classical Music

Vincent, George Crumb's Vox Balaenae, Berio's Sequenza III and Ravel's Chansons Madecasses. Philharmonic Hall (0151-709 3789) 8pm, £17 & £20. [DA]

Stratford-upon-Avon **Albion String Quartet**

The quartet perform Mozart's Quartet K 575 and Schubert's No 14 in D Minor 'Death and the Maiden'. Stratford Playhouse (01789 333990) 12noon, £15.

Mariam Batsashvili

The pianist performs Bach's Chromatic Fantasy and Fugue D Minor, Liszt's Consolations and Rhapsodie Espagnole, Chopin's Etudes No 1, No 2 and No 4, Liszt's Bénédiction De Dieu Dans La Solitude. Douze Grandes Études No 9 and No 10. Stratford Playhouse (01789 333990) 7.30pm, £20.

TUESDAY

Birminaham **Britten-Shostakovich Festival Orchestra**

Jan Latham-Koenig conducts Britten's Four Sea Interludes. Rachmaninov's Rhapsody on a Theme of Paganini, Prokofiev's Romeo and Juliet. Shostakovich's Hamlet and Tchaikovsky's 1812 Overture. The pianist is Pavel Kolesnikov. Symphony Hall (0121-780 3333) 7.30pm, £12.40-£40. [DA] Stratford-upon-Avon

Gildas Quartet and Jack McNeill

The quartet is joined by clarinetist Jack McNeill to perform Haydn's String Quartet No 6, Britten's String Quartet No 3 and Brahms's Clarinet Ouintet. Stratford Playhouse (01789 333990) 7.30pm, £20.

Thibaut Garcia

The BBC Radio 3 New Generation guitarist performs Agustín Barrios Mangoré's La Catedral, Alexandre Tansman's Cina Inventions Et Passacaille, JS Bach's Chaconne in D Minor, Isaac Albéniz's Asturias and Piazzolla's Deux Saisons. Stratford Playhouse (01789 333990)

12noon, £15. WEDNESDAY

Nottingham Britten-Shostakovich Festival Orchestra

Jan Latham-Koenig conducts Britten's Four Sea Interludes from Peter Grimes, Vaughan Williams's The Lark Ascending, highlights from Prokofiev's Romeo and Juliet and Shostakovich's Hamlet. plus Tchaikovsky's 1812 Overture, With violinist Jennifer Pike. Royal Concert Hall (0115-989 5555) 7.30pm, £9-£35. [DA] Stratford-upon-Avon Galliard Ensemble The chamber quartet perform a programme of French wind music of the 1920s. Stratford Playhouse (01789 333990)

12noon, £15. **THURSDAY**

Leeds **Britten-Shostakovich**

Festival Orchestra Jan Latham-Koenig conducts Tchaikovsky's 1812 Overture, Rachmaninov's Rhapsody on a Theme of Paganini, Britten's Four Sea Interludes and Shostakovich's Suite for Variety Stage Orchestra: March, Polka, Waltz, Finale. The pianist is Pavel Kolesnikov. Leeds Town Hall (0113-376 0318) 7.30pm, £11.13-£32.86, under 18s/NUS/unwaged £5.57-£16.43. [DA]

Liverpool **Royal Liverpool Philharmonic Orchestra**

Vasily Petrenko conducts Dani Howard's Coalescence. Rachmaninov's Piano Concerto No 2 and Berlioz's Symphonie Fantastique, With pianist Nobuyuki Tsujii. Philharmonic Hall (0151-709 3789) 7.30pm, £21-£49. [DA]

Manchester

The Hallé Klaus Makela conducts Beethoven's Overture to the Creatures of Prometheus, the composer's only ballet, plus Beethoven's Piano Concerto No 1 and Shostakovich's Symphony No 5. With pianist Vikingur Ólafsson. Bridgewater Hall (0844-907 9000) 7.30pm, £14.50-£43.50, [DA]

Luke Jones

The pianist plays Brahms's Variations on a Theme of Paganini and Beethoven's Sonata No 21 in C 'Waldstein'. Bridgewater Hall (0844-907 9000) 1.10pm, £10.50, NUS £7.50. [DA] Stratford-upon-Avon **Galliard Ensemble**

The chamber quartet perform French wind music of the 1920s.

Town Hall (01789

269332) 12noon, £15. **Gildas Quartet With Katherine Spencer** The clarinetist joins for Mozart's String Quartet No 19 in C, Janáček's String Quartet No 2, Shaw's Entr'acte and Weber's Clarinet Ouintet.

Stratford Playhouse (01789 333990) 7.30pm, £20.

Emma Johnson and John Lenehan

York

The clarinetist and pianist perform Brahms's Sonata in E Flat No 2. Weber's Grand Duo Concertant, Debussy's

Première Rhapsodie. Arnold's Sonatina for Clarinet and Piano. Tom Johnson's Selection of Bedtime Stories, Elgar's Canto Popolare and Bernstein's Riffs. Sir Jack Lyons Concert Hall, University of York (01904 322439) 7.30pm. £15, under 18s £14.

FRIDAY

Gateshead Lars Voqt

The pianist plays Mozart's Sonata No K280, Janáček's Sonata 1 'From the Street'. Liszt's Ballade No 2 in B Minor and Schubert's Sonata No 21. The Sage Gateshead (0191-443 4661) 7.30pm, £18-£22. [DA] Scunthorpe

Royal Philharmonic Orchestra

Stephen Bell conducts Niael Hess's A Celebration Overture. Delius's The Walk to the Paradise Garden, Vaughan Williams's The Lark Ascending, Walton's Spitfire Prelude and Fugue. Karl Jenkins's Palladio and Elgar's Enigma Variations. With violinist Duncan Riddell. Baths Hall (0844-854 2776) 7.30pm, £18.

Stratford-upon-Avon **Aguinas Piano Trio and**

Rebecca Low The trio are joined by violist Rebecca Lowe to perform Mozart's Piano Ouartet in G Minor and Schumann's Piano Quartet in E Flat. Stratford Playhouse (01789 333990) 12noon, £15.

Aris Quartet

The quartet are joined by Elisabeth Brauss to perform Mendelssohn's Quartet, Shostakovich's Quartet No 8 and Brahms's Piano Quintet in F Minor. Stratford Playhouse (01789333990)7.30pm, £20.