

Wirral Chamber Music Festival

www.wirralchamberfest.co.uk



About the Festival

Now in its fourth year, this young and exciting not-for-profit festival has one aim: **to promote a love of classical music by making world-class chamber music engaging, accessible and inclusive for the Wirral community.** To do this we present public concerts, family workshops, pop-ups and also provide music tuition at the festival's own Youth String Quartet Academy.

The festival was founded by two members of the Royal Liverpool Philharmonic Orchestra: the orchestra lead violinist Thelma Handy and cellist Alex Holladay. Both are professional musicians who have played on TV, radio and have toured the world but proudly call Wirral their home. Regularly working elsewhere with artists of equal standing, they are determined to spread classical music throughout Wirral.

What's On in 2024

This summer the festival will present **7 events** between **22nd - 30th June**. It features the award-winning global folk group **Kabantu**, **The Leenhardt Harp Flute Viola Trio** and **Stravinsky's A Soldier's Tale**, narrated by international opera star **Jennifer Johnston**. The festival will also showcase some of **Wirral's finest composers** and bring live classical music to all ages with its **Family Show**. The next generation of Wirral talent will also take the stage with performances by **Wirral Youth Brass** and the festival's very own **Youth String Quartet Academy**. All to be held in venues across Wirral, from Wallasey to Neston, via Birkenhead and Eastham.

For more information visit our website at www.wirralchamberfest.co.uk.

Our Audience

Every year, the festival has been rewarded with consistent **capacity audiences, increased ticket sales and rising subscriber numbers.** Yet again, to accommodate growing demand for our prestigious artists, we will be presenting events in venues with greater capacity than before.



Not held back by lockdown, the festival established its own **YouTube** channel to stream classical performances into people's homes, from venues including West Kirby Arts Centre, Liverpool University and even Stapledon Woods. Other social media channels are growing monthly. Find us on Facebook **@WirralChamberFest**. Our newsletter keeps our growing subscriber base regularly up to date with event information. Support from our Friends of the Festival group grows annually.

Music for the community

The festival believes passionately in the importance of making live music **accessible to young people** - the performers of the future. We make **tickets to all events free for children**, but we can only viably do this with financial support. Two events this summer exclusively feature young performers from Wirral: the Youth String Quartet Academy, which provides fortnightly coaching to talented young string players, and Wirral Youth Brass. If you are interested in specifically supporting our youth schemes, please let us know.



How can you support the festival and its community aims?

We need your support in order to make such events accessible, at prices affordable for all, and to continue to develop young talent by providing these opportunities. With your help, the festival can give the gift of more live music to even more people.

We are offering **two tiers of sponsorship package**.

Donation over £75

Your advert in our Festival Programme Brochure, distributed at all events:

£75	1/4 page advert
£150	1/2 page advert
£300	Full page advert

Donation of £500

Our top tier buys you **exclusive sponsorship of an event**: your name on all event-specific promotional platforms, including posters and social media, and includes a full page advert in the festival brochure. Events available for sponsorship in 2024 include:

The Leenhardt Harp Flute Viola Trio
Global folk group Kabantu
Stravinsky's A Soldiers Tale
Wirral Composers Showcase

Family Concert - Live music for all ages
Youth String Quartet Academy
Wirral Youth Brass

All tiers of sponsorship include reserved seating and an invitation to our Sponsors & Festival Friends private event.

About the Festival Programme Brochure: a 24 page A5 colour brochure, including the full listings of the summer festival events and programme notes, available free to all audience members.

Contact Us

If you would like to help enable the festival to grow the resources to continue to attract world-class performers and support the festival in its community aims, then please get in touch:

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Just some of What's On in 2024...



A Soldier's Tale, narrated by **Jennifer Johnston**
Wallasey, Saturday 29th June



Youth String Quartet Academy
Birkenhead, Saturday 29th June



Kabantu
Heswall, Sunday 30th June

Cover photos from top:

The Festival Players, St Peter's Church
London Handel Players, Heswall Hall
Wirral Youth Brass, Pacific Road Tram Shed