accordion)

Siblings Erika and Manuel Petti from Campobasso (like so many Italians in Bedford).

£20
S, WP1

Sun 21

16:30 - The Quarry Theatre

Bella Ciao!

Song of Rebellion (18)

The History and Meaning of Bella Ciao!

Andrea Vogt's 2021 film shows the rich part the song has played in the history of Italy from the rice fields to the resistance.

£5
S, WP1



Fri 26

19:30 - St Paul's Church

Bedford Remembers: Opera Night

Bedford Town Band

Conductor: Craig Patterson

**Singers: Andrea Tweedale,
Harry Bagnall, Lottie Greenhow,
Matthew Palmer**

A night in an Italian Piazza - with opera favourites:
Verdi, Puccini, Rossini, O sole mio and more.

In 1973 the BBC filmed Italian teenagers in
Bedford singing Arrivederci Roma.
Come and see them reunited!

**£20
S, WP2**



Bella Ciao! Festival Calendar

					S	W1	W2
Mon 15	19:30 [£5]	University Theatre	Cinema Paradiso	Film (12)	●	●	●
Fri 19	18:30 [free]	Bunyan Meeting	It's All about the Bass	Pre-concert talk	●	●	●
Fri 19	19:30 [£25]	Bunyan Meeting	Italian Chamber String Classics	I Musicanti	●	●	●
Fri 19	21:45 [£15]	Bunyan Meeting	Florence Inspires	De Parys Sextet	●	●	●
Sat 20	17:00 [£15]	St Paul's Church	Monteverdi Madrigals	I Fagiolini	●	●	●
Sat 20	18:30 [free]	St Paul's Church	The Bean Counters: From Mules to Chihuahuas	Pre-concert talk	●	●	●
Sat 20	19:30 [£25]	St Paul's Church	Italy Sings	I Fagiolini/Goldentones	●	●	●
Sat 20	21:30 [£10]	St Paul's Church	Mindful Night-time Chant	Bella Ciao! Singers	●	●	●
Sun 21	14:00 [£20]	The Quarry Theatre	Cool Italian Jazz	Duo Petti	●	●	●
Sun 21	16:30 [£5]	The Quarry Theatre	Bella Ciao! Song of Rebellion	Film (18)	●	●	●

S=Season ticket £150

W1=Weekend One pass £90
Student £20

W2=Weekend Two pass £60
Student £20

**Individual tickets available
online or at the door.**

**Season tickets and weekend
passes also available by post.**

www.bedfordmusicclub.co.uk

Bella Ciao! Festival Calendar

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Fri 26	19:30 [£20]	St Paul's Church	Bedford Remembers: Opera Night, Young and Old(er)	Bedford Town Band/ singers	●	●	●
● Sat 27	11:00 [£20]	St Cuthbert's Hall	In the Footsteps of Garibaldi	Ian Rowlands			
Sat 27	14:00 [£5]	St Cuthbert's Hall	Growing up Italian in Bedford	Lydia Saul and Serena Daly	●	●	●
Sat 27	15:00 [£5]	St Cuthbert's Hall	The Singer's Bel-Canto Secrets	Barbara Gentili	●	●	●
Sat 27	16:00 [£5]	St Cuthbert's Hall	The Critic's Secrets	Ivan Hewett	●	●	●
Sat 27	18:30 [free]	Bunyan Meeting	The World of Italian Baroque	Pre-concert talk	●	●	●
Sat 27	19:30 [£25]	Bunyan Meeting	Italian Baroque	Florilegium	●	●	●
Sat 27	21:45 [£20]	Bunyan Meeting	The Four Seasons	Royal College of Music	●	●	●
Sun 5 (May)	19:00 [donation]	Eagle Book Shop	The Italian Influence	Read Poets Society	●	●	●

● Tickets for **In the Footsteps of Garibaldi** are very limited and available online in advance only.

Young Bella Ciao!

Fri 19	09:30	Putnoe Heights Church	Rossini Meets Cinderella for toddlers	Mini-Mozart with Lottie Bagnall
Fri 19	10:25	Putnoe Heights Church	Rossini Meets Cinderella for babies	Mini-Mozart with Lottie Bagnall
Fri 19		Primary schools	Primary Schools Make Music	Valentina Ciardelli
Fri 19		Primary schools	Celebrate Italian Culture	Amy Gamlen and Victoria Booth

Sat 27

11:00>13:00 - St Cuthbert's Hall

In the Footsteps of Garibaldi

Ian Rowlands celebrates Garibaldi's visit to Bedford in 1864. A guided tour with conversation and a light lunch.

£20

14:00 - St Cuthbert's Hall

Growing up Italian in Bedford

Lydia Saul & Dr Serena Daly join us to share in memories and stories of Italian settlement in Bedford over the past 60 years.

£5
S, WP2



A DAY OF DISCOVERY

15:00 - St Cuthbert's Hall

The Singer's Bel-Canto Secrets

Singer and academic, Dr Barbara Gentili explores the world of Bel Canto, and lets us in on a few trade secrets.

£5
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16:00 - St Cuthbert's Hall

The Critic's Secrets

Ivan Hewett, critic, writer, broadcaster and lecturer (Daily Telegraph, BBC Radio 3), shares the joys and trials of being a critic through history.

£5
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Sat 27

18:30 - Bunyan Meeting

The World of the Italian Baroque

Ashley Solomon

In conversation with Florilegium founder Ashley Solomon, academic, director and flautist.

