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#we are migrants.

Migration has been in the DNA of the RNCM from its earliest roots, when in 1893 the German-born conductor Sir Charles Hallé realised his vision of founding a Northern conservatoire which became the Royal Manchester College of Music. Ever since then, musicians have migrated to this city from all over the world to study, teach and perform here.

Move forward to 2019/20 and the RNCM now has over 950 students from 55 countries, each with their own unique experience of migration.

#we are migrants celebrates the stories and creative output of musicians past and present who have left their homes, through choice or necessity, and explores the impact of migration on their music and on their adopted countries.



Sat 07 Sep // Doors 7pm // RNCM Concert Hall

C2C PRESENTS JOSH TURNER

SUPPORT: LAINEY WILSON

Nashville recording artist Josh Turner showcases his latest album, *I Serve a Savior*.

Tickets £22.50 (advance) No concessions Promoted by C2C

Sat 21 Sep // 7.30pm // RNCM Concert Hall

BRITTEN-SHOSTAKOVICH FESTIVAL ORCHESTRA

Ralph Vaughan Williams Fantasia on a Theme by Thomas Tallis Sergei Rachmaninov Rhapsody on a Theme of Paganini Op 43 Benjamin Britten Four Sea Interludes Op 33a Dmitri Shostakovich Suite for Variety Stage Orchestra

Jan Latham-Koenig conductor
Pavel Kolesnikov piano

2019 marks the occasion of the Year of Music, a bilateral initiative between Russia and the United Kingdom, and the Britten-Shostakovich Festival Orchestra was conceived with this initiative in mind. What makes this orchestra stand out, however, is that it is expected to continue and develop as a regular annual event in the musical calendars of both countries, to maintain a dynamic cultural collaboration between these young musicians.

The orchestra is composed of similar numbers of British and Russian musicians of conservatoire age, providing them with an invaluable musical and cultural experience that will leave a lasting impression at a key stage in their development. This concert is one of a series of public events taking place across Russia and the UK, and will be the first time that most of these musicians will have experienced such a large-scale international musical collaboration.

Tickets £18 £15
Promoted by RNCM in association with IMG Artists





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Mon 23 Sep // 7.30pm // RNCM Concert Hall

MANCHESTER CHAMBER CONCERTS SOCIETY

MAXWELL QUARTET

Joseph Haydn String Quartet in E flat major Hob III:71 Traditional Scottish Folk Music Joey Roukens Visions at Sea Ludwig van Beethoven String Quartet in B flat major Op 130 (with Grosse Fugue Op 133)

Tickets £25 / platform seats £12.50 Promoted by Manchester Chamber Concerts Society

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6.30pm // Forman Lecture Theatre

PRE-CONCERT TALK - With Professor Barry Cooper

Free admission to ticket holders

Wed 25 Sep // 4pm
// BBC Philharmonic Studio, MediaCityUK

BBC PHILHARMONIC CONDUCTING MASTERCLASS

Enjoy an afternoon of music in a special concert by the BBC Philharmonic, marking the culmination of workshops for young conductors led by Clark Rundell and Mark Heron.

Free admission, by ticket application only www.bbc.co.uk/tickets
Ticket ballot will be open Mon 09 - Sun 15 Sep

Thu 26 Sep // 7.30pm // RNCM Theatre

THE MJR GROUP BY ARRANGEMENT WITH MISSION CONTROL PRESENTS THE VVALL LIVE EXTRAVAGANZA

A re-imagined performance of Pink Floyd classics from *Dark Side of the Moon, Meddle, Wish You Were Here, Animals* and *The Wall.*

Tickets £35 £27.50 No concessions Promoted by The MJR group by arrangement with Mission Control Fri 27 Sep // 6.30pm // RNCM Concert Hall

Mon 30 Sep // 1.15pm // RNCM Concert Hall

PIFCES OF PIRATES

W S Gilbert/Arthur Sullivan The Pirates of Penzance (excerpts)

Clark Rundell conductor Soloists from RNCM School of Vocal Studies and Opera

The RNCM's incoming students join together for the first time to perform a whirlwind tour of Gilbert & Sullivan's classic comic opera.

Free admission, no ticket required

Sat 28 Sep // 7.30pm // RNCM Theatre

THE FIRE OF **OLYMPUS**

OR, ON STICKING IT TO THE MAN

Music by Tim Benjamin Words by Anthony Peter and Tim Benjamin

Ellie Slorach conductor, music director Tim Benjamin director Alex Robinson assistant music director. harpsichord

Lara Booth design

Tickets £20 No concessions Promoted by The Radius Opera Company

MONDAY RECITAL **SERIES**

Marc Berthomieu Dryade from Arcadie Anže Rozman Aqua and Ventus

Quora Flute Quartet Jack Rainey, Katie Taunton, Carina Udriste, Rachael Watson

Hideo Kobayashi Karamazu (Larch) Paurilo Barroso Para ninar Jaime Ovalle Azulao Sergei Rachmaninov Dream Percy Grainger Skye Boat Song John Hughes Calon Lân Piotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky At the Ball

Mariya Irel, Valerie Rosa sopranos Airi Yamada mezzo-soprano Ralph William countertenor James Mitchel baritone Zhao Yu Zhang piano





Thu 03 Oct // 1.15pm // RNCM Concert Hall

RNCM CONCERT ORCHESTRA

W A Mozart Les petits riens K 299b (excerpts)

Joseph Haydn Symphony No 101 in D major 'The Clock'

Jonathon Heyward, Robin Wallington, Omer Shteinhart conductors

Free admission, no ticket required

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12.15pm // Carole Nash Recital Room

TALK: Haydn and Mozart as Late-18th Century Travellers - With Simon Keefe

Free admission, no ticket required

Thu 03 Oct // Doors 7pm // RNCM Theatre

PENGUIN CAFE

The ever-enigmatic Penguin Cafe return with their hybrid of classical, ambient, world and folk - a truly immersive sound. Arthur Jeffes has put together a line-up of talented and disparate musicians from the likes of Suede, Gorillaz and Razorlight and they've been working in the studio on their fifth album, due for release this Autumn.

Tickets £35 £29.50 £24.50 No concessions Promoted by Senbla

Thu 03 Oct // Doors 7pm // RNCM Concert Hall

EVERYTHING IS TERRIBLE!

THEGREATSATAN

Since the dawn of time, man has searched for answers… and failed. But the fog of existence has finally cleared thanks to the eternal fruits of your favourite found footage collective, Everything Is Terrible!

Over the last 10 years, EIT! has reinterpreted our shared memory into 3,000+ daily web videos, collected 15,000 Jerry Maguire VHS tapes, and forever altered the collective consciousness. Now, with their long-time collaborator Lucifer, Everything Is Terrible! has ingested over 2,000 satanic panic, religious kook, and D-horror VHS tapes. They have re-contextualised them and created a narrative feature that reminds us all who we are, why we are here, and what we should be doing with our paltry time on this dumb planet...

Tickets £15 (advance) No concessions Promoted by One Inch Badge



Sat 05 Oct // 3pm // RNCM Theatre

NEIL TENNANT IN CONVERSATION

One half of pioneering electronic pop duo Pet Shop Boys, Neil Tennant has released 13 studio albums over four decades and is one of Britain's most witty and playful lyricists. In this special Manchester Literature Festival event chaired by poet Andrew McMillan (Playtime, Physical), Neil discusses the art of song-writing, the joy of telling stories, his literary and musical influences, bringing politics and history into pop music, his collaborations with artists from David Bowie and Dusty Springfield to Derek Jarman, and his début book One Hundred Lyrics and a Poem.

