



The Purcell School
for young musicians



AUTUMN
2019

EVENTS



WELCOME

Welcome to our new school year and an exciting concert season at The Purcell School. I look forward to welcoming you at any of these events: there is a very wide range of music on offer, performed by students of all ages, by members of our teaching staff, and by some special guests. There are also talks and lecture-recitals.

New concert series at school include several excellent Rush Hour Recitals on Tuesdays at 5pm, a complete series of Beethoven Piano Sonatas, and a series of lunchtime concerts streamed live online. In addition to our many 'at home' concerts here in Bushey, we look forward to performing at the Watford Colosseum, St John's Smith Square, The Wigmore Hall, and in a number of local churches and venues. Please check our website for more details as programmes are confirmed through the term. See you there!

This year each Events Guide will also feature a welcome from one of our eminent Heads of Department, and it is my pleasure to introduce clarinettist Joy Farrell to set the year rolling.



Paul Hoskins
Director of Music

The Woodwind Department is small but hugely rich in diversity, with a range of amazing teachers. Flute, Oboe, Clarinet, Bassoon, Classical Sax and Recorder grace the school with a range of wonderful repertoire. All our teachers are performers at a top professional level, and many also work at Junior and Senior Conservatoires. They therefore understand the next level of learning that students may be looking to explore.

We have regular and exciting Masterclasses from top players, most recently saxophonist Amy Dickson, and Juliana Koch, Principal Oboe in the London Symphony Orchestra. Chamber ensembles with our amazing string and keyboard students enable exploration through coaching, rehearsals and concerts, of some of the best chamber repertoire for their instrument. Regular instrument classes create further chamber playing opportunities and time to focus on the peculiarities and wonders of each instrument. All our work aims to prepare our Woodwind students to enjoy music making in any performing situation.



Joy Farrall
Head of Woodwind

SEPTEMBER

Tuesday 10 September

RUSH HOUR RECITAL: Beethoven Piano Sonatas

5:00pm | The Purcell School

Free admission

Beethoven Piano Sonatas Op 2 No. 1 in F Minor, Op 10 No. 2 in F Major, Op 13 in C Minor (*Pathétique*)

Jianing Kong launches a complete season series of Beethoven Piano Sonatas to mark the 250th anniversary of the composer's birth

Former Purcell student, acclaimed international soloist and current member of the teaching staff, Jianing Kong has embarked on a new journey of recording and performing the complete Beethoven piano sonatas. We are thrilled to have the opportunity to showcase them chronologically through the school year

Tuesday 24 September

RUSH HOUR LECTURE

5:00pm | The Purcell School

Free admission

Beethoven Symphony No. 5 - from Minor to Major

This lecture promises to unlock some of the secrets of Beethoven's most well-known symphony in a way that engages professionals, amateurs and students alike

Edward Longstaff, a long-standing member of The Purcell School staff, has entertained and educated many generations of Purcell students with his expert analysis of musical scores

Wednesday 25 September

MIDDLE SCHOOL CONCERT

7:00pm | The Purcell School

Free admission

Featuring solo performances from Year 9, 10 and 11 students

For further information on the programme, keep in touch with The Purcell School online through our website and social media

Saturday 28 September

HATFIELD HOUSE CHAMBER MUSIC FESTIVAL FAMILY CONCERT: CARNIVAL OF THE ANIMALS

1:00pm | St. Etheldreda's Church,
Hatfield

Tickets: £12 (£6 for Under 18's)*

<http://hatfieldhousemusicfestival.org.uk/family-concert-carnival-of-the-animals/>

*A booking fee applies of £1.50 per transaction

The Purcell School students will be performing alongside internationally renowned pianists Katya Apekisheva and Charles Owen, conducted by Paul Hoskins



OCTOBER

Tuesday 1 October

RUSH HOUR RECITAL: Beethoven Piano Sonatas

5:00pm | The Purcell School

Free admission

Beethoven Piano Sonatas Op 2 No. 2 in A Major, Op 14 No. 1 in E Major, Op 27 No. 2 in C# Minor (*Moonlight*)