Free



Sat 27

19:30 - Bunyan Meeting

Italian Baroque

Florilegium,

Director Ashley Solomon

Pietro Locatelli - Trio sonata in E major

Arcangelo Corelli - Violin sonata in D major, Op.5 No.1

Gregorio Tedde - Austro

Antonio Vivaldi - Concerto in D, RV84

Georg Friedrich Händel - Trio sonata in e minor

Luciano Berio - Gestì

Francesco Geminiani - Cello sonata in d minor

Antonio Vivaldi - Sonata seconda in e minor, Op.2

Francesco Barsanti - A collection of Scot's airs

£25

Sat 27

21:45 - Bunyan Meeting

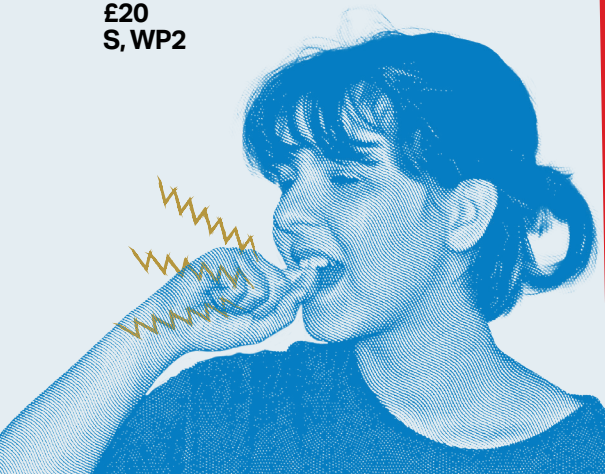
The Four Seasons

Royal College of Music

Antonio Vivaldi Four Seasons

£20

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Sun 5 May

19:00 - Eagle Book Shop

The Italian Influence

Read Poets Society

Explore the Italian influence on writers in English, from Shakespeare to Shelley, from Rome to Rossetti, and on.

Donation

Fri 19

Primary Schools Make Music

Valentina Ciardelli

Composition Workshop for Primary Schools.

Whole Festival Primary Schools Celebrate Italian Culture

Bedford Borough Primary Schools will have the opportunity throughout the Festival to celebrate Italian music and culture with an assembly based project.

**Young
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Rossini Meets Cinderella

Mini-Mozart, Lottie Bagnall

The perfect way to introduce your babies and toddlers to classical music.

09:30 toddlers

10:25 babies (0-16m)

Putnoe Heights Church

book at minimozart.com



VENUES

Bunyan Meeting

Mill Street, Bedford MK40 3EU

Eagle Book Shop

16-20 St Peter's Street, Bedford MK40 2NN

Putnoe Heights Church

Putnoe Heights, Bedford MK41 8EB

The Quarry Theatre

26 St Peter's Street, Bedford MK40 2NN

St Cuthbert's Hall

Newnham Street, Bedford MK40 3JR

St Paul's Church

St Paul's Square, Bedford MK40 1SQ

University Theatre

University of Bedfordshire, Polhill Avenue,
Bedford MK41 9EA

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Delicious!



I do not care!



Flying kiss



Damn it!

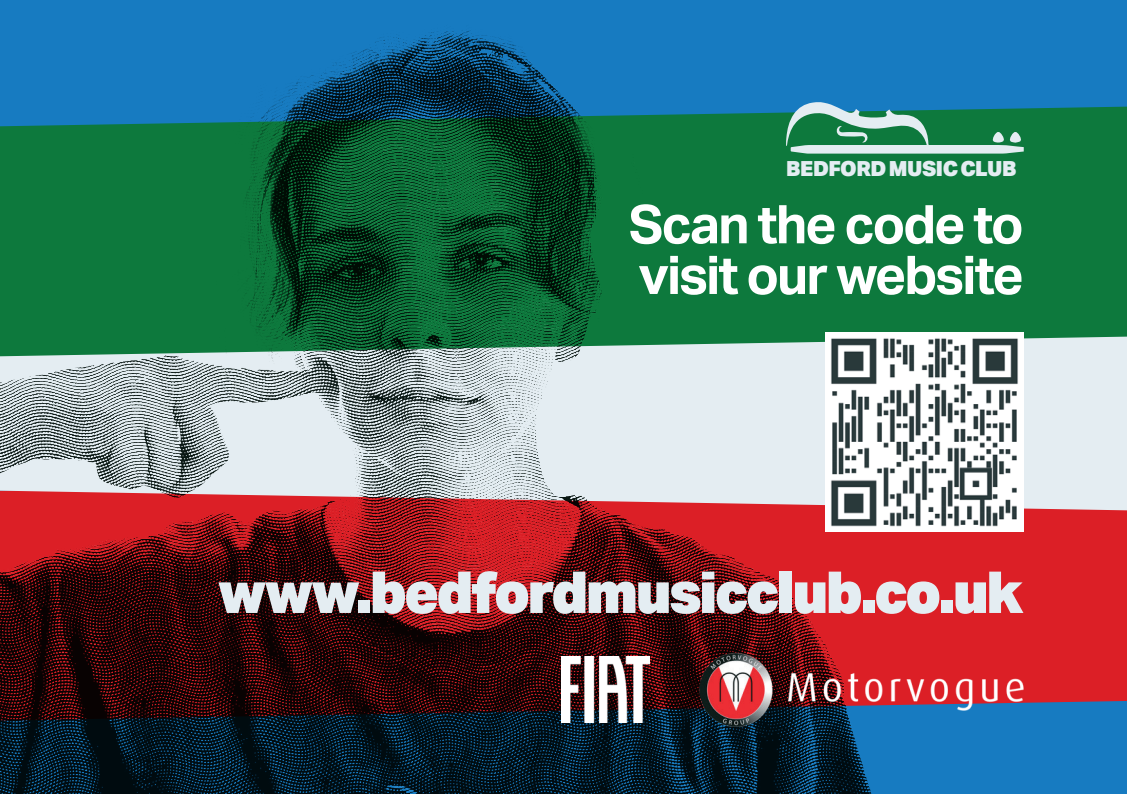


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