



SPRING EVENTS



WELCOME

The Purcell School is one of the world's finest schools for young musicians aged 10 to 18. Based in Hertfordshire, just outside London, the school provides a rounded education with music at its heart to around 180 talented students, most of whom go on to the top conservatoires and universities for music, many with scholarships. Whilst at Purcell, students share a common bond in their passion for music with a community boasting creativity and mutual support. Alumni include Oliver Knussen CBE; Catrin Finch; Yevgeny Sudbin; BBC Young Musician of the Year winners, Nicholas Daniel, Lara Melda and Martin James Bartlett and two-time Grammy winner Jacob Collier. We look forward to sharing our work with you whether you attend an event in school, in London, elsewhere or online.

Paul Hoskins Director of Music

"I am very proud to be a Patron of The Purcell School, which provides such excellent opportunities for young musicians to achieve their goals. From my own experience of a specialist musical education, I know that really dedicated musical pupils will flourish in the specialised environment of The Purcell School.

The school's supportive family atmosphere allows pupils to immerse themselves in their musical studies alongside other talented young musicians, and to get closer to the heart of their music. I am very pleased to be able to support the school, and to help as many talented young musicians as possible to enjoy the opportunities available."



Patron of The Purcell School

"I am blown away by the commitment, skill and infectious energy of the remarkable young musicians at The Purcell School.

The School is a vibrant place where creativity and discipline go hand in hand, providing specialist training for musicians of the future, alongside an excellent general education. 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

JANUARY

Sunday 12 January MILTON COURT SENIOR SHOWCASE RECITAL

7:30pm I Milton Court Concert Hall Tickets: £10 - £15 miltoncourtpurcell.eventbrite.co.uk

Bach - Chaconne for Solo Violin, from Partita No. 2 in D Minor, Ysaÿe - Ballade Iohan Coman - Violin

Beethoven - Piano Sonata in E Minor Op 90 Carmen Sanchez-Labrador - Piano

Creston - Sonata for Alto Saxophone and Piano Op 19 Lydia Cochrane - Saxophone (accompanied by Magdalene Ho - Piano)

Francoeur - Sonata in E Major Anna Maclean - Cello (accompanied by Jack Gonzalez-Harding - Harpsichord)

Schumann - Novelletten No. 1 & No. 2, Op 21 Liszt - Ballade No. 2 in B Minor, S. 171 Bradley Ng - Piano

Monday 13 January

JIANING KONG: Beethoven Piano Sonatas 7:00pm | The Purcell School, CP Hall Free admission

Beethoven Piano Sonatas Op 49 No. 1 in G Minor and No. 2 in G Major, Op 31 No. 3 in E-flat Major, Op 79 in G Major, Op 28 in D Major (*Pastoral*)

Jianing Kong continues his 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

Tuesday 14 January LIVE AT LUNCHTIME

1:00pm I The Purcell School, Recital Room Also available on our YouTube channel Free admission

Schubert - String Quartet No. 14 'Death and the Maiden' *I Allegro*, Szymanowski - Mythes *I The Fountain of Arethusa* for violin and piano, Rachmaninoff - Six morceaux Op 11 No. 1 Barcarolle for four-hand piano, Corigliano -Gazebo Dances for four-hand piano Purcell returns with our '*Live at Lunchtime*' concert series where the performances will be live streamed to our **YouTube** channel (The Purcell School)

Thursday 16 January LOWER SCHOOL CONCERT

7:00pm I The Purcell School, CP Hall Free admission

Saint-Saëns - Havanaise in E Major Op 83, Wieniawski - Violin Concerto No. 2 *II Romance*, Sibelius - Humoresque No. 12 in D Op 87, Mozart - Horn Concerto No. 3 *II Romance*, Bach - Partita No. 4 in D *IV Aria*, Sibelius - 'Joueur de Harpe' Bagatelle No. 8 Op 34, Lutoslawski - Melodie Ludowe No. 12 Rektor Featuring solo performances from Year 6, 7 and 8 students with music for violin, piano and french horn

Friday 17 January NIKITA LUKINOV RETURNS TO PURCELI

1:00pm I The Purcell School, Recital Room Free admission

Schumann - Symphonic Etudes Op 13, Rachmaninoff - Corelli Variations Op 42 The Purcell School is delighted to welcome back former student **Nikita Lukinov** who is now in his second year of studying at the Royal Conservatoire Scotland

