



The Purcell School
for young musicians

Concert Guide

Summer 2018





An Education with Music at its Heart

The Purcell School based in Bushey, Hertfordshire, is Britain's oldest specialist school for talented young musicians. It is a co-educational boarding and day school for ages 10-18, and celebrated its 50th anniversary in 2012. The School holds the UNESCO Mozart Gold Medal in recognition of its unique contribution to music, education and international culture. The School's Patron, HRH The Prince of Wales, accepted the award at a special ceremony at the UNESCO headquarters in Paris.

"... it gives me great hope for the future of the music profession when I hear what these young people are capable of."

Sir Simon Rattle CBE, President of The Purcell School

An education at The Purcell School is available to everyone. Entry is by musical audition only. The School exists to provide young musicians of exceptional promise and talent with the best possible teaching and environment in which to fulfil their potential, irrespective of their financial background. The School is funded by the Government's Music and Dance Scheme and the School's own scholarships and bursaries fund.

The curriculum allows pupils to study a full range of subjects with a special emphasis on Music. Being on the edge of London, the School takes advantage of all that the city has to offer, but enjoys a semi-rural environment. The proximity to London gives access to the

eminent international musicians who comprise the instrumental teaching faculty. The School has world-class facilities; state-of-the-art classrooms, a professional recording studio, superb practice rooms and a recital hall with exceptional acoustics.

Pupils are given outstanding opportunities for performances. We hold lunchtime concerts every weekday, and all pupils perform at these. Chamber music and orchestral concerts take place regularly, and every year performances are given at the Southbank Centre and Wigmore Hall. Visiting conductors have included Sir Simon Rattle, Paul Daniel and John Rutter. In recent years masterclasses have been given by Vladimir Ashkenazy, Zakhar Bron, Andras Schiff, Natalia Gutman and Craig Ogden among others.

All pupils are encouraged to share their love and passion for music with the wider community, be it participating in one of our many evening performances, free lunchtime concerts at the School, or in our UK and overseas outreach programmes.

Most Purcell pupils go on to music college and some take up places at Oxbridge or other universities. We are very proud of our former students who have enjoyed national or international success. Just a few of our distinguished alumni include Oliver Knussen CBE; Catrin Finch; BBC Young Musician of the Year winners, Nicholas Daniel, Lara Melda, and Martin James Bartlett.

www.purcell-school.org



THE PURCELL SCHOOL EVENTS FOR CHOGM 2018

This year the Commonwealth Heads of Government meeting will take place in London. The Purcell School is marking this with a week of fantastic musical events in association with The Commonwealth Resounds!, Rotary London, The Royal Overseas League, and the Royal Society of St. George. Profits from both of the concerts below will be used to help support hurricane victims in Antigua and Barbuda, and Dominica to rebuild their homes and lives after the devastation that was caused by Hurricane Irma last year. The Commonwealth Resounds! is enormously grateful to The Royal Society of St. George and Rotary London for supporting these concerts.

THURSDAY 19 APRIL, 7:30pm COMMONWEALTH YOUNG MUSICIANS CONCERT CHOGM 2018

St George's Church, Hanover Square, London, W1S 1FX

Tickets available online: www.purcell-school.org

A spectacular evening of music including songs written by young people about peace, based upon poetry and text from around the Commonwealth, music from Nigeria, and great works by British composers, such as Vaughan Williams' *Tallis Fantasia* and Elgar's *Introduction and Allegro*, representing the host country of CHOGM 2018.

Featuring the Commonwealth Festival Choir and Orchestra, the Divine Symphony Orchestra from Nigeria and The Purcell School's Philomel Orchestra.

