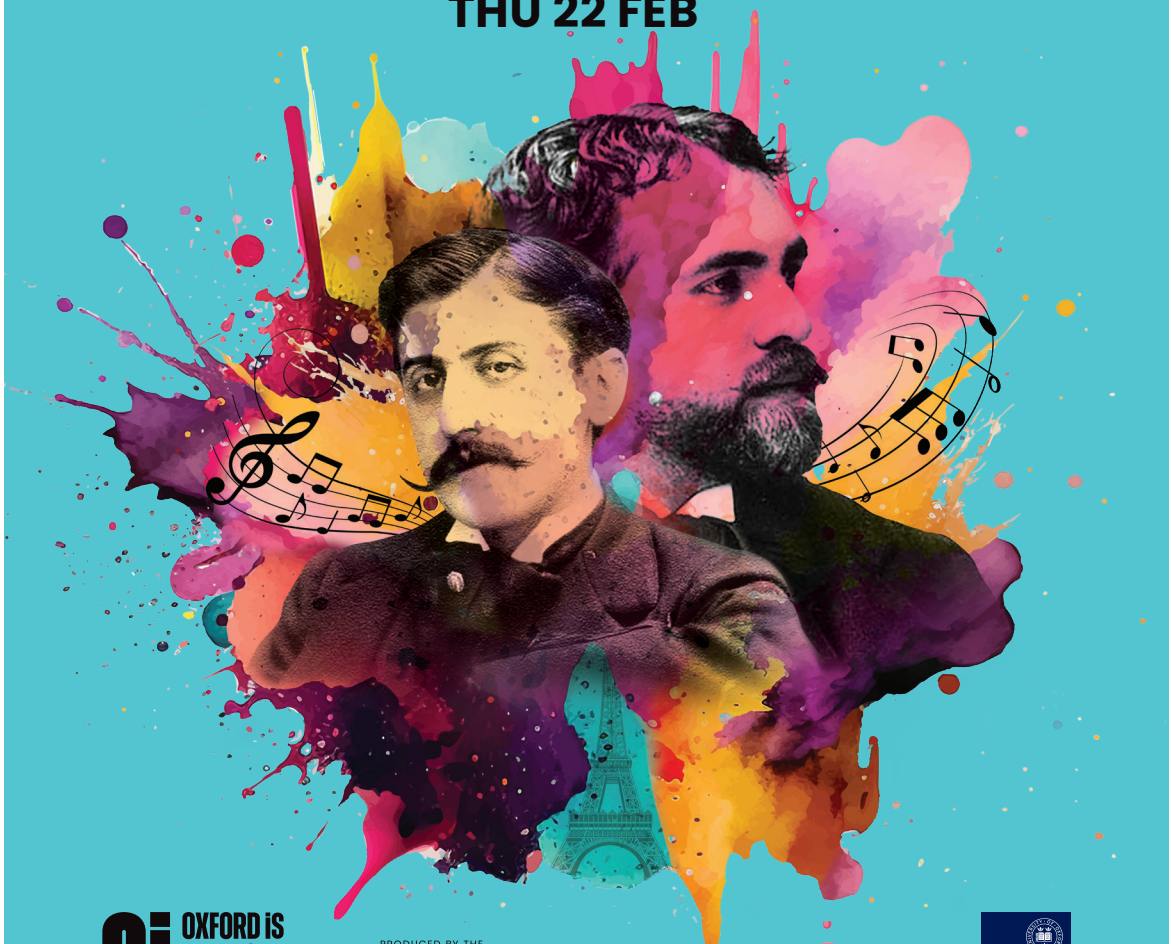


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**A CONCERT INSPIRED BY MARCEL PROUST,  
REYNALDO HAHN AND THE MUSIC SALONS  
OF LA BELLE ÉPOQUE.**

**Join Kaleidoscope Chamber Collective and guests as we travel back to La Belle Époque and a world immortalised by Proust, Parisian high society, and its glittering salons.**

Pre-Concert introduction with Jennifer Rushworth, Simon Kemp and Jennifer Yee.

## **Kaleidoscope Chamber Collective**

Karim Sulayman *tenor*, Elena Urioste *violin*, Savitri Grier *violin*, Edgar Francis *viola*, Laura van der Heijden *cello*, Tom Poster *piano*.

By the turn of the century, the Paris salons were places where composers, poets, playwrights, and authors would come together. For Proust, who loved music, they provided opportunities to encounter the composers he held in high esteem.

One such person is the Venezuelan-born composer, conductor, singer, and writer Reynaldo Hahn – once Proust's lover – who remained a close friend for life. Their relationship was known in fashionable social circles of late nineteenth-century Paris, but not to the wider public during their lifetimes. Numerous letters signed by Proust show his intimate bond with Hahn, whose exquisite songs and sumptuous chamber music are among the greatest musical gems of the period.

Through music and song, interspersed with readings, we are transported back to the love, life, music, and words of these great men.

The programme includes instrumental and vocal chamber music from the seventeenth to the twentieth centuries, by Reynaldo Hahn, Gabriel Fauré, Mélanie Bonis, Lili Boulanger, Étienne Moulinié and Jean-Philippe Rameau.

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*"I wondered whether music might not be the unique example of what might have been – if the invention of language, the formation of words, the analysis of ideas had not intervened – the means of communication between souls" – Proust*

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## **TIME**

7.30pm (doors 7pm)

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## **TICKETS**

from £15. Students £5

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## **VENUE**

Sheldonian Theatre,  
Broad Street, Oxford

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