Wednesday 22 January COMPOSERS CONCERT

7:00pm I The Purcell School Free admission

Programme to include Chelsea Becker 'La Cathedrale de Rouen' 1. The Facade in Sunlight, 2. Morning Light, 3. Setting Sun, 4. Harmonie in Gold and Blue, Jasmine Morris 'Shape of Chaos' And orginal works from many other Purcell student composers

Wednesday 29 January

PURCELL AT ST PETER'S 1:00pm I St Peter's Church, St Albans Free admission

Programme to include Poulenc - Trio for Oboe, Bassoon and Piano, Binge - Concerto for Alto Sax and Piano *II Andante expressivo, III Rondo* Students performing are Hilde Jentsch, Deniz Cengiz, Jayden Lamcellari, Milda Daunoraite, Molly Sellors, Eva Serksnaite, Anna Graham and Lucia Breslin

Thursday 23 January

LEICESTER INTERNATIONAL MUSIC FESTIVAL

1:00pm | New Walk Museum, Leicester www.leicesterinternationalmusicfestival.org.uk Poulenc - Trio for Oboe, Bassoon and Piano, Andres - Narthex, Bennett - Duo Concertante, Mozart - Wind Serenade in E-flat Major plus two original works by first-study composers Chelsea Becker and Jasmine Morris Students performing are Lydia Cochrane, Anya Cookson, Sofiia Matviienko, Alex Franklin, Molly Sellors, Lily Payne, Eva Serksnaite, Sacha Neugarten, Lucia Breslin, Jasmine Morris, So-Hee Han, Tessa Ratcliffe and Chelsea Becker

Wednesday 29 January

MIDDLE SCHOOL SOLOISTS

7:00pm I The Purcell School, Recital Room Free admission

Programme to include Vitali - Chaconne in G Minor, Clementi Sonata in F-sharp Minor Op 25 No. 5, Enesco - Cantabile et Presto, Haydn - Sonata in E-flat Major Hob XVI:52 / *Allegro*, Bach - Concerto for Two Violins in D Minor BWV 1043 / *Vivace*

Students performing are Josie Wakefield, Sacha Neugarten, Carolina Alves Vitoriano, Cei Kim, Bertie Beaman, Ella Richardson, Antonia Zadrag, Sam Kemp and Linsey Lim

Tuesday 28 January

ST MARTIN-IN-THE-FIELDS CHAMBER CHOIR CONCERT

1:00pm | St Martin-in-the-Fields, Trafalgar Square, London Free admission, suggested donation of £3.50 Vivaldi - Gloria Britten - Hymn to St Cecilia Featuring The Purcell School Chamber Choir accompanied by a chamber orchestra

FEBRUARY

Tuesday 4 February RUSH HOUR CONCERT[.]

Brass Ensembles

5:00pm I The Purcell School, CP Hall Free admission

Our Rush Hour Series continues with a concert featuring music by Humperdinck, Gale, Mancini, Ferdinand David, Sulek, Saint-Saëns, Scheidt, Bach and Altenberg Featuring Purcell's Trombone Quintet, Trumpet Quartet and solo performances from our Senior School brass students

Wednesday 5 February

SENIOR SCHOOL SOLOISTS

7:00pm I The Purcell School, Recital Room Free admission

Programme to include Beethoven -Sonata in C Minor Op 13, Brahms - Sonata in G Major Op 78 No. 1

Students performing are Anya Robins, Asli Emre, Carl David, Chelsea Becker, Fiore O'Sullivan, Juliana Niu and Lewis Isaacs



Twice a year The Purcell School opens its doors to prospective students and parents, welcoming them to meet staff and students, take in the campus and facilities, and enjoy the outstanding music-making that characterises the School.

Visitors are able to meet with the Principal, Director of Music and the Heads of the six Music Departments. They will be taken on a tour of the School, guided by current students, visit our recording studios and see the Music Technology Department in action. There will also be an opportunity to ask questions on all aspects of School life, academic and pastoral, as well as the music programme and entry auditions. For more information on how to register for our next Open Morning, visit the School's website www.purcell-school.org/admissions/open-mornings/

Thursday 6 February COMPOSERS CONCERT

7:00pm I The Purcell School

Free admission

Continuing our series of concerts featuring new works including pieces for voice and beatbox, curated by our imaginative Upper Sixth first study composers

Saturday 8 February

CHAMBER CHOIR EVENING RECITAL

7:30pm I Stanborough Park Church, 609 St Albans Road, Watford, WD25 9JL Free admission

Free admission

Howells - Magnificat and Nunc dimittis Collegium Regale, Vivaldi - Gloria, Britten - Hymn to St Cecilia

