

PRESS RELEASE  
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## The Guildhall School presents its inaugural Chamber Music Festival: Friday 6 – Sunday 8 July 2018

Guildhall School is delighted to present its inaugural Chamber Music Festival, which runs from **Friday 6 – Sunday 8 July** with a programme featuring showcase performances from some of the School's most accomplished chamber groups. The festival sees Guildhall School musicians collaborate with renowned performers from the chamber music faculty including: **Adrian Brendel, Levon Chilingirian, Nicholas Daniel, Endellion String Quartet, Joy Farrall, Alec Frank-Gemmill, Louise Hopkins, Matthew Jones, Richard Lester, Krysia Osostowicz, Caroline Palmer, Carole Presland, Jacqueline Ross, Graham Sheen, Ursula Smith, Andrew Webster and Ian Wilson.**

The Opening Concert presents the world-renowned **Endellion Quartet**, Guildhall's Visiting Quartet-in-Association, who will be joined by professors **Graham Sheen, Alex Frank-Gemmill, Adrian Brendel** and current Guildhall musicians, in Milton Court Concert Hall. The performance on **Friday 6 July** includes works by Beethoven, Brahms, Debussy and Guildhall Professor of Composition **Matthew Kaner.**

Hidden Gems of the Chamber Music Repertoire is the second concert of the festival, on **Saturday 7 July** at Milton Court Concert Hall. The programme includes masterpieces that are less frequently performed than they deserve, including: Prokofiev's extraordinary *Quintet in G minor, Op. 39*; Fauré's *Piano Quartet No. 2 in G minor, Op. 45* and Taneyev's *Piano Trio in D major, Op. 22*. A pre-concert talk takes place in Rehearsal Room 1 at Milton Court at 7pm, involving a panel discussion with performers from the evening's concert.

Numerous concerts are given on **Sunday 8 July**, including a performance comprising piano and strings works by Brahms: *Trio in C minor, Op. 101*; *Trio in C Major, Op. 87* and *Piano Quartet in G minor, Op. 25*. The pieces are performed by the **Mithras Piano Trio, Heney Trio and Drucker Piano Quartet** at 12pm in the Silk Street Music Hall. This is followed by a concert of Mendelssohn's String Quartets at 3pm, given by the **Beauvoir Quartet, Winterson Quartet and Fengari Quartet.** The programme includes *String Quartet No. 2 in A minor, Op. 13*; *String Quartet No. 4 in E minor, Op. 44, No. 2*; and *Four Pieces for String Quartet, Op. 81.*

Over in Milton Court Concert Hall a Wind, Brass & Percussion Chamber Concert takes place at 3pm with performances from the **2018 June Emerson Prize** winning ensemble. The festival closes with an extraordinary line-up of Guildhall faculty members and students playing a programme of Mozart's *Quintet for Piano and Winds, K. 452*; Brahms' *Piano Trio in B major, Op. 8* and Mendelssohn's *Octet in Eb major, Op. 20*. The evening concert is held at Milton Court Concert Hall at 7.30pm.

There will be free masterclasses throughout the day on **Sunday 8 July**, including with **Matthew Jones** and **Carole Presland** (strings and keyboard chamber music); **Ian Wilson** and **Joy Farrell** (wind chamber music), **David Waterman** (cello chamber music) and a workshop with **Jacqueline Ross**.

**Listings:**

**Opening Concert**

Friday 6 July, 7.30pm  
Milton Court Concert Hall  
Tickets: 15 (£5 concessions)

**Pre-Concert Talk**

Saturday 7 July, 7pm  
Rehearsal Room 1, Milton Court

**Hidden Gems of the Chamber Music Repertoire**

Saturday 7 July, 8pm  
Milton Court Concert Hall  
Tickets: £15 (£5 concessions)

**Masterclass with Matthew Jones and Carole Presland**

Sunday 8 July, 10am  
Lecture Recital Room  
*Admission free*

**Masterclass with Ian Wilson and Joy Farrell**

Sunday 8 July, 10am  
Milton Court Concert Hall  
*Admission free*

**Brahms: Piano & Strings**

Sunday 8 July, 12pm  
Silk Street Music Hall  
*Admission free*

**Workshop with Jacqueline Ross: Brahms, Joachim, and “cantabile”**

Sunday 8 July, 1.30pm  
Lecture Recital Room  
*Admission free*

**Mendelssohn String Quartets**

Sunday 8 July, 3pm  
Silk Street Music Hall  
*Admission free*

**Wind, Brass & Percussion Chamber Concert**

Sunday 8 July, 3pm  
Milton Court Concert Hall  
*Admission free*

**Masterclass with David Waterman, Cellist of the Endellion String Quartet**

Sunday 8 July, 5pm  
Lecture Recital Room  
*Admission free*

**Classic Chamber Works**

Sunday 8 July, 7.30pm  
Milton Court Concert Hall  
Tickets: £15 (£5 concessions)

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