Tickets £28 including a signed copy of *One Hundred Lyrics and a Poem* Promoted by Manchester Literature Festival **Sat 05 Oct** // 7.30pm // RNCM Theatre

JEANETTE VVINTERSON: FRANKISSSTFIN

Jeanette Winterson performs a one-woman show based around her superb new novel Frankissstein. In 1816, Mary Shelley retreats to Lake Geneva to write Frankenstein, while in the present day, Dr Ry Shelley researches the effects of Artificial Intelligence. Discussing robots, sex bots and gender transition, Jeanette explores what it means to have agency over your own body and whether our preserved brains will run the future. Jeanette is the author of ten critically acclaimed novels, the memoir Why Be Happy When You Could Be Normal? and several screenplays.

Tickets £16
Promoted by Manchester Literature Festival in partnership with the Centre for New Writing

Wed 09 Oct // 7pm // RNCM Theatre

DAVID NOTT: WAR DOCTOR

In his best-selling book War Doctor, trauma surgeon David Nott recounts learning to perform an emergency caesarean section in Kabul, removing a detonator from a woman's leg in Syria and following directions sent by text to amputate an upper arm and shoulder in the Democratic Republic of the Congo. Driven by a desire to help others and the thrill of danger, David discusses his many close encounters with death and establishing the David Nott Foundation with his wife, Elly.

Tickets £14 - on sale 14 August Promoted by Manchester Literature Festival in partnership with the Centre for New Writing

Sun 13 Oct // 8pm // RNCM Concert Hall

GUY GARVEY AND SIMON ARMITAGE IN CONVERSATION

What happens if the newly-appointed Poet Laureate and one of the UK's most loved singer-songwriters share the same stage? Join us as Yorkshire poet, Simon Armitage and Elbow frontman, Guy Garvey discuss their work, their writing process, and their literary and musical influences. How do they collaborate with other artists? How have the people, places and landscape of the North inspired and shaped their work? Whatever the answers, this will be a unique and special evening.

Tickets £20
Promoted by Manchester Literature Festival in partnership with Manchester Metropolitan University

Sun 20 Oct // 1.30pm // RNCM Theatre

AN AFTERNOON WITH DAVID BADDIEL HOSTED BY KATIE THISTLETON

Award-winning comedian, TV writer and best-selling children's author David Baddiel's wildly entertaining, and brilliantly funny adventure stories (The Parent Agency, The Birthday Boy, Head Kid) have sold over a million copies in the UK alone. In a family event that promises to be great fun, David will talk about stories and introduce The Taylor Turbochaser, his last thrill-ride adventure for young readers as it rolls hot off the press. He will be joined by children's author, CBBC and BBC Radio 1 presenter Katie Thistleton.

Suitable for ages 8 and above

Tickets £8 / £28 for a Family Ticket of 4 - on sale 14 August
Promoted by Manchester Literature Festival

Sun 20 Oct // 7.30pm // RNCM Theatre

STEPHEN MORRIS AND JON SAVAGE IN CONVERSATION

40 years after Joy Division's seminal début album *Unknown Pleasures*, drummer Stephen Morris and acclaimed music critic Jon Savage (*This Searing Light, The Sun and Everything Else; England's Dreaming*) reflect on the impact that Joy Division has had from the late 70s to the present day, taking in the brilliance of the music, lyrics and post-punk tension. They will also discuss New Order's embrace of drum machines and dance music, the importance of place, the joy of record collecting and Stephen's excellent memoir, *Record Play Pause*.

Tickets £16
Promoted by Manchester Literature Festival

Mon 07 Oct // 1.15pm // RNCM Concert Hall

MONDAY RECITAL SERIES

Callum Coomber Solo set **Callum Coomber** *guitar*

J S Bach Two-Part Inventions
(plus improvisation)
Arthur Honegger Sonating for viol

Arthur Honegger Sonatina for violin and cello (Scherzo)

Andrew Birse violin Chloe Randall cello

Free admission, no ticket required

Mon 07 Oct // 7.30pm // RNCM Concert Hall

MANCHESTER CHAMBER CONCERTS SOCIETY

GRYPHON TRIO AND JAMES CAMPBELL

Ludwig van Beethoven Piano Trio in B flat major Op 87 'Archduke' **Olivier Messiaen** Quartet for the End of Time

Tickets £25 / platform seats £12.50 Promoted by Manchester Chamber Concerts Society

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6.30pm // Forman Lecture Theatre

PRE-CONCERT TALK - With James
Campbell

Free admission to ticket holders

Wed 09 Oct // 7.30pm // RNCM Concert Hall

RNCM BRAND NEW ORCHESTRA

Rebecca Tong, Anna Hartmann, Riley Court-Wood conductors

The chance to see brand new works by RNCM Composition students before they are performed anywhere else.

Free admission, no ticket required

Thu 10 Oct // 1.15pm // RNCM Concert Hall

RNCM ARKENSEMBLE

Rob Buckland conductor

The RNCM's ArkEnsemble presents another eclectic programme of music that brings the wind ensemble format kicking and screaming into the 21st century. This afternoon's programme will feature works by Aaron Breeze, Lalo Schifrin, and arrangements from a wide range of genres and styles, all presented with their signature imagination and innovation.

Free admission, no ticket required

Thu 10 Oct // 6pm // Brodsky

BRODSKY LIVE LOUNGE

Kick back and enjoy an evening of gin, jazz and tapas featuring a chilled-out live set by students from our RNCM Pop Course.

Tickets £29.95

Ticket includes 5 x Tapas per person, 3 x Gins from the Rock Rose Gin portfolio (Non-alcoholic option available) and a souvenir glass.

Fri 11 Oct // 8pm // RNCM Theatre

AL STEVVART - HITS & MISSES

WITH HIS ELECTRIC BAND THE EMPTY POCKETS

The Scottish singer-songwriter plays material from his huge back catalogue with his band, The Empty Pockets.

Tickets £40 (advance) No concessions Promoted by Triple A Entertainment Group

Sat 12 Oct // 12.30pm // RNCM Concert Hall

JUNIOR RNCM FORMAL CONCERT



Sat 12 Oct // 7.30pm // RNCM Theatre

MUSIC THEATRE WALES AND ROYAL OPERA HOUSE WITH LONDON SINFONIETTA THE INTELLIGENCE PARK

Music by **Gerald Barry** Libretto by **Vincent Deane**

Jessica Cottis conductor Nigel Lowery director/designer London Sinfonietta

Dublin, 1753. A frustrated and impoverished opera composer's work goes into a spin when he falls for his lead castrato - but then the castrato elopes with the composer's rich fiancée, causing chaos and catastrophe all round.

Gerald Barry's operas are like no other - daring, surreal, and often laugh-out-loud funny. The Intelligence Park exploded onto the stage in London in 1990, introducing a unique operatic voice to the world. Almost 30 years on, director/designer Nigel Lowery's new, messed-up Baroque production rediscovers its zoo of emotions, characters and absurdities in a blurring of imagination and reality, as it explores notions of sexuality, creativity and obligation.

Tickets £18 / students/under-26s £5 Promoted by RNCM in association with Music Theatre Wales

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6.30pm // Carole Nash Recital Room

TALK - With Michael McCarthy (Artistic Director, Music Theatre Wales)



Sun 13 Oct // 2pm // RNCM Concert Hall

RNCM YOUNG EXPLORERS SHAKE IT UP!

