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# ROMAN RIVER MUSIC

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## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **World-Class Classical Music In Essex, At Roman River Music's Summer Weekend**

BBC Radio 3 will join forces with local festival organisation, Roman River Music, next week to broadcast their Summer Weekend. Taking place from 14-16 July in Coggeshall, Essex, this is a chance to experience world-class, classical music in rural Essex.

The Summer Weekend features four programmes of French music performed by eight exceptionally talented musicians from around the globe.

The internationally acclaimed tenor, Karim Sulayman, will make his debut at the Summer Weekend, flying in especially from New York for the occasion.

Tom Poster, Elena Urioste, the Navarra Quartet and Raphaela Papadakis complete the incredible line-up of musicians.

Orlando Jopling, Artistic Director at Roman River Music, says, "Eight wonderful and charismatic musicians will be performing in one of Essex's most idyllic villages. It's a truly unique opportunity to enjoy an evening of French music in an incredible setting."

BBC Radio 3 has recognised the quality offering of Roman River Music and will be recording all four Summer Weekend concerts for broadcast.

Tickets are priced from £6 (or just £3 for anyone under 30) and can be purchased online now from [romanrivermusic.org.uk](http://romanrivermusic.org.uk). Further information about each of the concerts can also be found on the site.

## **ENDS**

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### **Notes to editor:**

A visual is attached for your use. Caption, "Karim Sulayman"  
Further visuals are available should you require.

### **SUMMER WEEKEND**

Roman River Music's Summer Weekend concerts will celebrate the rich treasure trove of music by French composers from the golden age of the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. Iconic masterpieces have been carefully chosen by pianist Tom Poster, providing a framework for some exquisite rarities interwoven throughout this unique four-concert festival.

Performers:

Tom Poster piano

Elena Urioste violin

The Navarra Quartet  
Raphaëla Papadakis soprano  
Karim Sulayman tenor

Timings:

Friday 14 July, 8pm

Debussy Violin Sonata

Saint-Saëns Violons dans le soir

Messiaen La mort du nombre

Fauré Piano Quintet No 1 in D minor

Saturday 15 July, 11am

Fauré Violin Sonata No 1 in A major

Ravel String Quartet in F major

Saturday 15 July, 6pm

Ravel Pavane pour une infante défunte

Chausson Chanson perpétuelle

Fauré La bonne chanson

Ravel Piano Trio

Sunday 16 July, 6pm

Poulenc Songs (selection)

Chausson Concert in D major

**About Roman River Music [romanrivermusic.org.uk](http://romanrivermusic.org.uk)**

Roman River Music brings internationally renowned performers to informal and unexpected venues in Colchester and coastal Essex each year for a 3-week festival. Our festival is informal, open to everybody, with no rules. We convert disused urban buildings into performance venues because there is no concert hall in Colchester. Audiences can clap when they want, bring drinks into the concerts, and no shushing is allowed! We run bars and often serve food as well.

With our partners Dance East, the Mercury Theatre, and Colchester Arts Centre, we commission new work and collaborations, nurture emerging talent. We give artists the time and space to develop their skill and create new work among the salt marshes and wide open skies of coastal Essex.

We create opportunities for over 1,000 young people to compose, perform or listen to music and get involved in the performing and visual arts.