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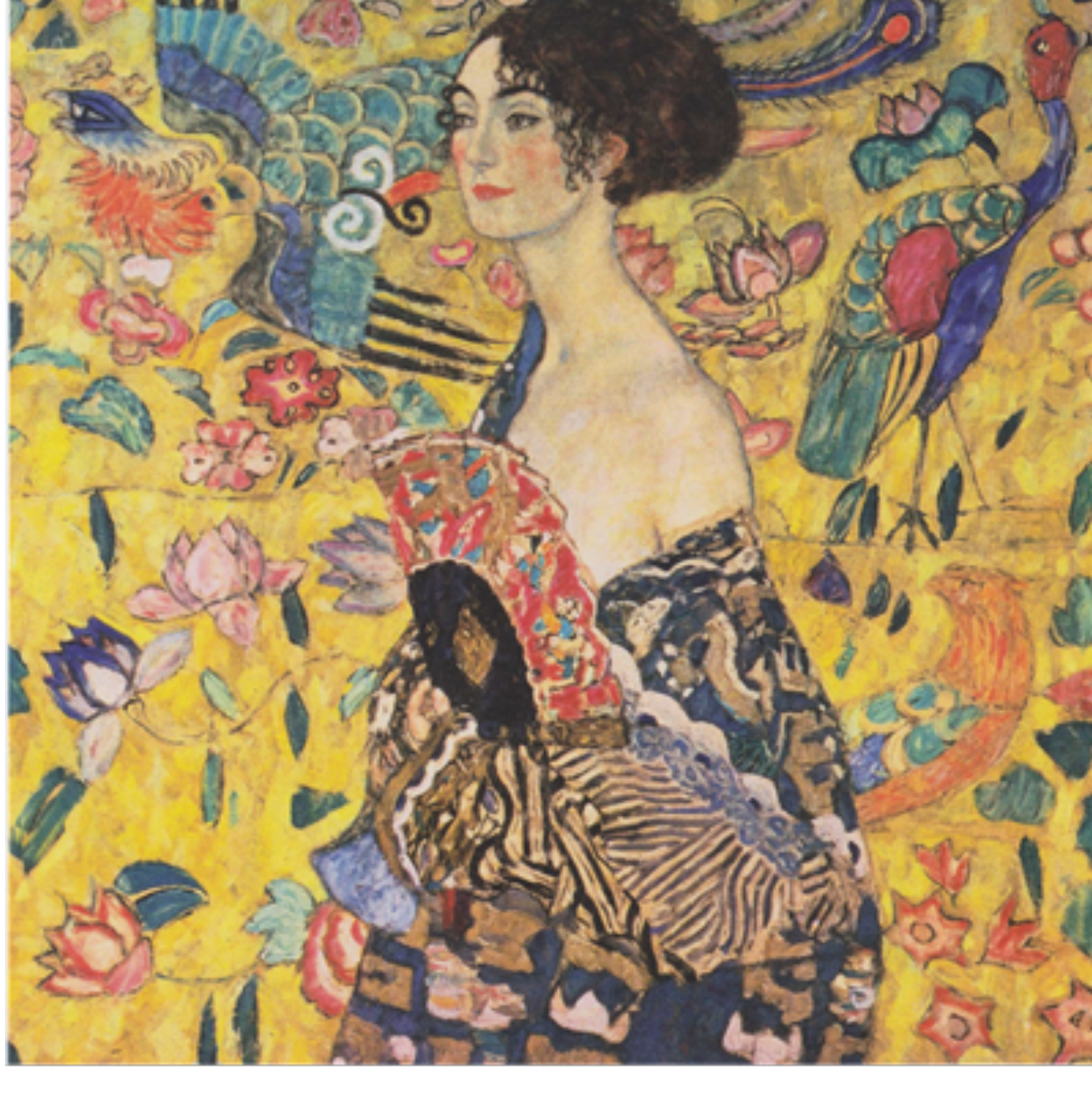
The Arts Society Wilmslow

October 2026

Lecture

Gustav Klimt - much more than just 'The Kiss'

7.30pm, Thursday 8th October
United Reformed Church,
Chapel Lane, Wilmslow SK9 1PR.



The problem with Gustav Klimt is that his work is so well known that the fame of paintings like 'The Kiss' colour our imagination, and rightly so. But the blazing glory of this work can eclipse all that is so magnificent about this artist, such that we really know little about the range and extent of his work and many skills. This talk will introduce his wider work, spanning theatre design, interior decor, portraits, posters and furniture, as well as his painting.

Our speaker, Frank Vigon, has been a head teacher of both an inner-city school and a highly successful and popular Media Arts High School. He is currently an education consultant, lecturing on education and examinations to teachers and sixth form students. He lectures extensively on a variety of topics including politics, history, education, art history and literature.

FINAL REMINDER

Arts Society Film Matinée

John Singer Sargent: Fashion and Swagger

2.00pm, Wednesday 14th October
Alderley Edge Cricket Club
Moss Lane, Alderley Edge SK9 7HN