FRIDAY 20 APRIL, 7:30pm SOUND, IMAGE, MOVEMENT THE COMMONWEALTH

St. James', 197 Piccadilly, London, W1J 9LL

Tickets available online: www.purcell-school.org

A dazzling concert of music, dance and film from all over the world, composed and directed by young people. Featuring over 50 drummers of many different ages from around the Commonwealth, performing *Rotary and the Commonwealth*, *Drumming for Peace*; celebrated Botswanan singer Lorraine Lionheart and her ensemble; Gayatri Nair, the outstanding young Anglo-Indian singer, as seen on ITV's *The Voice*; Billy Watman, Sky Arts *Guitar Star* Finalist; lively music inspired by Cyprus, Nigeria, the Caribbean, the South Pacific; The Purcell School SIM Orchestra, conducted by Alicja Herma... and more!



April

TUESDAY 24 APRIL, 1:00pm

PURCELL SOLOISTS

St Martin-in-the-Fields, Trafalgar Square,
London WC2N 4JJ

Admission is free, suggested donation of £3.50

Music for horn, violin and piano

WEDNESDAY 25 APRIL, 7:00pm

PERFORMANCE

PLATFORM:

MIDDLE SCHOOL

The Purcell School | Recital Room

Admission is free

SUNDAY 29 APRIL, 3:00pm

PURCELL JAZZ BAND

The Ballroom, Lees Court

Sheldwich Lees, Faversham, ME13 0NQ

Tickets: £15 including champagne.

To reserve tickets, please call 01923 331109, or
email concerts@purcell-school.org

The Purcell School Jazz Ensemble present a programme of well-known jazz standards from the American Songbook, featuring music by Gershwin, Cole Porter, Mancini and Jerome Kern, as well as compositions by important jazz musicians including Charlie Parker, Thelonious Monk and Duke Ellington.



May

FRIDAY 11 MAY, 7:00pm

MIDDLE SCHOOL CONCERTO WINNERS SINFONIA ORCHESTRA

The Purcell School | Constance Pilkington Hall

Admission is free

Conducted by Edward Longstaff

Beethoven - *Egmont Overture*

Tchaikovsky - *Orchestral Suite No. 1, Op. 43*

Movements from:

Lalo - *Symphonie Espagnol*

Soloist: Yinong Xiao

Grieg - *Piano Concerto*

Soloist: Milda Daunoraite

Mendelssohn - *Violin Concerto, Op. 64*

Soloist: Rebeca Lazar

Anders Koppel - *Marimba Concerto No. 3*

Soloist: Lewis Isaacs

plus a new piece by young composer,

Philip Theodorou!

WEDNESDAY 23 MAY, 7:00pm

PERFORMANCE PLATFORM: LOWER SCHOOL

The Purcell School | Constance Pilkington Hall

Admission is free

FRIDAY 25 MAY, 3:00pm

LOWER SCHOOL ENSEMBLES

The Purcell School | Constance Pilkington Hall

Admission is free

Lower School Choir, Strings, Brass Ensemble and
various chamber groups.

June

SATURDAY 9 JUNE, 11:30am

CHAMBER ENSEMBLES COFFEE MORNING CONCERT

Wigmore Hall, 36 Wigmore Street

London W1U 2BP

Tickets: £13 Concessions £11*

Tel: 020 7935 2141 www.wigmore-hall.org.uk

*Ticket bookings are subject to a £2 booking fee. This fee
covers the whole booking and is not per ticket.

An hour-long concert, featuring some of our very
best chamber ensembles at London's most iconic
recital venue.



WEDNESDAY 6 JUNE, 7:00pm

PERFORMANCE PLATFORM: MIDDLE SCHOOL

The Purcell School | Recital Room

Admission is free

WEDNESDAY 13 JUNE, 7:00pm

PERFORMANCE PLATFORM: LOWER SCHOOL

The Purcell School | Constance Pilkington Hall

Admission is free

FRIDAY 15 JUNE, 1:10pm

CHAMBER MUSIC AT LUNCHTIME

St. James', 197 Piccadilly, London, W1J 9LL

Admission is free

An hour-long recital featuring Purcell School
soloists and chamber music ensembles.

