

Youth music tours to the heart of Normandy



Musique Anglo-Normande



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Our monthly newsletter looks ahead to future tours, reviews past tours, shares interesting info on the venues and activities we organise, with a moment to focus on one of groups that are touring to our beautiful Pays d'Auge. Enjoy!

Singers 'en masse' at College Gambier...it's all about food!

Rehearsals have begun at College Gambier, the secondary school in central Lisieux, to start preparing 'La Cuisine de Léonie et Josquin' by Joubert. A large work based entirely on food and recipes, they will be performing in partnership with Royal Russell School (Croyden), during their tour here in the summer. The concert will feature over one hundred young singers, and is set to take place at the magnificent Chateau Canon (see overleaf) on Thursday 6th July 2023 at 7pm.

"The combined choirs of College Gambier are delighted to participate in a concert in partnership with the Royal Russell School. The occasion for our 70 young musicians and dancers aged 12-15 to portray a culinary adventure!"

"La chorale des classes CHAM-CHAD du collège Gambier est ravie de participer à un concert en partenariat avec le chœur du Royal Russell School. Ce sera l'occasion pour nos 70 adolescents musiciens et danseurs de 12 à 15 ans de narrer les péripéties culinaires de deux jeunes !"

Yann Mahé, Lisieux Conservatoire



Focussing on....

Royal Russell School tour, July 2023

A 50-strong group from Royal Russell School, Croyden, will be touring to us in July 2023. During their visit, in addition to performing at Chateau Canon with the College Gambier choir, they will enjoy adventure activities in the Suisse Normande (the area of Normandy reminiscent of the Swiss Alps), with other concerts scheduled for Honfleur and the Basilica of Saint-Thérèse in Lisieux.



"Chris has been a real pleasure to work with. He has made every aspect of tour planning so easy. His expertise is invaluable and has meant that we feel entirely confident as we approach our tour."

Jeremy Franklin, Director of Music, Royal Russell School



Having lots of fun at....

Ouilly Loisirs

Right on our doorstep is one of the most beautiful areas of France, the 'Suisse Normande'. This area of Normandy is characterised by forests, valleys, rivers, and jagged cliffs reminiscent of the Swiss Alps. At the heart of the region is the activity centre 'Ouilly Loisirs'.

Specialising in school group activities, this large centre has a huge range of activities available, both water-based (such as kayaking and paddle-boarding), and land-based (such as climbing, hiking, and geo-caching). A particular highlight is their superb aerial trekking course. In a similar way to ski-slopes, there are a range of circuits going from green-runs to black-runs, meaning all the different age-groups can participate together. The all-important 'ligne de vie en continue' means that each participant is securely attached to the guide lines for the entire duration of each circuit. A chance for young people to build their confidence and have fun in complete security!

Performing at.....

Château Canon

Rightly described as one of the architectural gems of the Pays d'Auge, Château Canon is a truly timeless venue which plunges visitors back into the life of the French aristocracy of the Eighteenth Century.

The main house is a fascinating museum site, and within the grounds one of the large buildings has been converted into a beautiful 300-seater hall, which is frequently used for weddings and banquets. A perfect setting for concerts, rehearsals can take place during the day and the students can explore the grounds and chateau when not making music!