Jianing Kong continues his cycle of Beethoven's piano sonatas

Wednesday 2 October

SENIOR SCHOOL CONCERT

7:00pm | The Purcell School

Free admission

Featuring solo performances from Year 12 and 13 students

For further information on the programme, keep in touch with The Purcell School online through our website and social media

Saturday 5 October

LUNCHTIME CONCERT

12:30pm | St. Mary's Church, Standon

Free admission

Featuring performances from Purcell's Chamber Ensembles and Vocal Ensemble

For further information on the programme, keep in touch with The Purcell School online through our website and social media

Saturday 5 October

LUNCHTIME CONCERT

12:00pm | St. James's Church, Bushey

Free admission

Featuring music by Rachmaninoff, Barber, Sibelius, Gibbs, Rose & Conlan and Weber Performances from four Senior School Soloists; Yenglik Karassartova (piano), Nadia Potter (voice), Eva Serksnaite (bassoon) and Mine Ibrahim (violin)

Wednesday 9 October

PIANO MASTERCLASS WITH DRAGOMIR BRATIĆ

4:00 - 6:00pm, 6:30 - 7:30pm, The Purcell School

Free admission

The Purcell School masterclasses offer students the chance to play to some of the world's most eminent musicians, performers and teachers

Since learning to play piano at 14, Dragomir Bratić is a member of the jury at almost every domestic competition in Slovenia, Italy, Czech Republic, Germany, Poland and France and has also won numerous foreign and national awards for his pedagogical work

Wednesday 9 October

COMPOSERS CONCERT

7:00pm | The Purcell School

Free admission

The first of a series of concerts of new works, curated by our imaginative Upper Sixth first study composers.

Thursday 10 October

LIVE AT LUNCHTIME

1:00pm | YouTube (Online) / The Purcell School

Free admission

Following the success of three live streamed concerts last term, Purcell returns with our 'Live at Lunchtime' concert series. The performances can be watched live on our YouTube channel (The Purcell School)

Tuesday 15 October

RUSH HOUR LECTURE

5:00pm | The Purcell School

Free admission

Paul Bambrough, Principal of The Purcell School gives an informal lecture-recital on Bach's keyboard music

Described by a former Secretary of State for Education as "one of the most inspiring teachers", **Paul Bambrough** has gained a national reputation for his work in music education, and his knowledge of the baroque. This event will cast light on Bach's influences and legacy as an organist and harpsichordist

Wednesday 16 October

DARKNESS ILLUMINATED

7:30pm | St. John's Church, Smith Square, Westminster, London SW1P 3HA

Tickets: £12, £16, £20 (sjss.org.uk)*

*Transaction fee of £1.75 online and £2.75 by telephone

Tchaikovsky Serenade for Strings in C Op 48
Stanchinsky Sonata in E Flat Minor
Scriabin Etudes Op 8 No. 11 and No. 12
Beethoven Piano Concerto No. 4 Op 58
(Cadenza by Clara Schumann)

Nafis Umerkulova, piano
The Purcell School Chamber Orchestra
Paul Hoskins, conductor

To celebrate the launch of Purcellian Nafis Umerkulova's album *Darkness Illuminated*, we present an entertaining and diverse programme, that combines a solo recital and orchestral repertoire

Clara Schumann's cadenza to the Beethoven Concerto is in honour of the composer's 200th anniversary. Nafis Umerkulova is both a former Purcell student and a current member of the piano teaching staff



Please note there is also a pre-concert talk taking place at 6:00pm

THE PURCELL SCHOOL

SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA AT WATFORD COLOSSEUM

A SYMPHONIC CONCERT OF PURCELL, TCHAIKOVSKY,
STRAVINSKY, NIELSEN AND A NEW WORK BY A
STUDENT COMPOSER

Conducted by Paul Hoskins



SUNDAY 20 OCTOBER - 3 PM

BOOK ONLINE - WWW.WATFORDCOLOSSEUM.CO.UK

Steven Stucky / Purcell
Funeral Music for Queen Mary

Tchaikovsky
Serenade for Strings, Sonatina

Nielsen
Flute Concerto
(Soloist - Sof iia Matviienko)