Programme to include:

Don Davis The Matrix: Suite for Orchestra
John Adams Short Ride in a Fast Machine
Gabriel Prokofiev Concerto for Turntables and Orchestra

Tom Newall, CJ Wu conductors
Mr Switch DJ

For the latest in our Young Explorers series, we look at how composers have experimented to create new sounds and to shake up what people expect of 'classical music'.

Gabriel Prokofiev (grandson of Sergei...) wrote Concerto for Turntables and Orchestra in 2006, during a time when he was wrestling with his creative loyalties between classical and electronic music. According to Gabriel, a promoter asked him to write a concerto for a DJ using turntables, with the aim of bringing classical music to new places and new people. At first Gabriel didn't like the idea - thinking it might turn out to sound terrible - but then he had a brainwave. What if the turntable player used the sounds created by the orchestra and manipulated them? It would be like the battle of sounds. Moving on a few years, the piece was performed at the BBC Proms in 2011, with world champion DJ Mr Switch, who is also our soloist for this concert. There will be opportunities for everyone to practice their DJ tricks!

Our programme also includes *Short Ride in a Fast Machine* by John Adams and Don Davis' iconic score from *The Matrix*, which fuses musical styles with electronic effects.

Our Young Explorers concerts are a brilliant way to introduce children to live classical music. These events are family-friendly, 'relaxed' performances specially designed to keep kids engaged and amused.

For full details, please see www.rncm.ac.uk/youngexplorers

Suitable for ages 8 and above Tickets £12 / under-16s £6

Family ticket (4 people) £30

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Sun 13 Oct // Doors 7pm // RNCM Theatre

LULU STILL ON FIRE

Lulu takes us on a very personal journey through her remarkable life and career in this show packed full of her hits.

Tickets £45 £35 No concessions Promoted by The MJR Group Mon 14 Oct // 1.15pm // RNCM Concert Hall

MONDAY RECITAL SERIES

Astor Piazzolla Tango Ballet

Theseus Quartet
Nathan Fenwick, Wei Ling Thong violins
Suzie Qiu viola
Nikolaos Maridis cello

Astor Piazzolla Libertango Adam Swayne Office Party Albert Lavignac Galop-marche

Jasmin Allpress, Jay Carroll, Pablo Orts Torner, Celia Denore López piano

Free admission, no ticket required



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"I STARTED TO MISS HOME **QUITE A** BIT AND PLAYING AFRICAN MUSIC WAS A **GOOD WAY** OF TAKING **ME BACK** THERE."

Abel Selaocoe

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Tue 15 Oct // 8pm // RNCM Concert Hall

ORIGINAL VOICES MANCHESTER COLLECTIVE

SIROCCO

Giovanni Sollima Lamentatio
William Lawes Aire in C
Trad Click Song (South Africa)
Joseph Haydn String Quartet in G major
Op 76 No 1 (Adagio sostenuto)
Trad Ibuyile; Echa monati (South Africa)
Igor Stravinsky Concertino
Trad Old Reinlender from Sonndala
(Denmark)
Trad Little One Mine (Ghana)
Trad O Fredik, O Fredik (Denmark)
Henry Purcell Largo and Prelude from
The Fairy Queen
Trad Takamba (Mali)

Abel Selaocoe guest director, cello Rakhi Singh, Simmy Singh violin Ruth Gibson viola Alan Keary electric bass Sidiki Dembele african percussion

Sirocco is pure joy and energy - a great storm of music that celebrates the incredible warmth and diversity of folk traditions from across the globe. This is music for the people, by the people.

Witnessing Abel Selaocoe perform is an awe-inspiring experience. This RNCM alumnus has a unique, mesmerising musical voice and seems to fill the air with a fizzing energy.

Also joining Manchester Collective for this unique collaboration will be two members of Abel's band Chesaba, a trio specialising in the performance of music from the African continent.

The show covers everything from Sollima's Lamentatio (watch out for an outrageous arrangement by Abel...) to darkness and light by Stravinsky and Haydn, a new set of African work to be played for the very first time and two gorgeous Danish folk songs to round off the night.

Tickets £16 / students/under-26s £5

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7pm // Carole Nash Recital Room

SPOTLIGHT: Music Away From Home - Songs accompanied by lute and guitar Free admission, no ticket required

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Image courtesy of Park Circus/StudioCanal

Thu 17 Oct // 7.30pm // RNCM Concert Hall

ALFRED HITCHCOCK'S 'BLACKMAIL' (1929) SILENT FILM WITH LIVE ORGAN ACCOMPANIMENT

Darius Battiwalla organ

In Hitchcock's first talking production (and final silent film but more of that later…) a young woman finds herself being blackmailed after killing a man in self-defence. According to legend, the studio gave Hitchcock the go ahead to shoot a proportion of sound footage, but the director surreptitiously shot almost the entire film in sound, back to back with a silent version for distribution to the many cinemas still not equipped for talking pictures.

Blackmail was made ten years before Hitchcock broke through in America with The 39 Steps, after which producer David O Selznick persuaded the director to move to Hollywood. It displays many of the director's stylistic elements and themes with which he would become associated - a fascination with male sexual aggression and female vulnerability, and the British Library climax is the first of Hitchcock's characteristic ambitious set pieces featuring landmark locations.

For our latest celluloid adventure, Darius Battiwalla will improvise on the organ to further heighten the drama of Hitchcock's innovative work.

Tickets £14

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6.30pm // Carole Nash Recital Room

SPOTLIGHT: Czech your English! - Music for saxophone and piano from Czechia, the UK and the USA

Wed 16 Oct // Doors 7pm // RNCM Theatre

C2C PRESENTS INTRODUCING NASHVILLE

The Country Music Association's international touring series presents Danielle Bradbury, Travis Denning, Chris Lane and Rachel Wammack.

Tickets £17.50 (advance) No concessions Promoted by C2C

Thu 17 Oct // 1.15pm // RNCM Concert Hall

RNCM BRASS BAND

Erich Wolfgang Korngold The Sea Hawk Joseph Horovitz Ballet for Band Lucy Pankhurst Marilyn Nigel Hess East Coast Pictures

David Thornton, Tom Griffin, Mark Edwards conductors

Free admission, no ticket required

Fri 18 Oct // 7.30pm // RNCM Theatre

THE MUSIC OF CREAM

50TH ANNIVERSARY

50 years since the release of their earth-shattering début album, Fresh Cream, the 'next generation' come together to pay tribute to Cream's legendary reign over the psychedelic frontier of the late 1960s. Kofi Baker (son of Ginger), Malcolm Bruce (son of Jack) and Will Johns (Eric Clapton's nephew) tell their stories and interplay with their mentors on the big screen.