Cost: £10 per member, £15 per guest

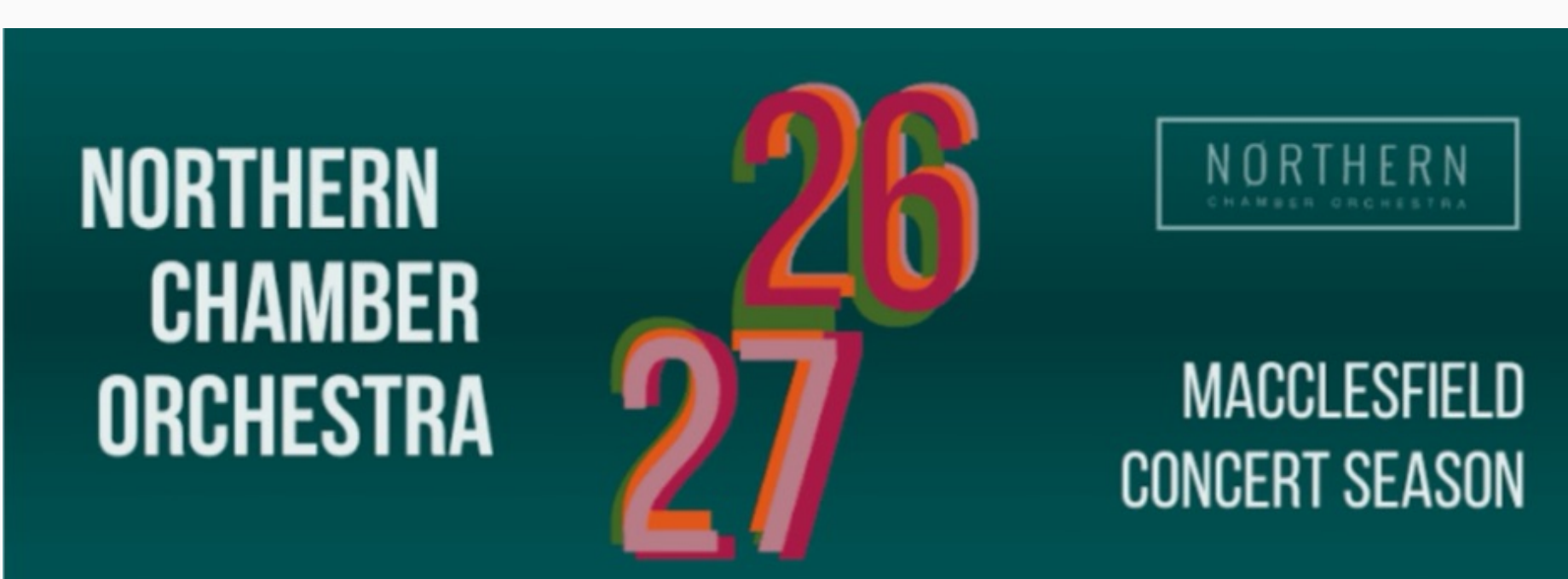


This is a final chance to join our **Art Film Matinée and Afternoon Tea**. Our film explores the life and work of **John Singer Sargent** (1856-1925), widely regarded as the foremost portrait painter of his generation.

There are a few places left but they have to be pre-booked. So to secure your seat or seats, please email chair.tasw@proton.me straight away. Or you can book seats at our Thursday lecture meeting, subject to availability. Members are welcome to bring one guest. Places are limited. So first come, first served!

Payment of £10 per member and £15 for guests will be taken by card or cash at the event. There will be a champagne raffle.

During this event there is free parking at the Cricket Club on Moss Lane, Alderley Edge SK9 7HN.



Visit

A Special Evening with the Northern Chamber Orchestra

6.30pm, Saturday, 5th December
King's School Macclesfield
Alderley Road SK10 4SP.

Cost: £28.80 per person

Our visit to the Northern Chamber Orchestra will be a first for the Society - and not before time! The NCO brings world-class music to our doorstep.

I am delighted the Orchestra is making the occasion special for us. Its Chairman will welcome members and guests with pre-concert drinks before introducing the Orchestra's Leader. She will share her experience of performing with this remarkable ensemble. For the concert we will sit together in reserved seats at the centre of the hall and enjoy a 'Mostly Baroque' programme featuring music by Vivaldi, Telemann, Bach and others. For more concert details go to https://www.ncorch.co.uk/nco_events/mainly-baroque/

The reception and drinks are at 6.30pm, and the concert begins at 7.30pm.

The venue is the new King's School Macclesfield on Alderley Road, SK10 4SP. Ample free parking is available on site. If you need a lift, please let us know so that we can arrange one. Society members and their guests are equally welcome.

Do join us! To enquire or book seats, please email chair.tasw@proton.me. Payment is £28.80 per person and can be made by bank transfer, using the details below:

Account name: The Arts Society Wilmslow

Bank: Co-operative Bank

Sort Code: 08-92-99

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Please use 'Concert' and your surname as the payment reference.

Alternatively, you can register at our Thursday meeting and pay by card or cash.

Events Elsewhere

A list of local concerts, exhibitions and other events can be seen [here](#).

The Arts Society North East Cheshire

<https://theartsocietynortheastcheshire.org.uk/Lectures/FutureLectures.aspx>

Lecture

John Singer Sargent: The Private Radical

Speaker: Gavin Plumley

10.30am, Wednesday, 14th October
Wilmslow Conference Centre,
Wilmslow Way,
Handforth, Wilmslow SK9 3PE.

Visitor's fee: £10

Whether drawing duchesses or portraying princes, John Singer Sargent (1856-1925) was high society's leading portraitist. Flaunting a consummate technique, his luxurious canvases mirrored his subjects' wealth. Yet beneath the dazzling veneer of these works lurks a much rawer world, and Sargent scandalised Parisian society and the city's Salon with his frank depictions of human sexuality. This talk charts the artist's life and his prolific output.

The Arts Society Macclesfield

<https://theartsocietymacclesfield.org.uk>

Lecture

Patriotism, Propaganda, Pathos: Art and the Napoleonic Wars

Speaker: Lois Oliver

2pm, Thursday 8th October
Macclesfield Methodist Church
Westminster Road
Macclesfield SK10 1BX

Visitor's fee: £10

The lecture explores the contrasting views of French and British artists: conflict beyond the battlefield?