Tuesday 11 February

LIVE AT LUNCHTIME 🕨

1:00pm I The Purcell School, Recital Room Also available on our YouTube channel Free admission

Knussen - Upon one Note, Knussen - Prayer Bell Sketch, Liszt - Tarantella Continuing our '*Live at Lunchtime*' concert series, the performances are live streamed to our **YouTube** channel (The Purcell School)

Friday 14 February

SOUTH HILL PARK CONSERVATOIRE CONCERT SERIES

7:30pm I South Hill Park Arts Centre, South Hill Park, Ringmead, Berkshire, RG12 7PA For tickets and booking information www.southhillpark.org.uk

We are delighted to be invited back to the South Hill Park Conservatoire Concert Series featuring solo and chamber performances

Monday 24 February JIANING KONG:

Beethoven Piano Sonatas

7:00pm | The Purcell School, CP Hall Free admission

Beethoven Piano Sonatas Op 27 No. 1 in E-flat Major, Op 10 No. 3 in D Major, Op 78 in F-sharp Major, Op 31 No. 2 in D Minor (*Tempest*)

Jianing Kong continues his cycle of Beethoven's piano sonatas

Tuesday 25 February

RUSH HOUR RECITAL: Rossetti Ensemble

5:00pm | The Purcell School, CP Hall Free admission

Debussy - Prelude from La Demoiselle Elue, Mahler - Piano Quartet Movement, Schumann - Piano Quartet, plus a selection of Piazzola Tangos arranged by John Lenehan The Rossetti Ensemble was created in 2018 from long-standing collaborations between pianist John Lenehan, violinist Sara Trickey, violist and Purcell insturmental teacher Sarah-Jane Bradley and Cellist Tim Lowe



THE PURCELL SCHOOL IN MEMORY OF OLIVER KNUSSEN SOUTHBANK CENTRE SUNDAY 1ST MARCH 2020



THE PURCELL SCHOOL PRESENTS

11AM - SOUNDS NEW 1PM - TOMORROW'S ARTISTS TODAY 3PM - BEETHOVEN PIANO EXTRAVAGANZA 7.30PM - THE PURCELL SCHOOL CELEBRATES OLIVER KNUSSEN

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THE PURCELL SCHOOL CELEBRATES OLIVER KNUSSEN

The Purcell School for Young Musicians presents a whole day of stunning music-making, with four ambitious concerts given by over 100 outstanding Purcell students, staff, alumni and guests. Oliver Knussen was a Purcell student before he became the famous, beloved giant of the music world. These programmes honour his memory and all he did to promote music in the school, in the UK and throughout the world. Three daytime recitals in the Purcell Room and an orchestral concert in the QEH in the evening all showcase music with links to Knussen, as well as Beethoven's 250th anniversary. Sonya Knussen, the composer's daughter and a Purcell alumna, narrates Britten's *Young Person's Guide*.

Purcell Room 11am

Programme to include: Knussen James Sparkes Knussen (after Purcell) Beach Boys, arranged Simon Bainbridge Alissa Firsova Oscar Bettison

Disney Girls Bride of the Wind Gauze Vespers

Prayer Bell Sketch

Upon one note

New work

Purcell Room 1pm

Programme to include: Beethoven Debussy, arranged Mark Bowden Beethoven

String Quartet opus 18 no 2 (finale) Prelude a l'apres-midi d'un faune Piano Concerto no 2 (1st movement) (soloists Shiwen Chen)

Purcell Room 3pm

Purcell School piano department, with guests from Dresden Landesmusikgymnasium *Programme to include* Diabelli Variations Op 120 6 Bagatelles Op 126 Grosse Fuge Op 133 (4 hands, composer's arrangement)

QEH 7.30pm

Purcell School Symphony OrchestraConductor:Paul HoskinsPiano:Milda DvarionaiteNarrator:Sonya Knussen

Britten Sasha Scott Ravel Knussen Lutoslawski Young Person's Guide to the Orchestra New Work Piano Concerto in G Flourish with Fireworks Symphony no 4

MARCH

Wednesday 4 March

LEEDS INTERNATIONAL CONCERT SERIES

1:05pm I The Venue, Leeds College of Music Free admission

Liebermann - Sonata for Flute & Piano Op 23, Schubert - Impromptu No. 3 in G-flat Major D. 899, Saint-Saëns/Liszt - Danse Macabre, Tartini - Devil's Trill Sonata

