

Mendel Days 2021

Despite being based in the outskirts of provincial Brno of the nineteenth century, Gregor Johann Mendel became a leading figure of a whole new field of science, which germinated in the monastery garden of the local Augustinian abbey and then spread throughout the world.

This concert organised for the Mendel Days 2021 is a tribute to the heroes of both science and art. In 2014 the jazz-oriented Pacora Trio joined up with the vocal ensemble Societas Incognitorum to record *Heroes*. The album offered an exquisitely inspirational fusion of old vocal polyphony with jazz standards. Jacob Handl Gall's musical settings of Ovid thus appeared in the company of Ellington's *Caravan*, while the madrigals of Thomas Weelkes were freshened up with striding basses and chops in the strings.

These brilliant crossover arrangements can now be enjoyed live by visitors to this year's Mendel Days, which endeavour – the like the aforementioned two ensembles – to combine traditional with contemporary and classical with modern.

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