Stravinsky
Symphony in Three Movements

NOVEMBER

Tuesday 5 November

RUSH HOUR LECTURE

5:00pm | The Purcell School

[Free admission](#)

Fact from Fantasy - An analysis of Chopin Fantasia in F Minor Op 49

Edward Longstaff gives his second lecture of the term, this time addressing the questions that face pianists and musicologists when considering a performance of one of Chopin's longest and greatest works. Student pianists will support the lecture by playing musical examples

Wednesday 6 November

MASTERCLASS AND

CONCERT:

The Rosamunde Trio

Masterclass: 2:00 - 6:00pm, Concert: 7:00pm

The Purcell School

[Free admission](#)

Beethoven Piano Trio in D Op 70 No. 1 (*Ghost*)

Smetana Piano Trio in G Minor Op 15

Three international soloists **Martino Tirimo**, **Ben Sayevich** and **Daniel Veis** formed the Rosamunde Trio in 2002 and have since toured across the UK and performed in festivals and major venues around the world

Saturday 9 November

STANBOROUGH PARK

CHURCH RECITAL

7:30pm | Stanborough Park Church, 2 The Conifers, Watford WD25 0JP

[Free admission](#)

The programme will include works by Planel, Francaix, Hummel, Mozart, Chopin, Caccini, Handel, Rachmaninoff and Warlock

The recital will feature seven of the School's Year 13 soloists with music for saxophone, viola, violin, piano, voice and tuba

Monday 11 November

PIANO MASTERCLASS WITH MIRJANA RAJIĆ

4:00 - 6:00pm, 6:30 - 7:30pm | The Purcell School

[Free admission](#)

The Purcell School masterclasses offer students the chance to play to some of the world's most eminent musicians, performers and teachers.

Since studying piano as a child, **Mirjana Rajić** won first prize at the Munich Piano Competition, Special Prize at the International Piano Competition in Italy and together with clarinettist Andjei Maevski she won the INTRO-Klassisk competition in Norway

Tuesday 12 November

RUSH HOUR RECITAL

5:00pm | The Purcell School

[Free admission](#)

Elgar Chanson de Nuit, David Matthews

Sonatina for Viola and Piano Brahms Two

Songs for Mezzo Soprano, Viola and Piano,

Rebecca Clarke Sonata for Viola and Piano

Deborah Shah, piano

Sarah-Jane Bradley, viola

Rozanna Madylus, mezzo-soprano

Another recital featuring a former Purcell

student; pianist and accompanist **Deborah**

Shah is also on the current teaching staff,

as is viola player **Sarah-Jane Bradley**. They

are joined by guest singer **Rozanna Madylus**

for a superb programme of Romantic and

contemporary music.

Wednesday 13 November

SENIOR SCHOOL

CONCERT

7:00pm | The Purcell School

[Free admission](#)

Featuring solo and ensemble performances from our oldest students

THE PURCELL SCHOOL PERFORMS AT

WIGMORE HALL

PROGRAMME TO INCLUDE WORKS BY ANDRES,
CHAUSSON, RAVEL, MOZART AND LISZT FOR VIOLIN,
PIANO, CELLO, FLUTE AND HARP

NOVEMBER 25TH

FEATURED SOLOISTS INCLUDE MILDA DAUNORAITE,
YUMEKA NAKAGAWA, BETHANY CASWELL, SOFIIA
MATVIIENKO, OLWEN MILES, EMILY HENDERSON, LINA
JUKNEVICIUTE AND BRADLEY NG

