

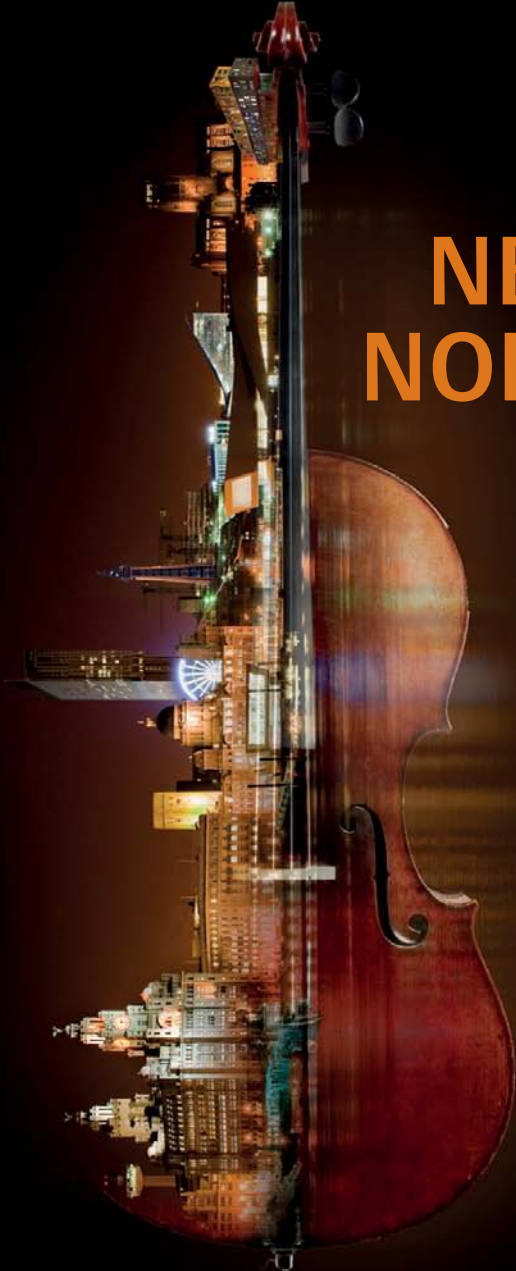
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Saturday 26 October –  
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# NEW MUSIC NORTH WEST



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## WELCOME...


The RNCM and The University of Manchester are delighted to present our fourth and largest ever festival celebrating the wealth of creative talent in the North West. With performances by leading new music exponents Psappha, the Royal Liverpool Philharmonic's Ensemble 10/10 and the BBC Philharmonic, as well as concerts by new groups such as House of Bedlam, Trio Atem and others, this is simply the largest, most exciting festival of new British music in 2013.

There will be a special feature on the work of Edwin Roxburgh. Born and brought up in Liverpool, his compositions are renowned for their scintillating textures and beautifully crafted soundworlds. Also featured will be the compositions of alumni from the RNCM and University of Manchester who have continued to live and work creatively in the city and its environs, and whose contributions help make the area so musically vibrant.

The composers featured in the festival are introduced to us by David Horne in his session *Exploring the North West*, which takes place on Monday 28 October at 2.30pm. This is a truly unique way to meet them all, as they send messages and recordings in a variety of styles and formats, some professionally recorded and some from their own smart phones! This is an insight into their composition with their own personalities shining through as well, and provides a rare perspective into new music. The video will be repeated on screens for you to revisit during the week and it marks a brilliant, interesting and humorous start to our festival.

Feast your ears on all of this!

**Clark Rundell** *artistic director*

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**Martin Harris Centre Box Office:**

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**[www.quaytickets.com](http://www.quaytickets.com)**

*\*opening times Monday to Friday 2pm–4pm*



## SATURDAY 26 & SUNDAY 27 OCTOBER

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### MANTIS Festival

Saturday 26 October

**6pm and 8pm** *John Thaw Studio Theatre,  
Martin Harris Centre*

Sunday 27 October

**2pm** *John Thaw Studio Theatre,  
Martin Harris Centre*

MANTIS (Manchester Theatre in Sound) presents a weekend of electroacoustic concerts featuring composers based at the NOVARS Research Centre, a full concert curated by and featuring guest artist Marij van Gorkom (bass clarinet and live electronics) and the MANTIS large-scale loudspeaker sound diffusion system for an exciting and immersive listening experience.