Tickets £35 £27.50 No concessions Promoted by The MJR Group Mon 21 Oct // 1.15pm // RNCM Concert Hall

MONDAY RECITAL SERIES

J S Bach Prelude and Fugue in G major BWV 860

Franz Liszt Hungarian Rhapsody No 12 in C sharp minor

Daniel Ropota piano

Giles Farnaby Fancies, Toyes and Dreams Michael Kamen Quintet Leonard Bernstein Excerpts from West Side Story

Apex Brass
Ben Jarvis, Tom Watts trumpets
Robert Mehlig horn
Charlotte Horsfield trombone
Harry Beach tuba

Free admission, no ticket required

Thu 24 Oct // 1.15pm // RNCM Concert Hall

RNCM WIND ENSEMBLE

Richard Wagner (arr Wallington)

Wesendonck Lieder (excerpts)

Erwin Schulhoff Concerto for String
Quartet and Wind Orchestra

Mark Heron, Robin Wallington conductors Mariya Sevdanska soprano Emmeline Quartet

Free admission, no ticket required

Thu 24 Oct // from 6.30pm // Carole Nash Recital Room

SPOTLIGHT DOUBLE-BILL

Two short concerts showcasing well-known songs from the 18th, 19th and 20th centuries.

6.30pm Songs Across Borders -

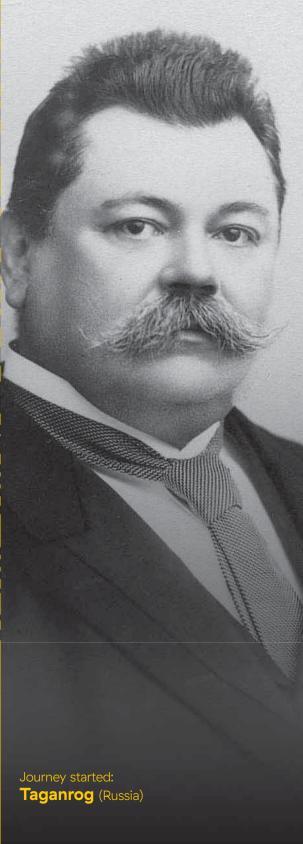
An exploration of songs inspired by non-native poetry

7.10pm Journeys Through Love and Loss – An innovative collaboration of Romantic song and dance

FURIOUS THAT BEINGA RUSSIAN LIVED FOR 20 YEARS IN ENGLAND AND SUCH BECOMING A DOUBLE ENEMY AT THE OUTBREAK OF WAR..."

Adolph Brodsky

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RNCM SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

Bright Sheng Prelude and Black Swan Piotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky Violin Concerto in D major Op 35

Igor Stravinsky The Firebird (complete)

Clark Rundell, Rebecca Tong conductors Savva Zverev violin

A modernist icon, people were never quite sure what Stravinsky was going to do next. While he was Russian through and through, Paris was a crucial city for him and in 1910, it hosted the world première of his breakthrough piece, *The Firebird*, which was a huge hit with audience and critics alike. However, his journey wasn't over yet. He eventually tired of Europe and moved to Hollywood in the late 30s, joining a cell of exiled European artists including Arnold Schoenberg.

Tonight's programme also features
Tchaikovsky's uninhibited duet for
soloist and orchestra. The world première
had a myriad of Manchester connections.
Russian violinist Adolph Brodsky - later
to become leader of the Hallé Orchestra
and Principal of the Royal Manchester
College of Music at the invitation of Sir
Charles Hallé - performed the concerto
in Vienna in 1881, under the baton of
his friend, Hans Richter (who became the
Hallé's conductor in 1899).

We're very lucky to be able to tap into some real treasures in the RNCM archives that are part of this story. We have Tchaikovsky's letters to Brodsky, plus performing material which shows Brodsky's markings and cuts on the score. Readings from these letters, plus Anna Brodsky's eye-witness account of the première, will feature as part of this performance.

Tickets £5 No concessions

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6.30pm // Forman Lecture Theatre

TALK: Adolph Brodsky, More Than Just a Footnote - With Geoff Thomason



Sat 26 Oct // 7pm // RNCM Theatre

RNCM SESSION ORCHESTRA

+ SUPPORT: JOE KEEGAN

Andy Stott director
Drew Casey assistant director

The RNCM Session Orchestra is a microcosm of what goes on here at the College. You can hear brilliant new arrangements that utilise a large number of musicians and singers, so we can give songs that were originally written and arranged for say a 4/5-piece band a whole new lease of life.

Tickets £15

SONIC

Sat 26 Oct // 7.30pm // RNCM Concert Hall

GORTON PHILHARMONIC

William Walton Johannesburg Festival Overture Piotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky Piano Concerto No 1 in B flat minor Op 23 Dmitri Shostakovich Symphony No 5 in D minor Op 47

Juan Ortuño conductor Artur Pereira piano

Tickets £12 Promoted by Gorton Philharmonic



Sun 27 Oct // Doors 7pm // RNCM Theatre

GOGO PENGUIN KOYAANISQATSI A NEW SCORE (PERFORMED LIVE)

GoGo Penguin present a performance of their original score to Godfrey Reggio's cult film, *Koyaanisqatsi* performed live with the film.

Originally scored by Philip Glass, Koyaanisqatsi is a remarkable cinematic masterpiece and a firm favourite of the band's for its powerful fusion of music and image. In 2015, GoGo Penguin wrote and performed their new score for the film as part of HOME's opening season. They are delighted that for their final performance of 2019, they will again perform the score in Manchester.

GoGo Penguin's richly emotional music offers a perfect contemporary dialogue with Reggio's profound images. Moving from fragile beauty to powerful frenzy, their rich new score reflects the original themes of the film and in performance offers an overwhelming audio-visual experience that will appeal to fans of GoGo Penguin and cult cinema in equal measure.

This production was originally commissioned by HOME in Manchester as part of the Music and Film Project, supported by Film Hub North West Central, part of the BFI Film Audience Network, and the PRS for Music Foundation.

Tickets £19.50 No concessions Promoted by NOW WAVE Mon 28 Oct // 1.15pm // RNCM Concert Hall

MONDAY RECITAL SERIES

Robert Schumann Gedichte der Königin Maria Stuart Op 135 (excerpts) Antonín Dvořák Gypsy Songs Op 55 (excerpts)

Rachel Routledge soprano
Phoebe Rayner mezzo-soprano
Jay Carroll piano

Frédéric Chopin Scherzo No 4 in E major Op 54 Sergei Rachmaninov Études-tableaux Op 33 No 6 and Op 39 No 6

Maria Matveeva piano

"EVERYONE ON EARTH IS REPRESENTED IN MANCHESTER. THAT **INCLUSIVENESS** IS WHAT HAS **GIVEN IT SUCH** A BOOST IN THE LAST COUPLE OF DECADES, IT'S WHY THE CITY'S **GOT SUCH A BIG** BEATING HEART. **IT'S WHY IT KEEPS GETTING** STRONGER."

Guy Garvey, The Guardian

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Tue 29 Oct - Fri 01 Nov

NEW MUSIC MANCHESTER

IS THE MUSIC OF THIS CITY - TODAY // A PROGRAMME OF MIGRATION STORIES. TOLD THROUGH NEW IDEAS. NEW SOUNDWORLDS. NEW COLLABORATIONS // EVERYONE IS WELCOME, MOST EVENTS ARE FREE // INFORMAL ROUND TABLES EACH NIGHT // ELIZABETH ALKER (BBC RADIO 3 / 6 MUSIC) PRESENTS // HEAR THE NEW. CELEBRATE THE CITY. BE PART OF THE DIALOGUE

For full details of all 20+ events, see www.rncm.ac.uk/nmm19

Tue 29 Oct // 7pm // RNCM Concert Hall

Thu 31 Oct // 7pm // RNCM Concert Hall

BBC PHILHARMONIC THE HOUSE OF + RNCM ORCHESTRA BEDLAM + ASIDE

with GWILYM SIMCOCK (piano)

Clark Rundell, Kaapo Ijas conductors Gwilym Simcock piano Yuri Goloubev bass Martin France percussion

BBC Philharmonic and RNCM musicians perform side by side in a programme featuring new writing by RNCM composer Matthew Brown, and pianist-composer Gwilym Simcock and his trio.

