*MUSIC AT WESLEY*

TUESDAY LUNCHTIME CONCERT

Wesley Church Centre, St John St, Chester

June 24th 2025, 12.45pm

LIONEL CLARKE - Cello

BRIAN HEALD - Piano

Élégie Op. 24 Fauré (1845 – 1924)

Spiegel im Spiegel Arvo Pärt (b. 1935)

Sonata in G minor Op. 19 Rachmaninoff (1873 – 1943)

*Lento – Allegro moderato*

*Allegro scherzando*

*Andante*

*Allegro mosso*

***FUTURE ‘MUSIC AT WESLEY’ CONCERTS***

Tuesday Lunchtime Concerts Series, 12.45pm. Retiring collection.

July 1st: Melvin Chan (piano)

July 8th: Daniel Goharriz (clarinet), Lauren Turner (piano)

July 15th: Amy Wakefield (piano)

*Thank you for supporting this recital. The retiring collection (suggested minimum donation £4 per person) covers performer, performing rights and other direct expenses, with the balance in aid of Wesley Church funds. If you are a taxpayer it would be much appreciated if you would donate using a Gift Aid envelope (just add your name, house number & post code).*

 

Lionel Clarke gained a cello teaching diploma (LRAM) at the age of nineteen and over the years has played in numerous orchestras, including the National Youth Orchestra. He currently leads the cello section in the Chester Philharmonic Orchestra. Over the years he has performed various cello concertos, including the Elgar Cello Concerto in 2010 and Tchaikovsky’s ‘Rococo Variations' in 2013 with the St John’s Festival Orchestra. On completion of his Cambridge Research Fellowship in Physics in 1981 he came to Chester to work with Shell. He and Brian have been performing cello recitals regularly since then. He now works as an independent scientific consultant, for which he was awarded an OBE in the 2018 Queen’s Birthday Honours list.

Brian Heald read chemical engineering at Pembroke College, Cambridge and had a 35 year chemical industry career. He holds diplomas in piano performance (ARCM) and organ performance (LRSM). Brian has been the organist of Wesley Methodist Church since 1976 and accompanist for the Vale Royal Singers since 2000. He gives regular lunchtime recitals and has performed all the Beethoven piano concertos, five by Mozart, Mendelssohn’s No.2, Schumann’s and Franck’s Symphonic Variations in Chester. As well as his long term partnership with Lionel, Brian regularly performs piano duets with his son Jeremy and accompanies his wife Claire, contralto, and trumpeter John Bush. He is a member of various chamber music groups.

*‘Wednesdays at One’ Lunchtime Concerts at St John’s Church run throughout the summer.*

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