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ETO HANDEL *fest*

Commemorate the 250th anniversary of the death of Georg Frederic Handel with English Touring Opera this autumn. Five fully staged productions take to the road and with them they bring the highest achievement in opera in this country.

Totally immerse yourself in Handel and come along to a wide range of related events during the festival.

“if you find yourself somewhere within reach of English Touring Opera's orbit... don't think about it - just book and go.” Guardian Online

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In order to make your visit to Malvern as effortless as possible, we have taken the care to compile a selection of accommodation, eateries, and places of interest which have been suggested to us by our local networkers and tourist information offices.

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Malvern Festival Theatres

Grange Road

Malvern

Worcestershire WR14 3HB

Box Office: 01684 892277

Performance Schedule

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28 October	<i>Teseo</i>
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All performances start at 7.30pm

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Schedule of Events...

Date	Time	Event	Price	Venue
Tue 27th Oct	18:00	Festival launch	FREE	Gallery, Malvern Theatres
	18:30	Pre-show Talk 'Semi Serious' – Flavio in the context of the Royal Academy Operas	FREE	Hospitality suite (MT)
	19:30	FLAVIO		
Wed 28th Oct	14:00-16:00	Masterclass with James Bowman	£5	Coach House Theatre
	18:30	Pre-show Talk - Love and succession – Setting Teseo among the Hanoverians	FREE	Hospitality suite (MT)
	19:30	TESEO		
Thu 29th Oct	13:30-14:30	Talk: ' Countertenors in Conversation ' Handel's operas are dominated by the heroic - and anti-heroic - roles for <i>castrati</i> . Now many of these roles are taken by counter tenors. Once a rare vocal type, there are now many excellent counter tenors about, and many more in college. James Bowman and Derek Lee Ragin talk with Jonathan Peter Kenny about their many Handel roles, about their highs and lows of performing them, about the <i>castrati</i> and about the counter tenor voice. Sure to be as amusing as informative!	£3.50 Including refreshments	Circle Bar Malvern Theatres
	18:30	Pre show Talk - Tolomeo – What is pastoral now?	FREE	Hospitality suite (MT)
	19:30	TOLOMEO		
Fri 30th Oct	13:00	Florid Style, an Illustrated recital A recital and a demonstration of the art of vocal improvisation in baroque song. Singer and conductor Jonathan Peter Kenny works with singers Katherine Manley and Nathan Vale . Join the performers in the Lounge Bar after the performance where they will be available to chat with the audience	£5	Abbey Hotel
	18:30	Pre-show Talk - Alcina – Enchantment and History	FREE	Hospitality suite (MT)
	19:30	ALCINA		
Sat 31st Oct	11.00	Festival Feedback. Join members of the company and fellow festival goers for an informal discussion about Festival performances and events. <i>Receive a 10% discount at the Gallery Café on presentation of your passport!</i>	FREE	Malvern Library Gallery
	18:30	Pre-show Talk - Ariodante – Goodness and its shortcomings	FREE	Hospitality suite (MT)
	19:30	ARIODANTE		

Buy your Handelfest Pass for £10 and get access to all activities, or get a FREE Handel Passport when purchasing tickets to all 5 operas.

Available to purchase from Malvern Theatres Box Office 01684 892 277

Passport holders: Seats for some events are limited, Please register your interest with ETO to avoid disappointment.

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How to get there...

By Train

Trains depart regularly from London Paddington. The journey is about 2 ½ hours if you get a direct train and about 3 hours if you have to change.

Trains depart very hour between Great Malvern and Birmingham.

By Car

From London it is about 120 miles and takes about 2 ¾ hours. Priory Road is the nearest long stay car park, you can then walk through Priory park to the theatre. There is free parking on Orchard road or College road not to far away. There are a few pay and display meters just up from the theatre.

Venue

There is a café / restaurant in the theatre. It is a short walk to shops. Not your typical high street, much more of small town feel. With a little wander you will find what you need.

Malvern Library

Graham Road
Malvern
WR14 2HU
Tel: 01684 561 223

Abbey Hotel

Abbey Road
Great Malvern
WR14 3ET
Tel: 01684 892 332

<http://www.sarova.com/abbey/>

http://www.sarova.com/data/downloads/272_Abbey_Lounge_Menu_2008.pdf

Coach House Theatre

Theatre House
Grange Road
Malvern
WR14 3HA
Tel: 01684 569011

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Places to Stay...

