PRESS PACK · 2027 SEASON

Singing Holidays

Small-group singing holidays in Europe and beyond,
hosted by Témi and Alex since 2010.



Témi and Alex, founders and hosts

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WHO WE ARE

Two singers who met at music college.

Singing Holidays takes groups of up to 25 amateur singers to sing in places like Vienna, Venice, Lisbon and Marrakech, led by professional musicians. Every holiday is hosted by its founders, Témi and Alex. The price includes everything except flights and the bar.

TÉMI

Trained at the Guildhall School of Music & Drama. Sang in Garsington Opera's *Albert Herring*, recorded on CD under Stuart Bedford, and in Jonathan Miller's staging of Bach's *St Matthew Passion*. A British Wheel of Yoga teacher and a fluent Italian speaker.

ALEX

Studied at the Guildhall with Ellis Keeler and Benjamin Luxon, as a Gold Medal finalist and then on the Opera Course. Sang in Prokofiev's *Betrothal in a Monastery* under Rostropovich and Rameau's *Hippolyte et Aricie* under William Christie.

BEFORE THIS

Together they founded Opera 21, an Arts Council-funded company that toured the UK and Spain, and a natural products business supplying Whole Foods Market, Planet Organic and Sainsbury's. They live in Umbria with Betsy, a Newfoundland.



Témi, Alex and Betsy

69

holidays since 2010, in Italy, Austria, Croatia, Morocco, Spain, Portugal, England and New York

395

guests on record since 2011

4 in 10

guests have come back for another holiday; 91 have been on three or more

4.97

out of 5 on Feefo, from 284 reviews of 39 holidays. 5.0 on Google

All 5

holidays in 2026 sold out

THE 2027 SEASON

Eight holidays, June to November.

DATES	HOLIDAY	LED BY	WHERE	NIGHTS	FROM
4–9 June	Exquisite Vienna	Gavin Carr	Vienna	5	£3,750
13–19 June	Sam Lee: The Way	Sam Lee	Central Italy	6	£2,950
22–27 Aug	Fado in Lisbon	Maria Ana Bobone and André Miguel Santos	Lisbon	5	£2,700
12–17 Sept	The Unthanks in Porto	The Unthanks	Porto	5	£2,700
3–10 Oct	Corsica Retreat	Témi and Alex	Cargèse, Corsica	7	£3,650
25–30 Oct	Lizzie in Lisbon	Lizzie Deane	Lisbon	5	£2,700
3–8 Nov	Exquisite Venice	Gavin Carr	Venice	5	£3,100
November	Marrakech	Laïla Amezian	Marrakech	5	£2,750

Prices include everything except flights and the bar. Marrakech dates to follow.

PAST GUESTS

Guests who have been on a holiday with us before can book a week ahead of everyone else.

MAILING LIST

Then everyone on the mailing list hears at 6pm UK, the evening before bookings open to all.

EVERYONE

The next morning, anyone can book from the holiday's page on singingholidays.com.



An evening concert in Marrakech

WHO YOU SING WITH

The 2027 artists.

Each holiday is built around one musician, who leads the singing. In 2027 that includes some of the best-known names in folk and fado.

PORTO · SEPTEMBER

The Unthanks

Rachel and Becky Unthank, the Mercury Prize-nominated folk group from Northumberland. They have led holidays with us since 2016, from Abruzzo to Austria.

CENTRAL ITALY · JUNE

Sam Lee

Folk singer, song collector and Mercury Prize nominee, known for taking people out at night to sing with nightingales. A week of walking, singing and foraging.

LISBON · AUGUST

Maria Ana Bobone

One of the best-known fado singers working today. The group spends the week in Lisbon singing fado with her and André Miguel Santos.

VIENNA AND VENICE

Gavin Carr

Conductor. He leads both classical holidays: Vienna in June, and Vivaldi in Venice in November.



Exquisite Vienna, 2027

THE PICTURES

Paula Sanz Caballero

The Valencia illustrator, whose clients include Vogue and The New Yorker, is drawing a picture for each holiday of the 2027 season. This one is for Vienna.

IN THE PRESS

What the papers said.

THE SUNDAY TIMES · 15 JUNE 2014

Ooooohhh, Vienna!

Gary Cansell sings Schubert’s Mass in G in the Michaelerkirche, with players from the Vienna Chamber Orchestra.

“Whatever it was, it felt like magic.”

Gary Cansell, The Sunday Times



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Unthank you for the music

Gary Cansell sings with Rachel and Becky Unthank in Santo Stefano di Sessanio, a hill town in Abruzzo.

“The whole trip had a pinch-yourself quality.”

Gary Cansell, The Sunday Times



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“I have never felt so well looked after by my hosts.”

CLARA W. · PARADISE IN MARRAKECH, OCTOBER 2025

COME ALONG

If you write about travel or music and would like to join us on a holiday, we’d love to hear from you.

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