

SMETANA

Friday 29th September – Sunday 1st October 2017

The Wroxton House Hotel, near Banbury, Oxfordshire

Friday

5.00 *Assemble and welcome*

7.00 *Aperitifs*

7.30 *Dinner*

After dinner:

Bedřich Smetana: life and career

Saturday

8.15 *Breakfast*

9.30 Piano Trio
Wallenstein's Camp
Richard III
The Brandenburgers in Bohemia (scene)

10.30 *Coffee*

11.00 The Bartered Bride (scenes)

12.30 *Lunch*

Free afternoon

4.00 *Tea*

4.30 Four movements from *Má Vlast*:
Vyšehrad, Vltava, Šárka, From Bohemia's Woods and Fields

7.00 *Aperitifs*

7.30 *Dinner*

After dinner:

String Quartet No. 1 'From my life'

Sunday

8.15 *Breakfast*

9.30 Dalibor (scenes)

10.45 *Coffee*

11.15 The Two Widows (scenes)

12.30 *Lunch*

2.00 String Quartet No. 2

Two movements from *Má Vlast*: Tábor; Blaník

3.15 *Tea and Departure*



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Smetana was the first Czech composer to make an international impression, and his role as leader of the nationalist movement was hugely important to the development of the Czech musical tradition. He remains one of the most important opera composers of the nineteenth century, with a range of emotion that is both vivid and truthful. Our musical examples using CD and DVD will be played on excellent hi-fi equipment.

The Best Western **Wroxton House Hotel** is set in the beautiful thatched village of Wroxton. Dating in parts from 1649 and beautifully appointed, it is an idyllic retreat only 4 miles from Banbury, on the edge of the Cotswolds.

Terry Barfoot is Director of Arts in Residence and writes widely on music for Britain's leading journals, orchestras, festivals and record companies. He lectures at venues throughout the country and is Publications Consultant to the Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra.

Guests will arrive on Friday from 5pm, and depart after tea on Sunday. Arts in Residence and Wroxton House offer an excellent cuisine including dinner with wine, and a traditional Sunday lunch. The weekend is designed as an informal 'house party' and guests need only the ability to enjoy music; no technical knowledge is required.

Price: £289.00 per person (twin/double rooms), £315.00 (single rooms)

to include all meals, wine, beverages, course fees and accommodation.

Booking: Arts in Residence, 25, Mulberry Lane, Cosham, Portsmouth, PO6 2QU.
£50.00 per person deposit with booking. (Cheques payable to Arts in Residence Ltd.)

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