Tickets f5 RNCM in association with BBC Philharmonic

CHAINES Population 5120 Shaun Davies OPERATE Larry Goves happy/boomf/fat New work by Larry Goves and Meriel Price

The House of Bedlam joins forces with Berlin duo Aside (Meriel Price and Johann-Michael Schneider) and Manchester-based artists CHAINES (Cee Haines) to blur the relationship between sound, score, composer, and improviser.

Tickets £5

Wed 30 Oct // 7pm // RNCM Concert Hall

MAKING **MANCHESTER**

with KABANTU + VONNEGUT **COLLECTIVE + SHAMSHAD KHAN** + DEAN TRUST ARDWICK

James Whittle composer Hayley Suviste sound artist Emma Doherty director

Using words devised by pupils from Dean Trust Ardwick, Making Manchester is a brand new multimedia work exploring shared experiences of migration through live music, poetry and physical theatre.

Tickets £5 RNCM in association with Olympias Music Foundation Fri 01 Nov // 7pm // RNCM Concert Hall

PSAPPHA

New works by Nate Chivers, Athanisia Kontou, Zakiya Leeming and Tywi Roberts

Laurent Zufferey, CJ Wu, Riley Court-Wood, Omer Shteinhart conductors

Psappha perform brand new works inspired by winning poems from the Mother Tongue Other Tongue poetry competition.

Tickets f5 RNCM in association with Manchester Metropolitan University Part of the UNESCO City of Literature

Sun 03 Nov

RNCM SAXOPHONE DAY

One of the most popular events we stage here during the year, RNCM Saxophone Day is the UK's largest annual sax gathering. We throw open our doors and welcome players of all ages and abilities and present a day jam-packed with participatory workshops and concerts.

We kick off the proceedings - and give everyone the chance to play - with the now legendary Massed Saxophone Orchestra. This year, guests Leo van Oostrom and Erik-Jan de With give a tribute concert to the inventor of the saxophone, and we welcome back Emma McPhilemy for a solo recital. The day's headline concert brings together the Artvark Saxophone Quartet and Apollo Saxophone Quartet.

For full details, please see www.rncm.ac.uk/saxophoneday

To include:

2.15pm // RNCM Concert Hall

A TRIBUTE TO ADOLPHE SAX

Tickets £10

7pm // RNCM Concert Hall

ARTVARK-APOLLO

Artvark Saxophone Quartet
Rolf Delfos alto saxophone
Bart Wirtz alto saxophone
Mete Erker tenor saxophone
Peter Broekhuizen baritone saxophone

Apollo Saxophone Quartet
Rob Buckland soprano saxophone
Carl Raven alto saxophone
Andy Scott tenor saxophone
Jim Fieldhouse baritone saxophone

Rotterdam-based Artvark Saxophone Quartet and Manchester-based Apollo Saxophone Quartet join together for this ground-breaking project; all players writing and improvising, collectively drawing on influences from the past and present to shape the sonic experience of the future. Original compositions from all members of the group offer a huge range of styles and sounds, blending together to make a cohesive whole.

Tickets £15

Full Day Ticket £36 / student/under-18s £18

Event sponsored by Henri Selmer Paris and Vandoren (with Barnes & Mullins Ltd)







Mon 04 Nov // 7.30pm // RNCM Concert Hall

MANCHESTER CHAMBER CONCERTS SOCIETY CUARTETO QUIROGA

Gaetano Brunetti Quartet in B flat major I 185

Alberto Ginastera String Quartet No 1 Op 20

Johannes Brahms String Quartet in A minor Op 51 No 2

Tickets £25 / platform seats £12.50 Promoted by Manchester Chamber Concerts Society

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6.30pm // Forman Lecture Theatre

PRE-CONCERT TALK - With David Horne

Free admission to ticket holders

Wed O6 Nov // Doors 6.30pm // RNCM Theatre

CHARLIE CUNNINGHAM

This British singer-songwriter layers reflective vocals over dynamic nylon-stringed guitar playing to create distinctive, spectral melodies, as can be heard on his latest album, *Permanent Way*.

Tickets £18.50 No concessions Promoted by DHP Family

Fri 08 Nov // Doors 7.30pm // RNCM Concert Hall

OYSTERBAND AND JUNE TABOR 'FIRE AND FLEET' TOUR

With separate distinguished careers to pursue, joint appearances by June Tabor and Oysterband are necessarily rare. The majesty and control of June's voice combines with the passion of John Jones' singing and the dynamic drive of Oysterband to illuminate dark, traditional ballads as well as contemporary classics such as Love Will Tear Us Apart.

Tickets £22.50 No concessions Promoted by Band on the Wall Fri 08 Nov // 7.30pm // RNCM Theatre

CHRISTOPHER CROSS

30 plus years after his extraordinary emergence with his eponymous, Grammy-winning début release, Christopher Cross visits the RNCM to showcase his latest album. Take Me As I Am.

Tickets £38.50 No concessions Promoted by AAA Entertainment

Sat 09 Nov // 7.30pm // RNCM Concert Hall

BEETHOVEN VIOLIN SONATAS

IN AID OF MUSIC IN HOSPITALS AND CARE

Programme to include:

Ludwig van Beethoven Violin Sonata No 1 in D major Op 12 No 1; Violin Sonata No 5 in F major Op 24 'Spring'

Violinist Rachel Podger and pianist Christopher Glynn perform on period instruments to recreate the soundworld that Beethoven imagined. With guest mezzo-soprano, RNCM alumna Kathryn Rudge.

Tickets £25 Promoted by Music in Hospitals and Care

Mon 11 Nov // 1.15pm // RNCM Concert Hall

MONDAY RECITAL SERIES

Caroline Lizotte Stellae Saltantem; Raga Kathryn Mason, Alice Roberts harps

Anže Rozman The Two Rivers Franz and Karl Doppler Rigoletto Fantasie

Emily Revill, Cara Houghton flutes Kristiana Smilovska piano

Free admission, no ticket required

Tue 12 Nov // 6pm // RNCM Concert Hall

RNCM PERCUSSION FNSFMBI F

Nate Chivers Surprise Ivan Trevino Catching Shadows Nebojsa Jovan Zivkovic Trio per uno Russell Du Plessis Incalcando Gang Liu Ya La Manchester (UK première) Rodrigo y Gabriela (arr Bilić) Tamacun

Le Yu director, marimba

Free admission, no ticket required



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Tue 12 Nov // 7.30pm // Carole Nash Recital Room

CELLO MASTERCLASS WITH DANIEL MÜLLER-SCHOTT

A chance to witness the creative process up close as cellist Daniel Müller-Schott works with our students to develop their understanding of the music chosen for this public masterclass.

Tickets £8



Thu 14 Nov // 1.15pm // RNCM Concert Hall

RNCM x MANCHESTER COLLECTIVE

J S Bach Chorales (selected)
Antonio Vivaldi Four Seasons (selected movements)

György Ligeti Métamorphosen nocturnes (selected excerpts)

Paul Clark New work

Rakhi Singh, Suzy Willson directors

Where do we come from? Where are we going?

