



SUMMER MUSIC FESTIVALS

ENGLAND · WALES · SCOTLAND

1. Edinburgh Festival including the Edinburgh Festival Fringe

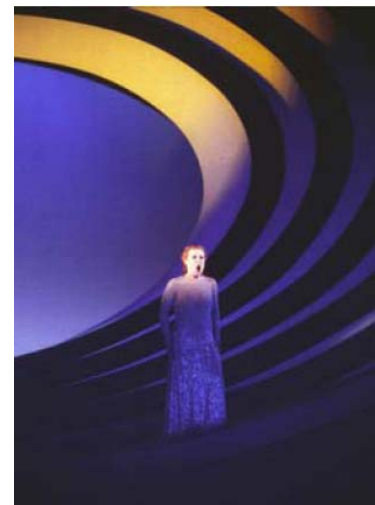
Established in 1947 to 'provide a platform for the flowering of the human spirit'. One of the world's most important arts festivals with every available space overflowing with performers in Music, Opera, Dance and Theatre. The Festival Fringe provides alternative and innovative performances; also a Book Festival with readings.

2. The BBC Promenade Concerts (Proms)

Eight week summer season of daily orchestral classical music held in Central London. Founded over 100 years ago each season consists of 70 concerts, 8 chamber concerts; the biggest classical music festival in the world. The Last Night is broadcast round the world. Pre-prom talks, lunchtime concerts, children's Proms are available.



Glyndebourne



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Established in 1934. Famous for its production of Mozartt opens and more recently Janacek and Handel operas.

Programme for 2007 includes:

- Verdi's Macbeth
- Mozart's Cogi Fan Tutte
- Wagner's Tristan and Isolde
- Russini's La Cenerentola
- Bach's St. Matthew Passion
- Britten's The Turn of the Screw



4. Garsington Opera

Opera staged on the terrace of a Jacobean Manor house within beautiful gardens. A dinner interval allows time for either a picnic in the gardens or dine in a restaurant. Black tie event. Programme for 2007 includes:

- Mozart's *Il Re Pastore*
- Roussinis' *La Donna del Lago*
- Strauss' *Ariadne auf Naxos*



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5. Llangollen International Music Eisteddfod

Since 1947 the beautiful Welsh town has hosted the world; up to 5000 competitors and about 50,000 visitors. By day international musicians and dancers compete and provide concerts in the evening. A final Sunday evening gala. Prior years Placido Domingo, Pavarotti, Kiri Te Kanawa, Bryn Terfel; this year Jose Carreas and Joan Baez will appear.

6. The Three Choirs Festival

Held alternately at the cathedrals of Hereford (Mapa Mundi 1290AD), Gloucester (1089AD) and Worcester (mainly 1200AD). Large scale choral repertoire, the festival started around the early 1700s.

7. Chichester Festival

Set in a wonderfully preserved market town with cathedral from 1108 AD.

8. Aldeburgh Festival

The Festival was founded in 1948 by Benjamin Britten, Peter Pears and Eric Crozier. Fresh interpretations of classical repertoire, rediscovery of forgotten music and new music attracts an international audience. Located in rural Suffolk; beautiful location with rustling reeds and an estuary as a backdrop.



Aldeburgh



9. Grange Park Opera

Beautiful setting in unchanged country side with a ruined house. Theatre is situated in the old orangery. Long interval with time for dinner.

Programme for 2007 includes:

- Bellini's I Capuleti e I Montecchi
- Prokofiev's The Gambler
- Handel's Semele
- Mozart'
- Verdis' Falstaff

10. Buxton Festival

Opera, literature and music in a beautiful country spa town dating from the late 1700s. On average 6 events per day with 100 during the festival and 40,000 visitors.



Buxton Opera House

The 2007 programme will include:

- Offenbach's Bluebeard
- Donizetti's Roberto Davereux
- Tchaikovsky's Romeo and Juliet
- Mozart's The Marriage of Figaro

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