**Tickets £7.50 concessions and multi-concert tickets available from Martin Harris Centre Box Office only**

## MONDAY 28 OCTOBER

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12.45pm *RNCM Concourses*

### Sound Histories

New works from the RNCM's *Sound Histories* event at the British Museum in July receive their Manchester premières.

**Free admission, no ticket required**

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1.15pm *RNCM Concert Hall*

### Lunchtime Concert

**Edwin Roxburgh** Cantilena; Homage to Debussy

**Gary Carpenter** Dioscuri

**Paul Goodey** La seis cuerdas

**Free admission, no ticket required**

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2.30pm *RNCM Lecture Theatre*

### Exploring the North West with David Horne

David Horne presents a video of short messages from each composer represented in the festival, including audio snippets, personal messages and much more besides.

**Free admission, no ticket required**

5.15pm *John Thaw Studio Theatre,  
Martin Harris Centre*

### The Rosenhan Experiment

RNCM alumnus Tim Benjamin brings a gripping psychological opera recounting David Rosenhan's landmark 1970s experiment *On Being Sane In Insane Places* to the festival.

**Robert Ogden** *countertenor*

**Free admission, no ticket required**

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7.30pm *Cosmo Rodewald Concert Hall,  
Martin Harris Centre*

### RNCM New Ensemble and Vaganza

**Edwin Roxburgh** Refractions; Convolutions

**Tim Jackson** Be Not Afraid

**Simon Parkin** Three Pieces for Mixed Sextet

**David Curington** New work (world première)

**Emma Wilde** New work (world première)

**Richard Whalley** this and that

**Mark Heron, Oliver Till** *conductors*

**Tickets £7.50 concessions available**

## TUESDAY 29 OCTOBER

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1.15pm *Cosmo Rodewald Concert Hall,  
Martin Harris Centre*

### Lunchtime Concert

Programme to include:

**Edwin Roxburgh** Dreamtime

**Helen Seddon-Gray** New work (world première)

**Edwin Roxburgh** Soliloquy 4

**John Simon** Scena for flute; Miniature Woodcut

**Free admission, no ticket required**

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2.30pm *G16, Martin Harris Centre*

### Open Forum with Edwin Roxburgh

Clark Rundell talks to New Music North West's featured composer, Edwin Roxburgh.

**Free admission, no ticket required**

6pm *The Studios, MediaCityUK*

## Trio Atem

Programme to include:

**Nina Whiteman** The modifications of clouds

**Ian Vine** Moon Phase

**Richard Whalley** Problems Arising from Sympathy

**Fabrice Fitch** Per Serafino Calbarisi II: Le Songe de Panurge

**Michael Mayhew** Vinyl Radical

**Free admission, no ticket required**

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7.30pm *BBC Philharmonic Studio, MediaCityUK*

## BBC Philharmonic and Psappha

Programme to include:

**Philip Grange** Focus and Fade

**David Horne** New work (world première)

**Juanjo Mena** *conductor*

### Psappha:

**Joe Duddell** Nightswimming

**Gordon Crosse** L'Enfant Sauvage

**Free admission, by ticket only,**

to reserve your ticket call RNCM Box Office (limited availability)

[www.bbc.co.uk/philharmonic](http://www.bbc.co.uk/philharmonic)

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## WEDNESDAY 30 OCTOBER

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1.15pm *Cosmo Rodewald Concert Hall,*

*Martin Harris Centre*

## Lunchtime Concert Trio Aporia

World première performances of works by

**Fabrice Fitch, Gillian Menichino, Alan Williams,**

**Kevin Malone and Andrea Riley**

**Free admission, no ticket required**

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2.30pm *RNCM Lecture Theatre*

## Research Forum with Trio Aporia Sounding Aporia: navigating via historical impossibility to a new sonic world

The session will open with an overview of Trio Aporia's philosophy and rationale as an historical instrument group dedicated to the performance of new music, followed by an exploration of this in practice with Fabrice Fitch's work *Agricola VIII* and with 'fragments' of new works by two RNCM students.

**Free admission, no ticket required**

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5.15pm *Carole Nash Recital Room, RNCM*

## House of Bedlam

**Unplugged and cover versions**

The House of Bedlam's two concerts will explore distinctly different areas of their music-making. The first will be mostly acoustic solo instrumental music with pieces by Fabrice Fitch, Alvin Lucier, Bethan Morgan-Williams and Matthew Sergeant as well as a performance of a poem by Elizabeth Bishop. This concert will also include a performance of a new chamber piece by Larry Goves for the full ensemble line-up.