Manchester Collective bring their trademark 'radical human experiences' to the RNCM in a collaborative programme with RNCM string players exploring the infinite possibilities of the 21st century musical landscape. Over the course of a week-long residency, Rakhi Singh (Manchester Collective's Music Director) and Suzy Willson (Artistic Director of Clod Ensemble) will work with the students to devise a completely new, immersive musical performance.

Free admission, no ticket required

See p14 for Manchester Collective's other performance this season. $\,$



Thu 14 Nov // 2pm and 7pm // RNCM Theatre

RNCM CHILDREN'S OPERA PROJECT

THE HOUSE OF SWEETS

Kate Pearson composer RNCM Musicians

Linking with our theme of migration, this year's Children's Opera Project is based on the story of Hansel and Gretel and the universal themes of greed, self-reliance and overcoming fear. When a famine settles over the land, a group of children is left in the woods to fend for themselves. Using their wits to survive, they embark on a journey into the unknown where they come across an unusual house, with a very strange inhabitant...

The RNCM Children's Opera project brings together 150 children from Manchester primary schools to create and perform a new opera, guided by a professional composer and supported by RNCM musicians.

Free admission, by ticket only



Thu 14 Nov // 7.30pm // RNCM Concert Hall

ALICE ZAWADZKI

Alice Zawadzki voice, violin Rob Luft auitar Misha Mullov-Abbado bass Fred Thomas piano. drums with RNCM musicians

'She is a genuine original...' (The Guardian)

RNCM alumna Alice Zawadzki returns to the College for this unique collaboration with an ensemble of our students plus her own band. Performing special arrangements of tracks from Alice's new album, Within You is a World of Spring, this show will come off the back of four days of workshopping with RNCM players.

Some of the music has been directly influenced by Alice's experiences of working in the so called 'Jungle' refugee camp in Calais and other compositions are shaped by friends who are in relationships divided by visa issues.

We asked Alice about the title of the album and she explained: 'the purpose is to make a journey of cultivating feelings of resolve, processing and transforming pain, and ultimately finding the strength, celebration, lightness or 'springtime' that lies within, even during darker and wintry times...' So it should be a very personal and emotional journey for both the musicians and the audience alike.

This project is part of Giant Steps, a scheme supported by Help Musicians UK, Serious Trust and Arts Council England.

Tickets £18 £15 Promoted by RNCM in association with Serious

6.30pm // Carole Nash Recital Room

SPOTLIGHT: The Art of Electric Guitar

- Playing classical music written for electric guitar

Free admission, no ticket required



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"HOME IS WHERE MY PARTNER AND DOG **ARE...I DIDN'T** FEEL AT HOME WHERE **GREW UP** ISPENT FIFTEEN YEARS MOVING AROUND TILL I MADE MY HOME IN SHEFFIELD."

Avital Raz

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Journey started: **Jerusalem**

Sat 16 Nov // 7.30pm // RNCM Concert Hall

RAFIKI JAZZ

Sarah Yaseen Urdu & Punjabi vocals, percussion

Avital Raz Hebrew & Hindi vocals, tanpura, guitar

Mina Mikhail Salama Coptic vocals, oud, ney & kawala flutes, duduk

Kadialy Kouyate Mandinka & Wolof vocals, kora, sabar

Vijay Venkat violin, bansuri Cath Carr guitar, steelpans Tony Koni bass guitar, sabar Johnny Ball tabla, derbuka, santoor Guery Tibirica berimbau, pandeiro, gumbe

Rafiki Jazz are nine native and migrant musicians, re-mixing roots music and telling modern day stories with a glance back to the past. They may be based in Northern England but they are, indeed, a global collective.

They'll be performing music from their latest album, Saraba (meaning 'Utopia') a recording that celebrates unity and diversity, with a rich mix of mesmerising new tunes that crosses continents, languages and cultures. Focussing on renditions of new and traditional songs, it has a poignant yet celebratory migration and memory narrative.

The band describe their music as 'adventurous world music of our times, which lands you in a kind of zone of displacement, occupied by enchanted voices, deep memories and rootsy folk histories'.

Enchanting, soulful, exquisite...

Tickets £12
RNCM in association with Community Arts North West

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6.30pm // Carole Nash Recital Room

SPOTLIGHT: The Innsaei String Quartet

- Jazz inspired music for the classical ensemble $% \left(1\right) =\left(1\right) \left(1$

Free admission, no ticket required

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9.30pm // RNCM Concert Hall

UPCLOSE: Syima Aslam (Bradford Literature Festival) opens a conversation about empowerment through the languages and words sung by the women of Rafiki Jazz.

Free admission to ticket holders

SALFORD CHORAL SOCIETY

FROM DARKNESS INTO LIGHT

Henry Purcell Hear My Prayer, 0 Lord
J S Bach Christmas Oratorio BWV 248
(excerpts)

Morten Lauridsen O Nata Lux Maurice Duruflé Requiem Op 9

Tom Newall conductor Emily Cobley mezzo-soprano Thomas D Hopkinson bass-baritone Tom Pieczora organ

Tickets £17 Promoted by Salford Choral Society

Sun 17 Nov // 7pm // RNCM Concert Hall

OLDHAM CHORAL SOCIETY

THE SPIRIT OF THE DANCE

Carl Orff Carmina Burana

Nigel Wilkinson conductor Yvette Bonner soprano James Cleverton baritone

Mon 18 Nov // 1.15pm // RNCM Concert Hall

MONDAY RECITAL SERIES

Antonín Dvořák Piano Trio No 4 in E minor Op 90 'Dumky'

Déanach Piano Trio Mollie Wrafter violin Alec Smith cello Jay Carroll piano

Free admission, no ticket required

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Tue 19 Nov // 7.30pm // RNCM Concert Hall

original voices GABRIELA MONTERO (piano)

INNOCENCE AND EXPERIENCE

Robert Schumann Kinderszenen Op 15 'Scenes from Childhood' Chick Corea Selections from Children's

Gabriela Montero Scenes from Childhood Dmitri Shostakovich Piano Sonata No 2 in B minor On 61

Gabriela Montero Improvisations

'Montero's playing has everything: crackling rhythmic brio, subtle shadings, steely power in climactic moments, soulful lyricism in the ruminative passages and, best of all, unsentimental expressivity.' New York Times

Venezuelan pianist Gabriela Montero is a truly original artist who forges a deep connection with her audience. In addition to her visionary interpretations of core piano repertoire, she is also celebrated for her ability to improvise, composing and playing new works in real time. She says: 'I connect to my audience in a completely new way - and they connect with me. Because improvisation is such a huge part of who I am, it is the most natural and spontaneous way I can express myself.'

She regularly invites her audience to choose themes and ideas on which she improvises - to date, she has tackled everything from Lady Gaga to Baa Baa Black Sheep! You'll get the chance to test Gabriela's improvising talents at the end of the evening, following her interpretations of scenes from childhood as seen through the eyes of various composers.

Tickets £18 / students/under-26s £5

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6.30pm // Carole Nash Recital Room SPOTLIGHT: Ars Gallica - Exhibiting the height of 19th-century chamber music

Free admission, no ticket required



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Mon 18 Nov // 7.30pm // Carole Nash Recital Room

THE JOHN BARBIROLLI MEMORIAL PRIZE FOR CFLLO

Cecilia Radic adjudicator

Tickets £8

Mon 18 Nov // Doors 7pm // RNCM Concert Hall

JOHN MAYALL

The godfather of British blues showcases his new album, *Nobody Told Me*.

