



SUMMER CONCERT
BRIGHTON & EAST SUSSEX YOUTH ORCHESTRA
AND
CREATE MUSIC YOUTH STRING ORCHESTRA

Sun 19 Jul 2026
Doors 3.30pm, 4pm
Lewes Town Hall, High St, Lewes, BN7 2QS



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PROGRAMME



CREATE MUSIC

Transforming lives by giving children, young people, and adults the lifelong gift of music.

We are the region's leading provider of high-quality, inclusive music and arts education together with performance opportunities in the South East. Taking in Brighton & Hove, Eastbourne, Hastings, Lewes, Rother, Wealden and the surrounding areas we offer children, young people and adults the chance to explore their passion for music through lessons, ensembles, projects, workshops, orchestras and summer schools.

At Create Music, the Hub Lead Organisation for the Sussex Music Hub, our mission is to centre the voices of children, young people and adults in our cities, towns and villages. We inspire engagement with a diverse range of music genres and activities. We co-design, teach, develop and showcase participants by connecting them with teachers, youth workers, creative practitioners and cultural workers. We provide access to information, expertise, space and resources to facilitate learning and innovation in music. Our priorities include relevance to local identities, nurturing talent and exploring the synergy between high-quality provision and creative risk-taking.



ENSEMBLES

BRIGHTON & EAST SUSSEX YOUTH ORCHESTRA

Conducted by Pete Davison

The Brighton & East Sussex Youth Orchestra (BESYO) challenges itself to perform great music of the classical repertoire. They have performed symphonies by Brahms, Beethoven and Florence Price, as well as Copland's Appalachian Spring and Bernstein's iconic West Side Story. They have also performed film and gaming music such as Star Wars, Batman and Horizon: Zero Dawn.

BESYO is often given the opportunity to perform at Brighton Dome as part of Brighton Festival, performing concertos including Elgar's infamous Cello Concerto, and Florence Price's Piano Concerto with Jeneba Kanneh-Mason. They also perform throughout Brighton & Hove and East Sussex, as well as going on their annual tour, such as their recent tour to the Loire Valley. Previous tours have included the Netherlands, Belgium and Germany.



ENSEMBLES



CREATE MUSIC YOUTH STRING ENSEMBLE

Conducted by Stephen Giles

The Create Music Youth String Ensemble (CMYSE) is a high-level chamber ensemble made up of exceptional strings players from Brighton & Hove and East Sussex.

CMYSE have performed at prestigious venues throughout the country, including at Birmingham Symphony Hall and the Royal Albert Hall. They have performed in Brighton, East Sussex, and the Isle of Wight. CMYSE are key players in fundraising for Create Music, having performed in many fundraising performances around Sussex.



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Suite for Strings

Libby Croad

Create Music Youth String Ensemble

String Symphony No. 10 in B Minor

Felix Mendelssohn

Create Music Youth String Ensemble

Interval

Symphony No.6

Pyotr Tchiakovsky

Brighton & East Sussex Youth Orchestra

Candide Overture

Leonard Bernstein

Brighton & East Sussex Youth Orchestra

Concert
End

CONDUCTORS



PETE DAVISON



Pete has worked extensively with orchestras, musicians and producers nationally and internationally including the Royal Liverpool Philharmonic, the Los Angeles Chamber Orchestra and the City of Prague Philharmonic. He is an internationally known composer, conductor and orchestrator, working as conductor and orchestrator for Hollywood legend Danny Elfman. Pete's compositions can be heard in video games like Family Guy: Warped Kart Racers, and the BBC TV documentary Star Wars: The Stormtrooper Scandal. He also contributed as an additional composer for the Universal film Migration, working with renowned Hollywood composer John Powell, one of the orchestra's alumni.

Stephen grew up in Kent and studied in Manchester and London. Since then, Stephen has worked as a viola player in many fields: chamber music, ballet, opera, film, TV and in chamber and symphony orchestras such as English String Orchestra and London Concert Orchestra. He is currently a member of the Corelli Ensemble and Worthing Symphony Orchestra. Stephen also teaches violin and viola in the Lewes area for Create Music and has coached and led a number of ensembles locally. He leads the Lewes Youth String Orchestra and is a string coach with BESYO. Stephen worked with East Sussex String Chamber Orchestra, a forerunner of Create Music Youth String Ensemble which he now leads.

STEPHEN GILES



MUSICIANS - BESYO



ORCHESTRA LEADERS

Ellen Zhang | Will Smithyes

FIRST VIOLIN

Ellen Zhang | Will Smithyes | Michael Datseris | Anna Chow | Artermis Vermot Soutoglou | Amyra Al-Bazaz Lim | Seren Twort | Lynna Naito | Katie Jupp | Lula Taylor | Theo Tarafder | Myrto Vermot Soutoglou

SECOND VIOLIN

Richard Sherbourne | Hazel Hiu Chun Cheng | Isaac Tarafder | Vee Morgan | Lewis Heslip | Kai Ekinci | Lena Bosten-Lam | Aliyah Corin | Laurie Miller | Mia McGhie | Amélie Pickup | Isla Vaughan | Lily Simmonds | Alex Curry | Joshua Zheng | Mary Holmes

VIOLA

Candis Lo | Lucy Wright | Phoebe Scott | Joe Wittenberg | Aidan Bullock | Maximillian Hoefer

CELLO

Evie Miller | Vivien Witts | Wilf Holland | Felix Aihie | Jack Harwood | Alex Luiz-Wright | Pablo Haylock Fernandez | Sara Dragnea | Cody Meierdirk | Joshua Roberts | Marianne Dyer | Henry Santer | Rafe Mudge | Louis Ashworth

DOUBLE BASS

Beau Hampton

MUSICIANS - BESYO



FLUTE

Meghan So | Kimberley Stevens | Ada Massey | Kaya De Sousa | Cerys Martin | Agatha Comfort | Rosemary Kendall

OBOE

Amelie Earl-Hulse | Imogen Healey (Cor Anglais) | Artemis Vermot Soutoglou | Edward Frowde

CLARINET

Flora Wilson | Luna Anderson-Dixon | Iris Simmonds

BASSOON

Meg Hards | Maisie Matthews

FRENCH HORN

Ivan Wray | Katie Chiu | Alvie Trainer

TRUMPET

Evelynn Britt-Willows | Matilda Motley | Leon Fernandes

TROMBONE

Robert Nicholls | Samuel Ludlow | Chloe Chiu | Barney Matthews

PERCUSSION

Libby Burgess | Aden Francis | Mihlo Bacon

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ENSEMBLE TUTORS

BESYO

Nicola Bates (Violins) | Stephen Giles (Violas) | Sarah Davison (Lower Strings) | Christina Clay (Woodwind) | Eira Owen (Brass) | Grant Allardyce (Percussion)

CMYSE

Stephen Giles (Conductor)

PHOTOGRAPHY

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THANKS

Many thanks to all the students and staff whose hard work has made this evening's concert possible.

A special thank you to Lewes Town Hall for welcoming us this evening!

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Our Members and Patrons are a vital part of our community, making a significant contribution to the lives of our young musicians that would otherwise be unable to participate. They help to provide access to masterclasses, lessons, collaborations with professional musicians and touring opportunities. Membership also supports our work with our inclusive music groups for children and young people with special educational needs/disabilities and their parents/carers and siblings.

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