*The Malvern Festival Theatre has deals with four hotels in the area, which are listed below, and offers special theatre break deals and discounts with all of them if you book through the theatre box office on **01684 892277**.*

For the HandelFest, the theatre box office has kindly offered to continue this service. The hotels will not provide a discount, however, if you contact them directly.

Abbey Hotel

Abbey Road, Great Malvern,
Worcestershire, WR14 3ET
01684 892 332

<http://www.sarova.com/>



Situated less than 200 metres from the theatre...

'The Abbey's setting is one of the most perfect in the country, close to many interesting cities yet situated right in the heart of the countryside, at the foot of the Malvern Hills. With spectacular views of the scenic Vale of Evesham and beautiful Malvern Hills, the hotel offers you a tranquil haven in which to relax and retreat.

The hotel also has a restaurant, *The Priory View Restaurant*, which overlooks the adjoining Benedictine Priory and the Vale of Evesham. The menu offers a choice from the Chef's speciality dishes along with a daily changing fixed price menu.

http://www.sarova.com/data/downloads/126_SampleMenuFeb07.pdf

Single room from £48

Double room from £68

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Great Malvern Hotel

Graham Road
Great Malvern
WR14 2HN
01684 563411

<http://www.great-malvern-hotel.co.uk/>



Situated less than 100 metres from the theatre...

The Room Rate includes Breakfast Buffet with a home cooked English Breakfast served in the Morning Room. Guests of the Great Malvern Hotel enjoy complimentary membership of the Splash Leisure Centre and Gym. A warm welcome awaits in the bar, where a selection of local ales, lagers and a range of house wines are available.'

Double/Twin = £50

Single = £45

Theatre breaks can only be booked by phone through the box office on **01684 892277**.



The Cottage in the Wood

Holywell Road, Malvern Wells, Worcestershire, WR14 4LG

01684 588860

<http://www.cottageinthewood.co.uk/>

Situated just over 2 miles from the theatre (10 minutes by car)...

If you're looking for peace, relaxation, good food and wine, or a romantic hotel break, the award winning Cottage in the Wood is for you; whether you stay for a night or for a week and whether on business or just for pleasure. Voted one of the best Malvern Hotels.

Double/Twin = £99

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Colwall Park Hotel

Colwall, Malvern, Worcestershire, WR13 6QG
01684 540 000
<http://www.colwall.co.uk/>



Situated just over 3 miles from the theatre (10-15 minutes by car)...

'The Colwall Park Hotel is an independent country house hotel in a quiet village on the Herefordshire side of the Malvern Hills.

The Colwall Park hotel is famous for its beautiful setting and award-winning food (featured in Michelin & The Good Food Guide) and are holders of the prestigious Birmingham Evening Mail Restaurant of the Year Award.

The Colwall Park Hotel offers a two-night break with the theatre on one of the nights and gourmet dinner on the other.

Double/Twin = £300

Theatre breaks can only be booked by phone through the box office on **01684 892277**.



Wyche Keep Country House

22 Wyche Road
Malvern
Worcestershire
WR14 4EG

Telephone: 01684 567018

Situated less than 1.5 miles from the theatre (3 minute drive)...

'Amidst the unspoilt beauty of the Malvern Hills this private family run country house is close to Great Malvern and Worcester.

Standard Room/Suite = £35

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Kingfisher Barn B&B

Merebrook Farm
Hanley Swan
Worcester
WR8 0DX

Telephone: 01684 311 922

<http://www.kingfisher-barn.co.uk/>



Situated less than 4.5 miles from the theatre (10 min drive)...

'Kingfisher Barn has been sympathetically converted to retain much of its original 17th Century charm whilst still offering contemporary style and 21st Century comfort. Every room contains a unique combination of traditional oak timbers which are perfectly offset against the modern interior design.

Standard Room/Suite = £40-45

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Places to Eat...

Malvern Theatres Restaurant and Bars

01684 567751 or email Malvern-Exec@LindleyCatering.co.uk to book.



