



## ***The Courtesan's Gaze: A concert of music by Barbara Strozzi (1619 – 1677) and her circle***

Barbara Strozzi (pictured) lived a life of high musical achievement and scandal in the Venice of the seventeenth century. A prolific and successful published composer in her own time, she was also said to have acted as courtesan at musical and intellectual meetings where “clothes were optional”. This concert of duets composed by Strozzi and her contemporaries, Monteverdi and Cavalli, will explore her reception and whether the scandal surrounding her was justified.

**Sung by sopranos Hannah Ely and Lucy Cox of the Fieri Consort with music on Baroque guitar and theorbo (Toby Carr) and harp (Aileen Henry).**

**Sunday 8 October, 7.30pm, St Andrew's Church  
Yetminster, DT9 6NS**

**Tickets: £14 available from John Summers:  
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