Tickets £35.50 £32.50 No concessions Promoted by MJR



Wed 20 Nov // 7pm // RNCM Concert Hall

RNCM AND NORWEGIAN ACADEMY OF MUSIC BRASS ENSEMBLES

Richard Strauss Festmusik der Stadt Wien Knut Nystedt Pia Memoria Sergei Prokofiev (arr Archibald) Romeo and Juliet

Jonas Bylund conductor

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Free admission, no ticket required

Thu 21 Nov // 1.15pm // RNCM Concert Hall

RNCM CHAMBER CHOIR

Arvo Pärt An den Wassern zu Babel William Boyce By the Waters of Babylon John Dowland In This Trembling Shadow; Flow My Tears

Gabriel Jackson Exile Meditations (excerpts)

Sheena Phillips Songs of Sorrow

Stuart Overington director Joseph Judge assistant director

Free admission, no ticket required

Fri 22 Nov // Doors 7pm // RNCM Concert Hall

AN EVENING WITH DUKE SPECIAL

+ SPECIAL GUESTS

Duke Special performs a retrospective of his work to date, dipping into his studio albums and theatre productions.

Tickets £25 £20 No concessions Promoted by Crosstown Concerts



Sat 23 Nov // 7.30pm // RNCM Concert Hall

ST GEORGE'S SINGERS

W A Mozart Requiem Cecilia McDowall Magnificat

Neil Taylor conductor Ella Taylor soprano Amy Shaw-Holyland contralto Alex Grainger tenor Terence Ayebare baritone Stockport Symphony Orchestra

Tickets £16
Promoted by St George's Singers

Sun 24 Nov // Doors 7pm // RNCM Concert Hall

JON BODEN & THE REMNANT KINGS

Jon Boden is best known as the lead singer and main arranger of the progressive folk juggernaut Bellowhead. He founded The Remnant Kings in 2009 and they've been described as 'one of the most venerated of the younger Brit folk appearation.' The Guardian

Tickets £25 (advance) No concessions Promoted by The DHP Family

Mon 25 Nov // 1.15pm // RNCM Concert Hall

MONDAY RECITAL SERIES

Maurice Ravel Une barque sur l'ocean; Alborada del gracioso from Miroirs

Jason Lam piano

Felix Mendelssohn String Quartet No 6 in F minor Op 80 (excerpts)

Aminta Quartet
Susanna Griffin, Elyena Clapperton violins
Anthony Jones viola
Neil Sild cello



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Tue 26 Nov // 7.30pm // RNCM Concert Hall

ELIAS QUARTET WITH EMMELINE QUARTET

Ludwig van Beethoven String Quartet in A minor Op 132

Felix Mendelssohn Octet in E flat major Op 20

Elias Quartet Sara Bitlloch, Donald Grant violins Simone van der Giessen viola Marie Bitlloch cello

Emmeline Quartet
Charlotte Dowding, Anna Tulchinskaya
violins

Sophia Rees viola Robert Wheatley cello

Regularly performing at the likes of New York's Carnegie Hall and London's Wigmore Hall, the Elias is one of the world's leading quartets, recognised for the intensity and vibrancy of their performances. You might be aware that the Elias Quartet was formed at the RNCM in 1998 and that they regularly come into the College to coach our students (plus Donald Grant is our Deputy Head of Chamber Music).

To celebrate and develop this relationship, there will be a new series of concerts by the quartet over the next three years. The first year will take the format 'Elias and Friends' as the quartet

collaborates with a range of musical partners. To launch the series, they join forces with the Emmeline Quartet - the new RNCM String Quartet Studio Artists for 2019/20 - to perform Mendelssohn's Octet in E flat major.

If you'd like to dig a little deeper, each of these concerts will have an informal post-show session in our restaurant Brodsky, so that the audience can get to know the off-stage Elias Quartet a little better with a mixture of music and conversation.

The Elias Quartet's next performance as part of 'Elias and Friends' will take place in March 2020 as part of the Chamber Music Festival.

Tickets £18 £15



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6.30pm // Carole Nash Recital Room

SPOTLIGHT: Clusters - Music for piano trio and string quartet with Brian Low and the Emmeline Quartet

Free admission, no ticket required

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9.30pm // Brodsky

ELIAS LATE - Grab a drink and join the Elias Quartet for a post-concert Q&A and performance of Richard Strauss' sextet Capriccio, alongside Catherine Yates (viola) and Petr Prause (cello).



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Wed 27 Nov // 7.30pm
// Carole Nash Recital Room

RNCM ACOUSTIC SESSIONS

Musicians from our School of Popular Music showcase original songs in the first of the RNCM's *Acoustic Sessions*.

Featuring:

Amy Griffiths singer-songwriter
Adelaide Taylor singer-songwriter
Tom Knight guitar
Maybe Tuesday:
Adee Lifshitz, Zigi Porter
and Ciara Bryan vocals

Tickets £5

Thu 28 Nov // 1.15pm // RNCM Concert Hall

RNCM BAROQUE ENSEMBLE

WITH PRINCIPALS FROM TAFELMUSIK BAROQUE ORCHESTRA

Jan Dismas Zelenka Hipocandrie à 7 Concertanti in A major J S Bach Suite No 3 in D major BWV 1068

Roger Hamilton, Drew Casey directors

Free admission, no ticket required

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2.15pm // Carole Nash Recital Room

TALK: Touring Tafelmusik - Players from Tafelmusik talk about the rigours of touring with Canada's most-toured orchestra.

Thu 28 Nov // 7.30pm // Carole Nash Recital Room

ELIZAVETA UKRAINSKAIA (piano)

WINNER OF THE 2018 RNCM JAMES MOTTRAM INTERNATIONAL PIANO COMPETITION

Programme to include: **Modest Mussorgsky** Pictures at an Exhibition

Tickets £10

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RNCM WIND ORCHESTRA

WITH CALLUM SMART (violin) AND TIMOTHY MCALLISTER (saxophone)

Ernst Toch Spiel Op 39

Kurt Weill Concerto for Violin and Wind Orchestra Op 12

Ingolf Dahl Concerto for Alto Saxophone
and Wind Orchestra

Paul Hindemith Symphony in B flat for Band

Mark Heron, Anna Hartmann conductors Callum Smart violin

Timothy McAllister saxophone

Tonight's programme features music by European composers who all emigrated to the United States in their lifetime. Weill's Violin Concerto was written before he fled Nazi Germany but he went on to be heavily influenced by a new sense of place, in his case, American popular and stage music. However, this concerto played a role in the re-evaluation of his neglected European concert music, pieces that Weill himself had let the world forget.

International Visiting Tutor Timothy McAllister (who was a huge hit at RNCM Sax Day 2017) joins our Wind Orchestra for Dahl's concerto. Born Walter Ingolf Marcus in Germany, the composer fled Switzerland after it became increasing hostile towards Jewish refugees. When he emigrated to the US, he changed his name to Dahl (after his Swedish mother) and consistently denied his Jewish heritage. Although this piece is tonally traditional, it is also rhythmically influenced by jazz (Dahl worked as an arranger for the Tommy Dorsey swing band) and the works of Stravinsky.

Tickets £12



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6.30pm // Carole Nash Recital Room TALK: Transatlantic Musical Migration and Fascism – With Barbara Kelly Sun O1 Dec // Doors 7.30pm // RNCM Concert Hall

ALEXIS FFRENCH

+ SPECIAL GUESTS

Alexis Ffrench has high ambition. This exceptional pianist and composer wants to bring joy to a world of troubled times. He also wants to change the way people perceive classical music and to help make it more inclusive and democratic, more relevant to the society in which we live.

