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WINTER GARDEN NEXT MONTH: BIG DAY FOR MUSIC

SINFONIA SUNDAY: YORK IS BLUE FOR GERSHWIN

AND JANE GOW WILL TACKLE MOZART MAGIC

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THE popular Easbtourne Sinfonia presents its 21st gala concert at the Winter Garden next month (February 23) and a special celebration programme will include two distinguished pianists.

Eastbourne and Sussex pianist John York, Sinfonia's patron, will be returning to town – and the Winter Garden – to join Sinfonia in what promises to be a most entertaining performance of the Gershwin jazz classic, Rhapsody in Blue.

The other keyboard expert on view will be amateur pianist Jane Gow, wife of Eastbourne's MP, who is winning a growing reputation as a quality keyboard virtuoso both in Sussex and in London. She will be playing the slow movement from the Mozart piano concerto No 21.

Sinfonia will be conducted by maestro Graham Jones (leader Lisa Wigmore) and the programme will also include Rossini's overture, The Thieving Magpie, Schumann's Concertstuk for Four Horns (Ron Harris, Nicholas Korth, Stuart Korth, Graham Hills), and the famous 1812 Overture by Tchaikovsky, which will also feature the Eastbourne Silver Band. The gala concert, which will be introduced by Stella Blond, will begin at 3 p.m.

• YORK: Gershwin

• GOW: Mozart