Students performing are Sofiia Matviienko (Flute), Carmen Sanchez-Labrador (Piano) and Lina Jukneviciute (Violin)

Friday 6 March

RCS ROSIN CHAMBER MUSIC FESTIVAL

1:00pm I Royal Conservatoire of Scotland, Glasgow, G2 3DB

https://www.rcs.ac.uk/boxoffice-event/ eventid/210205-Rosin-Chamber-Weekend-Concert-2:-Fridays-at-One/

The annual Rosin Chamber Music festival is four days devoted to chamber music, this year will feature a cycle of Beethoven's string quartets

The Purcell School String Quartet will be performing alonside the Brodsky Quartet and Royal Conservatoire of Scotland String students

Monday 9 - Wednesday 11 March EMMA ABBATE & TIPPETT OUARTET RESIDENCY

TBC | The Purcell School Free admission

We are delighted to be hosting Emma Abbate and the Tippett Quartet for a three day residency including lunch time concerts and insightful masterclasses, for more information on the schedule, visit the School website The Neapolitan pianist Emma Abbate enjoys a demanding career as a piano accompanis and chamber musician, working with some of the finest singers and instrumentalists of her generation. The Tippett Quartet; John Mills, Jeremy Isaac, Lydia Lowndes-Northcostt and Purcell instrumental teacher Bozidar Vukotic, regularly appear in major London venues and requently perform on BBC Radio 3

Wednesday 11 March

ROYAL CONSERVATOIRE OF SCOTLAND PIANO FFSTIVAI

6:00pm I Royal Conservatoire of Scotland, Glasgow, G2 3DB

https://www.rcs.ac.uk/boxoffice-event/ eventid/210006-Piano-Festival:-RCS-&-Purcell-School-I-Diabelli-Variations/

We are delighted to be celebrating Beethoven's 250th anniversary in association with the Royal Conservatoire of Scotland

Friday 6 March

WALTHAM FOREST MUSIC SOCIETY RECITAL

7:30pm I Saints Church Hall, E4 9QD Free admission

For more programme information, visit The Purcell School website and social media A chamber music recital with music for guitar, piano and wind ensemble

Tuesday 17 March

1:00pm I The Purcell School, Recital Room Also available on our YouTube channel Free admission

For more programme information, visit The Purcell School website and social media Continuing our '*Live at Lunchtime*' concert series, the performances are live streamed to our **YouTube** channel (The Purcell School)

Tuesday 17 March

RUSH HOUR RECITAL: Beethoven Piano Sonatas

5:00pm | The Purcell School, CP Hall

Free admission

Beethoven Piano Sonatas Op 22 in B-flat Major, Op 90 in E Minor, Op 57 in F Minor (*Appassionata*)

Jianing Kong continues his cycle of Beethoven's piano sonatas

Thursday 19 March

PIANO DEPARTMENT CONCERT

7:00pm I The Purcell School, CP Hall Free admission

A culmination the term's work from masterclasses with renowned pianists and professors ending in a celebration of the 250th anniversary of Beethoven with a performance of the Diabelli Variations, Bagatelles and other works

Tuesday 24 March SENIOR CONCERTO COMPETITION FINAL

The Purcell School, CP Hall Free admission

With over 40 applicants in this year's competition, the final will feature the winning performances from senior soloists, each playing the concerto of thier choice

Thursday 26 March SOUND IMAGE MOVEMENT

7:00pm I The Purcell School, CP Hall Free admission

Take your imagination for a walk, experience the eclectic, the electric, film scores, multimedia and improvisation

Saturday 21 March

WINDSOR SPRING FESTIVAI

St George's Chapel, Windsor Free admission

Poulenc - Stabat Mater (with other choirs) Britten - Hymn to St Cecelia The Purcell School Chamber Choir has been invited to perform alongside Taplow Youth Choir and Jesus College Cambridge

Monday 23 March

JAZZ EVENING RECITAL

7:00pm I The Purcell School, CP Hall Free admission Featuring performances from our Big Band, Improv Group and more

MASTERCLASSES

Monday 13 January

VIOLA & CHAMBER MUSIC MASTERCLASS WITH ROBIN IRELAND

3:00 - 6:00pm (Masterclass) I The Purcell School, Liszt Room and 6:30pm (Recital) I The Purcell School, Recital Room

Free admission

Head of Chamber Music at The Royal Birmingham Conservatoire, **Robin Ireland** was violist with the celebrated Lindsay String Quartet for twenty years and has since developed his career as a soloist, guest-led the viola sections of major UK orchestras, worked as a freelance chamber musician and become a highly respected teacher