**Free admission, no ticket required**

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7pm *RNCM Concourses*

## Sound Histories

Works from RNCM's *Sound Histories* project at the British Museum are given their Manchester premières.

**Free admission, no ticket required**

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7.30pm *RNCM Concert Hall*

## RNCM New Ensemble and Vaganza

**Edwin Roxburgh** A Garland for Jane; Elegy

**Edward Gregson** Aztec Dances

**Camden Reeves** The Mangle-Beat Tangle-Bar Blues

**James Stephenson** New work (world première)

**Jose Puello** Cocologíá (world première)

**Clark Rundell, Jack Sheen** *conductors*

**Wissam Boustany** *flute*

**Thomas Hicks** *piano*

**Tickets £7.50 concessions available**

10pm *Carole Nash Recital Room, RNCM*

## Late Night Concert

### House of Bedlam

The second House of Bedlam concert of the evening puts existing pieces for the group (by composer Larry Goves and writer Matthew Welton) alongside new pieces by David Horne, Aaron Parker, Tom Rose and Ian Vine. Each of these composers will contribute to the performance of their new pieces live.

**Free admission, no ticket required**

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## THURSDAY 31 OCTOBER

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12.45pm *RNCM Concourses*

### Sound Histories

Another chance to hear Manchester premières from RNCM's *Sound Histories* project which took place at the British Museum in July.

**Free admission, no ticket required**

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1.15pm *RNCM Concert Hall*

### Lunchtime Concert

#### RNCM Brass Band

**Andy Scott** Madiba; Big Red; Salt of the Earth

**Peter Meechan** Fire in the Sky

**Peter Graham** On the Shoulders of Giants

**Free admission, no ticket required**

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2.30pm *RNCM Studio Theatre*

### Composers' Masterclass with Edwin Roxburgh

A chance to hear Edwin Roxburgh working on new music by composers and ensembles from The University of Manchester and RNCM.

**Free admission, no ticket required**

5.15pm *Carole Nash Recital Room, RNCM*

### ACM Ensemble

Manchester's ACM Ensemble performs a programme of works by past and present RNCM composers.

**Free admission, no ticket required**

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7pm *RNCM Concourses*

### Sound Histories

The latest in our series of Manchester premières from RNCM's *Sound Histories* project.

**Free admission, no ticket required**

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7.30pm *RNCM Concert Hall*

### Ensemble 10/10

**Stephen Pratt** Chant de Printemps (world première)

**Ian Stephens** Thea Dances (world première)

**Anthony Gilbert** New work (world première)

**Edwin Roxburgh** Serenata

**Benjamin Gaunt** The Old Cataclysm Blues

**Benjamin Gait** New work (world première)

**Clark Rundell** *conductor*

**Tickets £7.50 concessions available**

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10pm *RNCM Studio Theatre*

### Late Night Concert

#### Sounds of the Engine House

**Matthew Sergeant** Bet Merkorios

**Liza Lim** Inguz (fertility)

**Harrison Birtwistle** Pulse Sampler

**Benjamin Gaunt** Revolution

**Steven Jackson** Keeps Spinning

**Eve Harrison** The Tin Man and the Mirror

**Free admission, no ticket required**

## FRIDAY 1 NOVEMBER

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12.45pm *RNCM Concourses*

### Sound Histories

The final part of our series of Manchester premières.

Free admission, no ticket required

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1.15pm *RNCM Concert Hall*

### Lunchtime Concert

**Edwin Roxburgh** Clarinet Quintet

**Adam Gorb** String Quartet No 2

**Steven Calver** Krystallia

**John Casken** A Second Song of Chimes

**Tom Goff** *conductor*

**John Turner** *recorder*

Free admission, no ticket required

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5.15pm *Chetham's School of Music*

### Chetham's Contemporary Music Ensemble

World première performances of works by

**Jeremy Pike**, **Gavin Wayte**, **Jonathan Woolgar**,

**Lloyd Coleman** and **Sebastian Black**

Free admission, no ticket required

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7.30pm *The Bridgewater Hall*

### BBC Philharmonic

Programme to include:

**Emily Howard** Axon (world première)

**Juanjo Mena** *conductor*

Tickets available from The Bridgewater Hall at [www.bridgewater-hall.co.uk](http://www.bridgewater-hall.co.uk) or 0844 907 9000

Students can purchase discounted tickets for this concert with the Sonic Card (please book in person)

## SATURDAY 2 NOVEMBER

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1.15pm *Carole Nash Recital Room, RNCM*

### Lunchtime Concert

A showcase of the extraordinary diversity and ingenuity in new works by composers of The University of Manchester.