Whether you are a theatre goer or just a fan of good food, The Malvern Theatres Restaurant offers quality cuisine in a relaxed atmosphere. Ranging from light lunches and snacks from the coffee bistro to a varied menu for evening meals, the bars and restaurant at the Malvern Theatres cater to everyone who appreciates the finer things in life.

Make your evening extra special by combining your meal and theatre in a single package. Our Celebration Package includes champagne on arrival, three course dinner with coffee, a bottle of wine, interval drinks, two top price show tickets and a programme all for £125 per couple. Call the Box Office to book on 01684 892277 and don't worry if you've already booked your Theatre tickets, you can still convert to a Celebration Package by asking the Box Office.

The Abbey Hotel Restaurant

Abbey Road, Great Malvern, WR14 3ET
01684 892332
www.sarova.com

**** Perfect for Pre-Show meals ****

The restaurant opens at 6.00pm for dinner service and offers a three course *table d' hote* dinner menu that changes daily at **£18.50 per person**. They also have an extensive bar menu that offers small bites and main dishes from 9.30am if you wanted to pop in for a light lunch or tasty afternoon tea.



Benedictors

5 Church Walk, 01684 578288
<http://www.benedictosrestaurant.com/>

Benedictors Restaurant in Malvern serves authentic Italian dishes, all freshly prepared from the finest ingredients and cooked to order. They do offer a pre-theatre menu available on request.

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The Malthouse Restaurant

Ledbury, Herefordshire, HR8 17B
01531 634443

<http://www.malthouse-ledbury.co.uk/>

Just behind Ledbury's Market Square, down a historic cobbled lane, you will find the converted barn that houses the **Malthouse Restaurant**. Modern British and Continental cuisines are served here using fresh local meats, fresh produce and seasonal fish. A choice of vegetarian dishes is also available.

You can enjoy a full or light meal at the Malthouse Restaurant and choose from a good selection of both Old and New World wines. The à-la-carte menu and daily Specials are served from Tuesday to Saturday. We advise making table reservations and we are also pleased to say that there is access for disabled clients.

Pepper and Oz Brasserie

23 Abbey Road, Malvern WR14 3ES
01684 562676

Discover a continental al-fresco / café-culture in historic Great Malvern, in the refurbished 200 year old former Butcher's shop, next to Malvern Museum. A stylish, warm and intimate environment, we are open seven days a week for lunch and dinner, except Sunday evenings. Open for lunch (noon-2.30pm) or for pre-theatre meals (until 7pm)

Anupam

85 Church Street, 01684 573814
<http://www.anupam.co.uk/>

Situated in Church Street, Great Malvern, Anupam takes customers on a taste tour of India, all in a warm and friendly setting. Many consider the restaurant to be one of Worcestershire's best Indian dining destinations.

If you're wondering which among starters of stir-fried lamb; a baked cottage cheese salad, or tandoor grilled king prawns with cheese and black pepper is the best for you, do not hesitate to seek advice from one of the helpful staff.

The Anchor Inn

Drake St, Welland, 01684 592317

The Anchor Inn, Welland near Malvern is a former 17th Century Coaching Inn that serves wonderful food and traditional ales. The restaurant at The Anchor Inn serves a wonderful selection of freshly cooked food and uses where possible only locally grown fresh produce. Whatever your preference for food from simple to gourmet, the wonderfully varied menu ensures a choice for everyone. The menu includes suitable dishes for those that have food allergies.



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Local Attractions...



The Elgar Birthplace Museum

Crown East Lane, Lower Broadheath
Worcester, Worcestershire , WR2 6RH

<http://www.elgarfoundation.org/>

Telephone: 01905 333 224

5 miles from the theatre (15 minutes by car)...

Open every day: 11am - 5pm, with last admission 4.15pm

One of England's greatest composers, Sir Edward Elgar, was born on 2 June 1857, in this pretty country cottage near Worcester in the heart of England.

After his death in 1934, Elgar's daughter Carice set up a Museum here, as her father had wished. In 2000, the new Elgar Centre was added to the Museum, to display even more treasures from this wonderful collection.