Tuesday 21 January SAXOPHONE MASTERCLASS WITH NAOMI SULLIVAN

4:00 - 7:30pm I The Purcell School, Recital Room

Free admission

Naomi Sullivan has been Head of Saxophone at the Royal Birmingham Conservatoire since 2008 and as an orchestral musician, Naomi has worked for a number of UK orchestras including Birmingham Contemporary Music Group, City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra, BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra, Halle Orchestra, Aurora Orchestra, Piccadilly Dance Orchestra, The Opera Group, Birmingham Royal Ballet, Orchestra of the Swan and Music Theatre Wales and most recently with Chineke

Monday 20 January

PIANO MASTERCLASS WITH BERNARD D'ASCOLI 4:00 - 6:00pm, 6:30 - 7:30pm | The Purcell

School, Recital Room

Free admission

After his Third Prize in the Leeds International Piano Competition, **Bernard d'Ascoli** made his London debut both in recital and with orchestra and recorded the Liszt sonata for EMI and has since participated in prestigious international festivals such as the BBC Proms, and in 2000 he was a special guest of the Sydney Olympic festivities, appearing at the Opera House both as recitalist and soloist with the Sydney Symphony

Monday 27 January

PIANO MASTERCLASS WITH FLORIAN MITREA 3:00 - 6:00pm I The Purcell School

Free admission

Described as 'an outstanding young pianist, Florian Mitrea is the winner of the 2018 Royal Overseas League Piano Competition and at the New York International Piano Festival leading to his debut at Carnegie Hall, as of 2018/19 Florian is a Kirckman Concert Society Artist and holds a Making Music Philip and Dorothy Green Young Artist Award for 2017/2019

Thursday 30 January

CELLO MASTERCLASS WITH ROBERT DEMAINE

TBC | The Purcell School For more info - concerts@purcell-school.org Free admission

Praised by the New York Times as "an artist who makes one hang on every note," **Robert deMaine** is the principal cellist of the Los Angeles Philharmonic. He is a highly soughtafter solo artist and chamber musician, a frequent guest artist at many of the world's premier chamber music festivals, including those of Marlboro, Seattle, Great Lakes, Limoges, Heidelberg Schlossfest, Chamberfest Cleveland, Montréal, Seoul's Ditto Festival, and most recently featured as a soloist at the 2016 Piatigorsky Cello Festival

Monday 16 March

PIANO MASTERCLASS AND RECITAL WITH ALEXANDER ULLMAN

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

Free admission

Praised for his subtle interpretations and refined technical mastery, British pianist **Alexander Ullman** has impressed audiences and critics worldwide with his deep understanding of the scores he interprets, his elegant touch and crystalline phrasing and In Spring 2019, Rubicon released his first album, featuring Tchaikovsky's Nutcracker Suite, Prokofiev's Six Pieces from Cinderella, as well as Stravinsky's Petrushka and Firebird suites

Monday 24 February

PIANO MASTERCLASS WITH DRAGOMIR BRATIĆ 3:00 - 6:00pm] The Purcell School, Recital Room

Free admission

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 18 March

CELLO MASTERCLASS WITH STEVE DOANE

3:00 - 6:00pm (Masterclass) | The Purcell School, Liszt Room and 6:30pm (Recital) | The Purcell School, Recital Room

Free admission

Steven Doane is a professor of cello at the Eastman School of Music in Rochester, where he has received the Eisenhardt Award for Excellence in Teaching. His international concert schedule has taken him to Scotland, Ireland, Sweden, and London and in North America, highlights of recent seasons include recitals in Boston, Chicago and Washington DC, and concerto performances with the Rochester Philharmonic, the Buffalo Philharmonic, the Omaha Symphony and the Victoria Symphony



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 of 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 contract Emma McGrath:

Email: e.mcgrath@purcell-school.org 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 SUMMER 2020...

Monday 27 April ST MARTIN-IN-THE-FIELDS

Wednesday 29 April WIGMORE HALL

Wednesday 17 June ST JAMES' CHURCH, PICADILLY 1pm Thursday 25 June WIGMORE HALL

Thursday 2 July CADOGAN HALL ORCHESTRA & CHOIR CONCERT

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 tazi from these stations - fares range from £6-10.



The Purcell School, Aldenham Road, Bushey, Hertfordshire, WD23 2TS

Patron: HRH The Prince of Wales President: Sir Simon Rattle Principal: Paul Bambrough

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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