Free admission, no ticket required

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5.15pm *John Thaw Studio Theatre, Martin Harris Centre*

### Distractfold

**Sam Salem** Dérive

**Mauricio Pauly** Another celibate machine

**Vitalija Glovakyte** New work (world première)

**Martin Iddon** Danaë

**Rodrigo Constanzo** New work (world première)

Free admission, no ticket required

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7.30pm *Cosmo Rodewald Concert Hall, Martin Harris Centre*

### Psappha

**Larry Goves** A glimpse of the sea in a fold of hills (UK première)

**Nina Whiteman** The Galaxy Rotation Problem (world première)

**Richard Norris** Diapsalmata (musings after Kirkegaard)

**Mark Simpson** Ariel

**Philip Grange** Cimmerian Nocturne

**Nicholas Kok** *conductor*

Tickets £10 concessions available

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10pm *Carole Nash Recital Room, RNCM*

### Late Night Concert

A late night electrifying music theatre 'short' by Tim Benjamin and Andrew Liles closes the festival.

Free admission, no ticket required

## RNCM VENUES

### HOW TO BOOK

**In Person** Box Office,  
124 Oxford Rd, Manchester, M13 9RD

**By Phone** 0161 907 5555

**Online** [www.rncm.ac.uk](http://www.rncm.ac.uk) (individual events only)

### FOOD AND DRINK

There are refreshment facilities available at the RNCM with the Café, Brodsky Restaurant and Bar and the Concert Bar offering a range of fresh, home-cooked and locally-sourced food from just a coffee and a pastry to a three-course meal.

During term time Monday to Friday, the Café is open from 8am until the interval on performance nights; Brodsky is open from 11am until 8pm and the Concert Bar is open from 5pm until 11pm.

Outside term time and at weekends opening hours are dependent upon the performance programme. Please call 0161 907 5353 or 5252 for full details of menus and opening hours.



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### HOW TO FIND US

The RNCM is situated 1 mile south of Manchester city centre, in the heart of the Education Quarter, on the corner of Oxford Road and Booth Street West. Oxford Road connects the RNCM by bus to the city centre, and all of Oxford Road, Piccadilly and Victoria train stations. Oxford Road Station is an easy 8 minute walk away.

Why not take advantage of the RNCM's secure underground car park for just £3? It's located next to the college in the basement of Sir Charles Groves Hall off Rosamund Street (open from 5pm on Friday and 8am on Saturday/Sunday).

For further details visit:

[www.rncm.ac.uk/findus](http://www.rncm.ac.uk/findus)

## UNIVERSITY OF MANCHESTER VENUES

### HOW TO BOOK

**Martin Harris Centre Box Office:**

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**Online** [www.quaytickets.com](http://www.quaytickets.com)

### FOOD AND DRINK

**Café Arts** based in the foyer of the Martin Harris Centre, serves coffee, tea, cold drinks and light refreshments.

The café is open from 9am to 3.30pm Monday – Friday and is also open for weekend and evening events.

For further information please contact Box Office on 0161 275 8951.

**Chancellors at Christie's Bistro** is situated on the 1st floor of the Christies Building, based at the University, in what was the original Library. Patrons can enjoy a 2 or 3 course lunch or something less formal in the lounge area, where sandwiches and bowl food is available.

Hot and chilled beverages including wine are also available. Afternoon tea in the form of delicious cakes and pastries is served up to 5pm each day. To book call 0161 275 7702.

### HOW TO FIND US

The Martin Harris Centre for Music and Drama is situated behind the Manchester Museum, which is located on Oxford Road. It is approximately 1 mile south of the city centre.

Car parking is available in the multi-storey car park off Booth Street West, opposite the RNCM. Parking costs £2 from 4pm to midnight weekdays, £2 all day on Saturday and Sunday and is payable upon exiting the car park.

The Martin Harris Centre is fully accessible. For more information please visit: [www.manchester.ac.uk/martinharriscentre](http://www.manchester.ac.uk/martinharriscentre)