MONDAY 25 JUNE, 6:30pm

SINGERS' SOIREE

The Purcell School | Recital Room

Admission is free

A chance to hear a selection of vocal items performed
by the school's singers. Something for everyone!

TUESDAY 26 JUNE, 11:00am & 1:30pm

CHILDREN'S CONCERTS

The Purcell School | Constance Pilkington Hall

Admission is free. For further information, please
contact concerts@purcell-school.org

Special hour-long concerts created by our Year 11
students for children aged 7-11.

THURSDAY 28 JUNE, 7:30pm

SOUND IMAGE MOVEMENT

The Purcell School | Constance Pilkington Hall

Admission is free

Take your imagination for a walk – experience
the eclectic, the electric, film scores, multi-media,
and improvisation.



MONDAY 25 JUNE, 7:45pm
**FREDDY MORGAN
PIANO RECITALS**

Purcell Room, Southbank
London SE1 8XX

Tickets: £15; £12.50 | www.southbankcentre.co.uk

Schubert - *Impromptu in F minor, Op. 42, No. 1*
Ravel - *Le Tombeau de Couperin: Toccata*
Liszt - *Rigoletto Paraphrase*
Ravel - *Miroirs: Oiseaux tristes*
Liszt - *Ballade No. 2 in B minor, S. 171*
Debussy - *Prélude: Feux d'artifice*
Tchaikovsky, arr. Mikhail Pletnev
- *Movements from The Nutcracker Suite, Op. 71a*
Schumann - *Papillons, Op. 2*
Prokofiev - *Toccata, Op. 11*



Pianists: *Bunny Liu, Cherry Ge
Kasparas Mikuzis, Chea Woom Lee*

Deal Festival

STEPHEN KOVACEVICH

with
The Purcell School
Chamber Orchestra
Conductor: Edward Longstaff

FRIDAY 29 JUNE 7.30pm St George's Church, Deal

Stephen Kovacevich is one of the most revered musicians of his generation, winning unsurpassed admiration for his interpretation of Beethoven, Brahms, Mozart and Schubert.

Stravinsky Pulcinella Suite
Mozart Overture to The Marriage of Figaro
Mozart Piano Concerto No. 24
plus, a new piece written
by a Purcell School student

Ticket Prices:
£28; £24
Festival Friends: £2 off
Students: half price
Festival Box Office
opens 9 April
www.dealfestival.co.uk

SUNDAY 1 JULY, 2.30pm STEPHEN KOVACEVICH MASTERCLASS WITH PURCELL SCHOOL PIANISTS

Deal Town Hall
Ticket Price £5
Festival Box Office opens 9 April
www.dealfestival.co.uk

World-renowned and master pianist Stephen Kovacevich gives a masterclass with some of the School's talented young pianists, focusing on the music of Beethoven, with whom Maestro Kovacevich is famously associated.

July

MONDAY 2 JULY, 11:00am THE ARTHUR FELSENSTEIN LEAVERS' AWARD RECITAL

The Purcell School | Constance Pilkington Hall
Admission is free

A competition, adjudicated by an external musician, open to members of the Upper Sixth who are proceeding to music college or university to read music. Designed to support the winner's musical career, the award is a generous monetary prize, presented to the winner once they commence their undergraduate studies.

MONDAY 2 JULY, 7:00pm PURCELL JAZZ AND BIG BANDS

The Purcell School | Constance Pilkington Hall
Admission: £5 on the door,
or online www.purcell-school.org

The Purcell Jazz Department play the music of flute virtuoso Gareth Lockrane. Gareth is an award-winning musician and he will be performing and directing the ensembles on the night. Joining Gareth will be acclaimed tenor saxophonist Alex Garnett and Purcell alumnus Seth Tackaberry on bass.

