

In admiration to the Band of the U.S. Military Academy at West Point - the best balanced, most artistic band I know, with thanks for their glorious playing from Percy Grainger April 28 1940



"50 years after his death, the virtuoso pianist and composer Percy Grainger (1882-1961) is emerging as one of the most revolutionary cultural figures of the 20th century. Come and discover the joy of his music and some of its background in more than 120 works – a spectacular four days you will not forget."

PENELOPE THWAITES, ARTISTIC DIRECTOR

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## THURSDAY 17 FEBRUARY

### A BAND BLAST-OFF

Trinity Brass Quintet  
Kabirat Wind Quintet  
Guildhall Recorder Choir  
Guildhall Saxophone Choir

A galvanising launch for the series, combining folk music, original works and early music in unusual arrangements while juxtaposing some of Grainger's hits and rarities.

Atrium 6pm  
Free

### THE HARMONIOUS SONGSMITH

Grainger's World in Song

The Addison Singers  
David Wordworth conductor with special guest  
Yvonne Kenny soprano  
Stephen Varcoe baritone  
Penelope Thwaites piano

A journey through Grainger's wide song and choral repertoire: English and Scottish folk-settings, the idiosyncratic Kipling settings, plus a rollicking Danish sequence, with the god Thor appearing as an old woman at a christening!

Hall One 7:30pm  
Ticket Prices: See Box

## FRIDAY 18 FEBRUARY

### PERCY GRAINGER AND THE PIANOLA

Michael Broadway pianola  
A chance to hear Grainger playing his own works! Includes *In Dahomey* 'Cakewalk Smasher' and *Irish Tune from County Derry*, as well as works by Grieg, Gershwin and others.

St Pancras Room 6pm  
£9.50 online

### WIND BAND SPECTACULAR

The Royal Artillery Band  
Major Neil Morgan conductor  
Compered by Keith Michell

A thrilling programme of Grainger classics for wind band, including *Lincolnshire Posy* and *The Power of Rome and the Christian Heart*, alongside such hits as *Molly on the Shore* and *Country Gardens*.



Hall One 7:30pm  
Ticket Prices: See Box

## SATURDAY 19 FEBRUARY

### ROOM-MUSIC GEMS

The Fitzwilliam String Quartet  
with Michael Broadway pianola  
and Penelope Thwaites piano

A delightful 45-min programme uniting Grainger's miniatures for chamber ensemble with original ideas, and ending with the unlikely combination of strings and pianola.

Hall Two 1:30pm  
£6.50 online

### SING GRAINGER!

Choral workshop for audience and choirs

David Wordworth conductor  
Matthew Hough piano

A great vocal workout exploring Grainger's inspiring choral works.

Hall Two 2:30-4pm  
£9.50 online

### EXPERIMENTING WITH GRAINGER

The Electric Eye Tone Tool  
and the Theremin

Lydia Kavina theremin  
Warren Burt performing on film

A unique event where the player makes music on the instrument

without touching it! Watch a specially prepared film by the avant-garde composer Warren Burt, in which he describes his reconstruction of one of Grainger's experimental machines, the Electric Eye Tone Tool. Lydia Kavina, the leading theremin exponent, will then present works written for its haunting sound. Followed by Q&A.

St Pancras Room 4.45pm  
£9.50 online

### EAST MEETS WEST: AN EXTRAVAGANZA

The Grainger Elastic Band  
with members of the Royal Artillery Orchestra led by The Fitzwilliam String Quartet  
Roger Montgomery conductor

Penelope Thwaites piano  
John Lavender piano  
The Team of Pianists  
The Grainger Singers  
Grainger Brass Sextet

Massive percussion features in Grainger's fascinating world music settings. Also includes works for two pianos (and up to 11 hands) celebrating English, Irish and American folk music; *Thanksgiving Song* (UK Premiere) with a haunting choral postlude; and 6-hand arrangement of *The Warriors* (music to an imaginary ballet) plus a surprise ending!



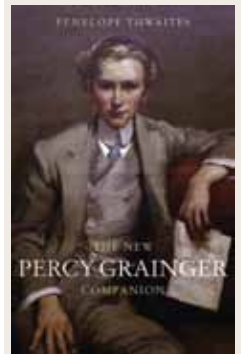
Hall One 7:30pm  
Ticket Prices: See Box

## SUNDAY 20 FEBRUARY

### THE GRAINGER SEMINAR

A kaleidoscope of commentary from an international group of experts. With live/recorded music.

The British Library  
Conference Centre 10am-5pm  
£15 (BL Box Office 01937 546546)



Celebrating Grainger 2011 complements the publication of *The New Percy Grainger Companion*, ed. Penelope Thwaites. Order at: [www.boydellandbrewer.com](http://www.boydellandbrewer.com)



Coming soon: Percy Grainger 19-CD box set at a very special price! Available from February 2011. [www.chandos.net](http://www.chandos.net)

### TICKET PRICES

Unless indicated otherwise: £12.50 £14.50 £19.50 £24.50

**Premium Seats** £29.50  
(Include one glass of house wine, beer or soft drink)

**Saver Seats** £9.50  
(Exclusively available online – limited availability)

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