



Dín I-Art Helwa

The first of the three concerts in the 2023 Bir Miftuh International Music Festival will take place on **Saturday 20th May at 7.30 p.m.**

This is a Violoncello, Violin and Mezzo-Soprano Performance featuring Julie Sévilla-Fraysee – Violoncello, Anja Gerter – Violin, and Mezzo-Soprano Clare Ghigo who will perform delightful works by J.S. Bach, Telemann, Handel, Cassado, Bacewicz, Dancla, Mozart and Haydn. This concert has been made possible by the Embassy of France, the Alliance Française de Malte-Méditerranée and the Embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany.

Reservations for each concert are against a donation of €25 per person and include refreshments after the performance in the delightful church grounds. Block bookings for the second and third concerts are €45 per person for two concerts, and €65 per person for three concerts. These are a cello and piano recital by the Karlsruhe Duo on 10th June at 7.30 pm and a Choral recital by the Cappella Sanctae Catharinae on 16th June at 8 pm. Bookings can be made by emailing reservations@dinarthelwa.org

The medieval church of Santa Maria ta' Bir Miftuġ is located outside the Malta International Airport near the roundabout to Gudja.



Julie Sévilla-Fraysee – Violoncello



Anja Gerter - Violin



Clare Ghigo - Mezzo Soprano

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES ABOUT THE ARTISTS

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Julie Sévilla Fraysee - Violoncello, Anja Gerter - Violin and Mezzo-Soprano Clare Ghigo.

JULIE SÉVILLA FRAYSEE - Violoncello

The voice of Julie's cello travels to all shores, genres and eras, thus spreading classical excellence as well as French elegance and modernity. Her career is studded with prestigious awards, scholarships and performances. Impassioned by chamber music, she has given performances with some of the most distinguished classical artists in world renowned venues. She is a member of the Orchestre de l'Opéra de Paris and the artistic director of the humanitarian association CoCreate Humanity.

Last autumn, Julie had captivated the audience with her world-class performance in aid of Din I-Art Helwa at St John's Cavalier, so she is back by general request.

ANJA GERTER - Violin

Anja Gerter started taking violin lessons at the age of three and continued her studies at the Karlsruhe University, Germany, under the tutelage of renowned professors. She is the recipient of several impressive awards and scholarships and has also won many important national and international competitions. She has performed with the Ulm Symphony Orchestra and with many prominent musicians. Anja is concert master of the Berlin Film Orchestra, with whom she has toured China. She is also the first violin with the quartet 'La Finesse'.

CLARE GHIGO - Mezzo-Soprano

Clare Ghigo is a highly accomplished mezzo-soprano with an impressive operatic repertoire, including arias from Puccini, Mozart, Humperdinck, Monteverdi, Bizet and Rossini. Her repertoire also covers contemporary pieces by renowned composers such as Schoenberg, Morton Feldman and Karl Fiorini. Clare has given recitals in various cities around the world including San Francisco, London, Paris, Berlin, Bethlehem and Luxemburg. She has participated in several operatic competitions and has been recognised with numerous awards and accolades. She has had the privilege of working with world renowned singers such as Joseph Calleja, Bryn Terfel, Montserrat Caballé and Daniela Dossi. She forms part of the English National Opera Choir and is an EMOA and a Solti Accademia del Bel Canto scholar.