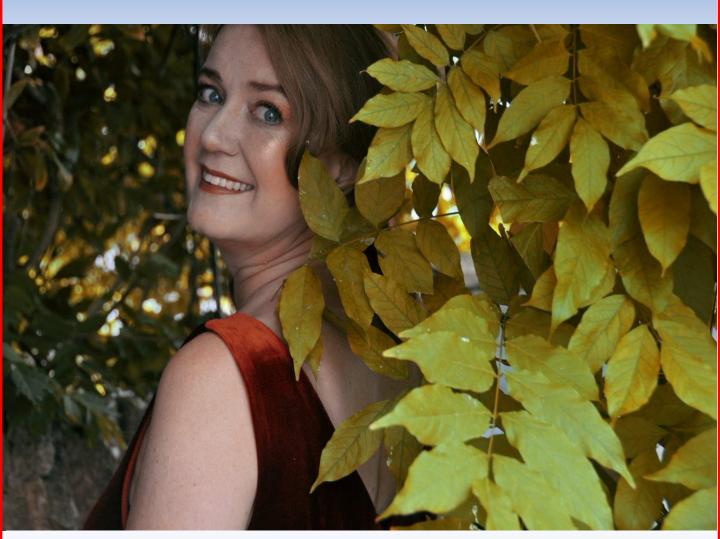
## **Stonevale Concerts 2023**

Sunday 15th October at 4pm

## Jacobine van Laar (Mezzo Soprano)

Ilya Chetverikov (piano)



As usual, the concert is free, but donations will go towards the artists' fees. Please email or phone Lynette to reserve a seat: Lynette.stulting@abingdon.org.uk or 07813-950045

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## Jacobine van Laar – Mezzo-Soprano

Jacobine van Laar was born in The Netherlands and began her musical career as a flautist. During her final year at the Sweelinck Conservatoire in Amsterdam she started her vocal studies with Wout Oosterkamp at the Royal Conservatoire in The Hague. Jacobine continued her vocal studies at The Guildhall School of Music and Drama in London as a postgraduate student with Laura Sarti. After this she continued to study privately with Angela Hickey. She took part in masterclasses with the Wagnerian Danish tenor Stig Andersen.

Jacobine performed as a recitalist and in opera productions in many venues throughout the UK, The Netherlands and France. Having started out as a lirico-spinto soprano, Jacobine recently made the transgression into the dramatic mezzo-soprano repertoire. Jacobine enjoys making chamber music with members of the Royal Philharmonic and London Symphony Orchestra but equally loves working with choirs as a soloist.

## Ilya Chetverikov - Piano

A Russian pianist currently based in Oxford, Ilya is a pianist of international reputation, who was brought up in the rich tradition of the Russian piano school. After completing his post-graduate course as a pianist, he went on gaining another qualification as a choral master of Orthodox church services, and has embarked on choral conducting in Moscow for several years. He is in growing demand as a chamber musician across the UK, has toured in many cities and has made world premier recordings in different chamber music settings. His recent performances include world premiere performance of solo piano composition and Piano Trio by Jeremy Arden in the Holywell Music Room in 2021. Last season he appeared in King's Place London to give London premier of Arden's work. As a duo recitalist, he has also featured in the concert series by The Orchestra of St John's, and played in a sold out concert at the Hay Festival in 2022.