THURSDAY 5 JULY, 7:30pm CHOIRS AND ORCHESTRAS OF THE PURCELL SCHOOL

Duke's Hall, Royal Academy of Music,
Marylebone Rd, London NW1 5HT
Conducted by Edward Longstaff

Tickets: £15, available to purchase online
www.purcell-school.org.
For enquiries, please contact:
concerts@purcell-school.org 01923 331109

STRAVINSKY

Mass
Pulcinella Suite
Symphony of Psalms
Symphonies of Wind Instruments

LOWER SCHOOL CONCERT CELEBRATION!

The Purcell School
Constance Pilkington Hall & Recital Room

TUESDAY 3 JULY

5:00pm Juniors: Theseus and the Minotaur
7:00pm Year 7: Weather & Emotions
8:00pm Year 7: A Glitch in the System

WEDNESDAY 4 JULY

5:00pm Year 8: Heaven
8:00pm Year 8: The Seven Seas

Music composed, performed, and directed entirely by our youngest pupils as an exercise in creative music leadership training. One project will receive the 2018 Concert Celebration Trophy.

Save the Dates: Autumn 2018 TICKETS ON SALE SOON!

SUNDAY 21 OCTOBER, 3:00pm
THE PURCELL SCHOOL
SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA
Watford Colosseum, Rickmansworth Road,
Watford WD17 3JN

Programme to include
Wieniawski Violin Concerto No. 2, Op. 22
Ilai Avni – violin

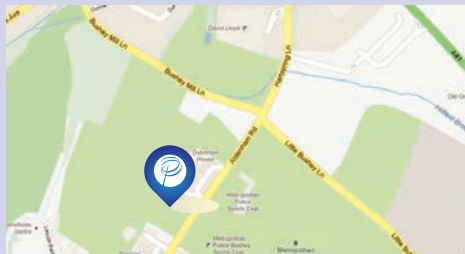


SUNDAY 18 NOVEMBER, 7:30pm
SENIOR SHOWCASE
RECITALS

Wigmore Hall, 36 Wigmore Street
London W1U 2BP

Solo recitals given by our senior pupils,
selected by audition.

How to find us



By Car: Leave the M1 at junction 5, then at the roundabout take the exit onto the A41 (signposted C. London). At the next roundabout, take the third exit onto Hartspring Lane – B462 (signposted Watford (South), Oxhey). The Purcell School is half a mile on this road, on the right. Once inside the School Gates, follow signs for parking.

By Rail: There are regular services to Bushey and Watford Junction mainline stations and Stanmore and Watford Met tube stations. We recommend getting a taxi from these stations to the School – fares range from £6-10.

Recital Room: located on the first floor of the New Music Centre which is situated at the rear of the original Victorian building. Ample parking is available in the School car park adjacent to Bushey Mill Lane with limited disabled parking immediately outside the New Music Centre. When entering from Aldenham Road, turn right and follow the drive around to the rear. Fork right to reach the car park.

Constance Pilkington Hall: located at the front of the main School building. Please park in the Bushey Mill Lane Car Park or, when indicated, the Metropolitan Police Club car park opposite the School.

Free Lunchtime Concerts

These take place during term time in the Constance Pilkington Hall on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays. at 12:20pm. Please contact the Concerts Office to check that the concert is taking place: 01923 331109 / 38

Information is correct at the time of publication – March 2018. Full concert listings and up to date information can be found on our website:

www.purcell-school.org  @PurcellSchool

Nurturing the Musicians of the Future - Friends of The Purcell School

Have you thought about becoming a Friend of The Purcell School? Whether you play a musical instrument yourself or simply enjoy music for relaxation, this is a real opportunity to touch the lives of some very remarkable young people.

Friends receive a pair of complimentary tickets to our annual symphony orchestra concert, discounted tickets to all other concerts, as well as a complimentary ticket for masterclasses held at the School.

Masterclasses have recently been given by András Schiff, Robert Cohen and Charles Rosen.



The annual membership fee is £60 (£40 concession for those over 60 or under 25 years of age), or £80 for joint membership.

For more information on joining the Friends scheme contact :

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