

TCHAIKOVSKY'S LAST YEARS

**Dillington House, Ilminster, Somerset,
11th-13th May 2012**

Friday

5.00 Assemble and welcome
6.30 Aperitifs
7.00 Dinner
After dinner
Music from The Nutcracker, Opus 71



Saturday

8.15 Breakfast
9.30 The Queen of Spades, Opus 68 (1)
11.00 Coffee
11.30 The Queen of Spades (2)
12.30 Lunch
4.00 Tea
4.30 The Queen of Spades (3)
6.30 Aperitifs
7.00 Dinner
After dinner
Souvenir de Florence: string sextet, Opus 70
The Voyevode: Symphonic Ballad, Opus 78 (Op. posth.)



Sunday

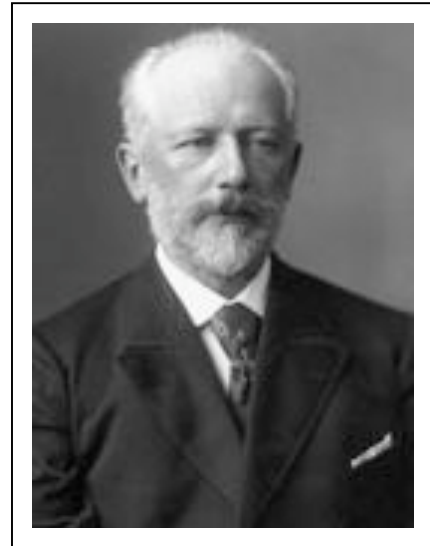
8.15 Breakfast
9.30 Symphony No. 6 in B minor, Opus 74 *Pathétique*
11.00 Coffee
11.30 Symphony No. 6 (continued)
12.30 Lunch
2.30 concert by the Brodowski String Quartet (augmented),
featuring Tchaikovsky's Souvenir de Florence.
4.15 Tea and departure



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Tchaikovsky was at the height of his powers, aged just fifty-three, when he died in the autumn of 1893. His *Symphony No. 6, 'Pathétique'*, which he described as 'the best thing I have ever done', had been triumphantly received just a few days before his death, in what can only be described as 'suspicious circumstances'.

During our weekend we will explore music from the composer's last few years, which saw the creation of some of his greatest works, in the context of his recurring preoccupation with Fate, 'the sword of Damocles which hangs over us all'. The weekend will conclude with a performance of the string sextet *Souvenir de Florence*.

Located in mature parkland and formerly the home of Prime Minister Lord North, **Dillington House** dates back to the 16th century and was remodelled in the early 19th century in the Jacobean style. It has the perfect combination of first class facilities and a peaceful and beautiful setting, including forty en-suite rooms.

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

Course members will arrive on Friday at 5pm and depart on Sunday afternoon. Arts in Residence and Dillington House offer an excellent cuisine including dinners with wine.

Price: £275.00 per person (twin/double rooms), £299.00 (single rooms)
to include all meals, wine, beverages, course fees and accommodation.
Non-resident fee £180.00

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

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