Malvern Priory

Malvern Priory, Parish Office, Church Street, Malvern, WR14 2AY

<http://www.greatmalvernpriory.org.uk>

Telephone: 01684 561020

“The present building dates from 1085, with mainly 15th century structure, floor, and wall tiles. The original Norman architecture church was extended in the years between 1450 and 1500. The great square central tower is very similar to that of the nearby Gloucester Cathedral; it was built by the same masons. It was redesigned in Perpendicular style by Sir Reginald Bray) and has a very plain interior. The chancel is also Perpendicular in style, and contains the monument of John Knotsford (died 1589), a participant in the dissolution of the former monastic foundation. It is largely thanks to his patronage that the church, and particularly its medieval glass, survived so well.”

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Croome Park

Croome D'Abitot, Worcestershire WR8 9DW

www.nationaltrust.org.uk/croomepark/

Telephone: 01905 371006

National Trust Property

“Just a short distance from Upton-on-Severn and is signposted from A38 and B4084. A National Trust property, acquired by them in 1996 and being restored to its former grandeur which includes water features, gardens and parkland, once the home of the Earls of Coventry, its grounds were originally developed and designed by 'Capability Brown', with miles of walks, open parkland, shrubberies and lakeside gardens it provides an opportunity to see 'Capability's first complete landscape.”

Coddington Vineyard

Coddington

Ledbury, Herefordshire

HR8 1JJ

<http://coddingtonvineyard.com/>

01531 640 668



6 miles from theatre (20 minutes by car)

Coddington Vineyard is a well established English vineyard, having been planted mainly in 1985. It is situated a few miles west of the Malvern Hills in an area of outstanding natural beauty. The vineyard has been described as one of the most beautiful of English vineyards.

Thursday to Sunday and Bank Holiday Mondays, 2-5pm

Taking the Waters

St Ann's Well, St Ann's Road, Malvern, Worcestershire WR14 4RF

01684 560285

Open 11.30-3.30 Saturday and Sunday only.

St. Ann's Well is set on the slopes of the Malvern Hills above Great Malvern. It is a popular site on a path leading up to the Worcestershire Beacon. The spring or well is named after St Ann; the maternal grandmother of Christ and the patron saint of many wells. A building that dates back to 1815 houses the well or spring. Malvern Water flows freely from elaborately carved water spout.



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The Morgan Motor Company

Spring Lane
Malvern

WR14 1AJ

01684 800040

<http://www.morgan-motor.co.uk/>



“The principle behind the Morgan factory visit is to encourage as many customers and potential customers as we can to enjoy the factory experience. We aim to ensure that our visitors take away with them a true sense of what Morgan is all about.”

Visit times are between **9am - 12-30pm** and **1pm - 4.30pm** Monday to Thursday and **9am - 1.30pm** Friday (closed Saturday & Sunday).

There are two types of tours at a cost of £10.00 per person

Maximum of 15 in a group

9 tours per day

Your visit must be pre-booked with the visitor centre receptionist Andrea on:-

andrea.masterman@morgan-motor.co.uk or 01684 800040

The Theatre of Small Convenience

Edith Walk, 01684 568 933

www.wctheatre.co.uk

Transformed from an old Victorian Gentleman's lavatory, the Theatre of Small Convenience is the smallest theatre in the world in the Guinness Book of Records 2002.

Situated in Edith Walk in the centre of Great Malvern, it has been host to a great variety of theatrical experience.

The founder is Dennis Neale, a keen puppeteer and drama enthusiast. He continues to run the theatre as an independent and non profit-making project. The theatre, since its opening in November 1999 has had performances both professional & amateur of drama, puppetry, poetry, story-telling, music and monologues, and even a day of opera!



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Malvern Tourist Information Centre

21 Church Street, 01684 892289

malvern.tic@malvernhills.gov.uk

The Malvern TIC is located at the top of Church Street in the centre of Great Malvern, just across the road from the Post Office, close to Belle Vue Terrace.

Taxis

ASAP Link Taxis 125 Worcester Rd, Malvern, WR14 1ET **01684 566665**

Elite Taxis 13 Richards Close, Malvern, WR14 1JT **01684 569898**

Malvern Taxis 78 Wells Rd, Malvern, WR14 4PA **01684 572020**