36 Wigmore Street,
London, W1U 2BP
wigmore-hall.co.uk

November 25th
Monday | 7.30PM
Tickets at £5 - £15



Thursday 14 November

LIVE AT LUNCHTIME

1:00pm | YouTube (Online) / The Purcell School

Free admission

The second in this term's series of 'Live at Lunchtime' concerts. The performances can be watched live on our YouTube channel (The Purcell School)

Thursday 14 November

LOWER SCHOOL CONCERT

7:00pm | The Purcell School

Free admission

Featuring solo performances from Year 6, 7 and 8 students

For further information on the programme, keep in touch with The Purcell School online through our website and social media

Monday 18 November

EVENING RECITAL: Beethoven Piano Sonatas

7:00pm | The Purcell School

Free admission

Beethoven Piano Sonatas Op 10 No. 1 in C Minor, Op 31 No. 1 in G Major, Op 53 in C Major *Waldstein*, Op 14 No. 2 in G Major

Jianing Kong continues his cycle of Beethoven's piano sonatas

Tuesday 19 November

RUSH HOUR RECITAL: Wigmore Hall Preview

5:00pm | The Purcell School

Free admission

An opportunity for our own students to join the Rush Hour Series: a preview of highlights from the forthcoming Wigmore Hall programme

Wednesday 20 November

COMPOSERS CONCERT

7:00pm | The Purcell School

Free admission

The second in a series of concerts of new works, curated by our imaginative Upper Sixth first study composers

Friday 22 November

SOUTH HILL PARK RECITAL

7:30pm | South Hill Park Arts Centre, South Hill Park, Ringmead, Berkshire, RG12 7PA

For tickets and booking information -

www.southhillpark.org.uk

The recital will be our first in the South Hill Park series, and will comprise solo and chamber performances given by members of one of our senior student piano quintets

Tuesday 26 November

ST MARTIN-IN-THE-FIELDS LUNCHTIME CONCERT

1:00pm | St Martin-in-the-Fields

Free admission, suggested donation of £3.50

Featuring a range of The Purcell School Chamber Ensembles

For further information on the programme, keep in touch with The Purcell School online through our website and social media

Thursday 28 November

COMPOSERS CONCERT

7:00pm | The Purcell School

Free admission

The full range of our many student composers' imagination is on display in this showcase, curated by Purcell composition teacher Simon Spare

THE PURCELL SCHOOL

WOODWIND OPEN DAY

SAXOPHONE, RECORDER, FLUTE,
OBOE, CLARINET, BASSOON

Workshops, masterclasses and performances
for woodwind players Grade 6 and above

Coaches and Artists from The Purcell School
teaching staff:

- Joy Farrall (Clarinet), Head of Woodwind
- Amy Green (Saxophone)
- Graham Hobbs (Bassoon)
- Anna Pope & Abigail Burrows (Flute)
- Barbara Law (Recorder)
- Melanie Ragge (Oboe)

Sunday 8th December | 2pm - 5pm

Booking Enquiries: publicity@purcell-school.org

DECEMBER

Monday 2 December

EVENING RECITAL: Beethoven Piano Sonatas

7:00pm | The Purcell School

Free admission

Beethoven Piano Sonatas; Op 7 in E-flat Major, Op 2 No. 3 in C Major, Op 26 in A-flat Major, Op 81a in E-flat Major *Les Adieux*

Jianing Kong continues his cycle of Beethoven's piano sonatas

Wednesday 4 December

MIDDLE SCHOOL CONCERT

7:00pm | The Purcell School

Free admission

Featuring solo and ensemble performances from students in Year 9, 10 and 11
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Thursday 5 December

LIVE AT LUNCHTIME

1:00pm | YouTube (Online) / The Purcell School

Free admission

The last in this term's series of 'Live at Lunchtime' concerts. The performances can be watched live on our YouTube channel (The Purcell School)

