

Unfinished business with Schubert



Brian Freestone

will give an illustrated talk on Schubert, one of the great 19th C composers. Examples of his music, some played live, will be accompanied by pictures from his life.

Saturday 30th September
7.30pm

at Brent Knoll, Village Hall

Tickets £6 from Brent Knoll Post Office or
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Light refreshments available (with cash bar)

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Unfinished Business with Franz Schubert.

Some notes by Brian Freestone

Schubert was a popular personality and prolific composer whose works consist of many well-loved songs, piano works and symphonies, among which is the well-known 'Unfinished Symphony'. In spite of living a life riddled with poverty, he wrote much sacred music, operas, incidental music, chamber and piano music. In the last year of his life, he produced some of the world's greatest music for the piano and for string quartets and quintets. Much of his music wasn't appreciated fully or even heard until well after his death. He died tragically young at the age of 31 in 1828.

Today his works are extremely popular. The Adagio from his String Quintet in C is often chosen by guests on Radio Four's Desert Island Discs Programme. When we listen to Schubert's intimate music, it is as if we are standing at his shoulder watching him work and sharing his innermost thoughts as a composer. We are hoping that two soloists will play some short piano pieces by Schubert, thanks to the provision of a piano by Pauline Chadwick. John Page will help in the presentation of Schubert's life on screen and in the presentation of the music.

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