



Oli Gerrish

Architectural Historian



Oli Gerrish is an architectural historian and countertenor.

Oli's love of architecture began at an early age and, as the founder of the Young Georgians, he has helped to bring the Historic architecture to a new generation.

He attended Lichfield Cathedral (the only Medieval cathedral in Britain with three spires!) as a choral scholar and while there started to write his first proper architectural piece on a little known, yet historic, Peak District manor house called Casterne Hall. From there he went to study at the Guildhall School of Music and Drama as a countertenor and it was as a student that he contacted The Georgian Group, an encounter which led to his foundation of The Young Georgians

The organisation has a large and vibrant membership and, what started as a one-off party for a select group, has grown into a fully-fledged movement on both sides of the Atlantic with Oli also establishing the American Young Georgians, which is based in New York

Oli published his first article in Country Life in 2005, becoming the youngest ever writer for the magazine. He regularly writes for that magazine, as well as House and Garden, The Georgian, and his work has been featured in the Sunday Times. He blogs regularly at the ArchMusicMan blog.

Oli has made a number of appearances on shows including The Titchmarsh Show and BBC's Secret History of Our Streets. He also worked with Sarah Beeney on her Rise Hall Restoration Nightmare programme, when he took her around Sutton Scarsdale Hall in Derbyshire. Oli won ITV's 'May the Best House Win' in 2010.

Oli founded study series <http://www.historicdecoration.com/> with interior designer and consultant, Caroline Percy, in 2016. The courses take place in the magnificent surroundings of Robert Adam's Syon House. Oli also creates bespoke tours to many of the finest private stately homes in Britain with <http://www.thegreatbritishtour.com/>.

Oli is a trustee of the Derbyshire Historic Buildings Trust.

Oli founded Chelsea Concerts (www.chelseaconcerts.com) with soprano Alexandra Kennedy in 2008 which has, since then, donated over forty five thousand pounds to a number of charities.

Oli regularly sings with a number of famous ensembles and orchestras, including The Philharmonia. He is in the Choir of St John's Wood Parish Church, as well as being a 'Deputy' in the choirs of St Paul's Cathedral and Westminster Abbey.

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