Monday 9 December

WINTER JAZZ CONCERT

7:00pm | The Purcell School

Free admission

The flourishing Jazz Department presents an evening showcasing the term's work

Tuesday 10 December

RUSH HOUR LECTURE

5:00pm | The Purcell School

Free admission

Our new Rush Hour Series concludes for this term with *From Glinka to Tchaikovsky - the story of Russian Chamber Music* with Robert Max

Robert Max enjoys a varied career as a solo cellist, conductor and chamber musician. An Associate of the Royal Academy of Music, he has taught at Junior Academy since 1992. Robert is the principal cellist of the London Chamber Orchestra and is the President of the North London Music Festival

Wednesday 11 December

THREE RIVERS MUSIC SOCIETY LUNCHTIME CONCERT

1:00pm | Baptist Church, High Street, Rickmansworth, Herts, WD3 1EH

Tickets are £6 on the door
(Free for Under-25s)

Featuring solo and ensemble performances from a range of students

For further information on the programme, keep in touch with The Purcell School online through our website and social media

Friday 13 December

END OF TERM CHRISTMAS CONCERT

1:00pm | St Mary's Church, Watford

Free admission, online registration required

Featuring Britten's *Ceremony of Carols*, Whole School Christmas Carol Items, Vivaldi's *Gloria* and a new student composition

For further information on how to register for this event, see the School's website



THE PURCELL SCHOOL PRESENTS

Carols by Candlelight

Join us for our Advent Carol Service with
The Purcell Chamber Choir conducted by
Edward Longstaff



SUNDAY DECEMBER 8 | 6.30 PM
ST JAMES' CHURCH, BUSHEY



Drop by for a delightful performance to warm your heart
this Christmas!





Beethoven

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 at a London venue, priority booking and discounted tickets for all Purcell events as well as an invitation to an exclusive annual Friends Reception & Concert held at the School.

For more information, please contact Emma McGrath:

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Telephone: 01923 331 131

"The Purcell School is an extraordinary place full of truly extraordinary young people. It is our privilege to nurture some of the world's most talented young musicians and many of them go on to have celebrated careers of international significance.

We provide both an excellent academic and musical education for pupils aged 9 to 18, with the majority of our pupils being full-time boarders.

The Friends of The Purcell School play a vital role in supporting these young people and, in doing so, significantly influence the future of music for generations to come. I would like to invite you to join the Purcell family and look forward to welcoming you to the School in the future." - Principal, Paul Bambrough

COMING IN SPRING 2020...

Sunday 12th January

MILTON COURT EVENING
RECITAL

Milton Court, London, EC2Y 9BH

Tuesday 28th January

CHAMBER ENSEMBLES AT
ST MARTIN-IN-THE-FIELDS

Trafalgar Square, Charing Cross, London,
WC2N 4JJ

Sunday 1st March

CELEBRATING THE LIFE
AND INSPIRATION OF
OLIVER KNUSSEN

Purcell Room and Queen Elizabeth Hall,
Southbank Belvedere Rd, Lambeth, London
SE1 8XX

Concerts at 11am, 1pm, 3pm and 7.30pm
Programme to include solo recitals, chamber ensembles and The Symphony Orchestra with works by Knussen, Debussy, Ravel, Britten, Lutoslawski and living composers associated with the School

HOW TO FIND US

TRANSPORT

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 - B426 (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 - fares range from £6-10.

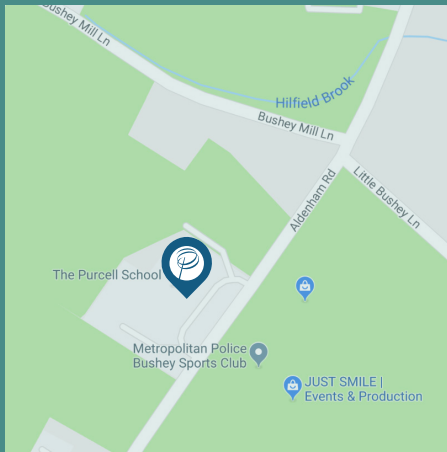
ACCESS

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.



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