Tickets £25
No concessions
Promoted by Live Nation

Mon 02 Dec // 1.15pm // RNCM Concert Hall

MONDAY RECITAL SERIES

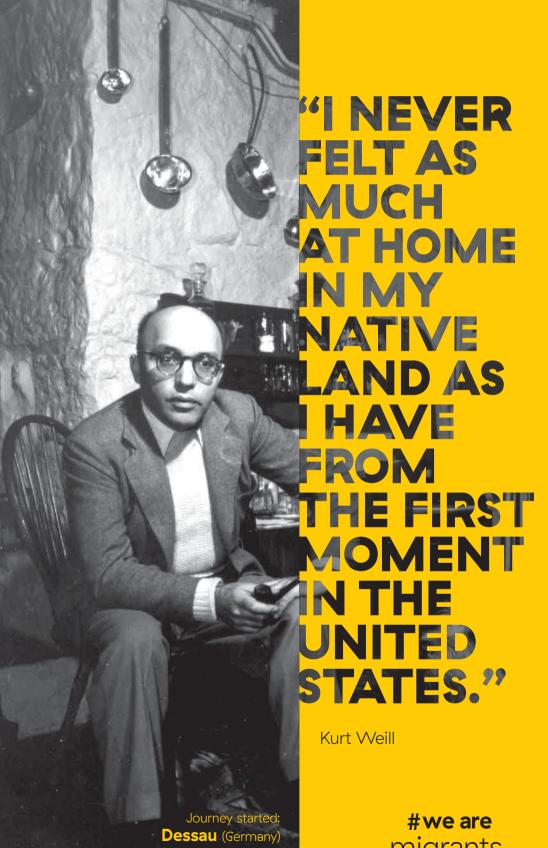
Judith Weir Atlantic Drift Sally Beamish Prelude and Canon

Louisa Till, Emily Blayney violins

Traditional Scarborough Fair; She Moved Through the Fair; The Boatman; Per Spelmann; Loch Lomond; Both Sides the Tweed

Jessica Conway mezzo-soprano, violin Martina Starr-Lassen soprano, keyboard, auitar

Poppy Smallwood soprano, quitar



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Tue 03 Dec // 8pm // RNCM Concert Hall

ORIGINAL VOICES JOBY BURGESS CREDO IN USA

Eric Whitacre Marimba Quartets - Lux Aurumque; October; Sleep John Cage First Construction in Metal; Credo in Us Linda Buckley Discordia Terry Riley In C

The Joby Burgess Collective:
Joby Burgess, Rob Farrer, Calum Huggan,
Sam Wilson percussion
Eliza McCarthy piano
Matt Fairclough sound design
with Musicians from the RNCM

This is a happening, not a concert.

Joby Burgess presents a non-stop soundtrack of 20th century classics, arrangements and new work from the East and West Coasts of the US - New York (Cage/Buckley) and California (Whitacre/Riley).

RNCM students join Joby's Collective for Terry Riley's minimalist masterpiece — expect an array of percussion and pianos like you've never imagined...

And the music doesn't stop: in between tonight's two sets, grab a drink, and step back into the Hall for Linda Buckley's short DJ set, alongside Steve Reich's tape piece Come Out.

Tickets £16 / students/under-26s £5

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7pm // Carole Nash Recital Room

SPOTLIGHT: Style Transfer - Music, art and artificial intelligence without borders





A MIGRANT IS] **'ONE WHO NAVIGATES** NATURALLY BETWEEN PLACES, VHERE GEOGRAPHY S NOT A BARRIER TO EXPERIENCE."

Linda Buckley

#we are migrants.



Thu 05 Dec // 1.15pm // RNCM Concert Hall

RNCM STRING AND WIND ORCHESTRAS

George Frideric Handel Concerto Grosso in A minor Op6 No 4 322 (excerpts) Andrzej Panufnik Old Polish Suite Percy Grainger Marching Song of Democracy Chen Yi Suite from China West

Catherine Yates director Chris Hoyle, Mark Heron, Tom Griffin conductors

Free admission, no ticket required

Thu 05 Dec // 7.30pm // RNCM Concert Hall

MANCHESTER CHRISTIAN UNIONS' CAROL CONCERT

Tickets £6
Promoted by RNCM Christian Union

Fri 06 Dec // 7.30pm // RNCM Concert Hall

ROOF ST PETERSBURG

Sam Brierley-Rimmer conductor Burton Nicholls, Harry Shutt balalaika Dmitrii Yumashev baritone

Tickets £7.50 Promoted by ROOF St Petersburg Sponsored by Friends of Kalinka



Fri 06 Dec // from 6.30pm
// Carole Nash Recital Room

SPOTLIGHT DOUBLE-BILL

Two short concerts showcasing wellestablished and new music for unconventional duos

6.30 pm From Home to Home - Cultural music for flute and clarinet

Free admission, no ticket required

Sat 07 Dec // from 10.15am // Various Venues

JUNIOR RNCM PERFORMANCE DAY

Contact the Junior RNCM on **0161 907 5264** for full details.

Sun 08, Sat 14 Dec // 3pm **Mon 09, Wed 11°, Thu 12 Dec** // 7.30pm

DIALOGUES DES CARMÉLITES

FRANCIS POULENC

Andrew Greenwood conductor
Orpha Phelan director
Anna Bonomelli set and costume designer
Matt Haskins lighting designer
Rebecca Tong assistant conductor*
Mark Burns associate director
Kevin Thraves chorus master
RNCM Opera Orchestra
RNCM Opera Chorus

Terror, turbulence and violence provides the backdrop for Francis Poulenc's powerful opera of faith, bravery and redemption. Blanche de la Force, the timid daughter of an aristocrat, joins the Carmelite order of nuns against the wishes of her family. Whilst living at the convent she befriends one of the young nuns, Constance, who shares an astounding prophecy.

Orpha Phelan's new production, with its starkly beautiful staging, combines modern and minimalist set designs with intense and atmospheric lighting. Poulenc's radiant and exhilarating score draws on the colourful resources of a large orchestra, a full chorus, a semichorus and a large number of soloists. It promises to be another wonderful showcase for the RNCM.

Based on a true story, Dialogues des Carmélites is a series of intimate conversations existing independently across the scenes and is considered to be one of the operatic masterpieces of the 20th century. The audience is, in effect, eavesdropping. The intricate and detailed story gradually unfolds and culminates in one of opera's most devastating and dramatic final scenes, as the Carmelite nuns embrace martyrdom whilst singing a transcendent and heart-wrenching setting of Salve Regina.

Although the turmoil of political upheaval and bloodshed remains at the heart of this opera, this is predominantly a story about women - their fears, their faith and their relationships. Poulenc did not write music for nuns, but for women who happen

to be nuns. Each of the major characters are brought to life musically and dramatically in a unique way - as human beings with true emotions and fears, each searching for the courage to face their own future and destiny.

It is ultimately an opera about redemption and positivity, about finding one's inner strength and one's voice. What intrigues us about Blanche is not her vocation, but the character herself. How does a nervous and frightened young woman find the strength and courage to face the brutality of death with such commitment, honesty and humility?

This production will be sung in French with surtitles.

SPECIAL UNDER-18s TICKET OFFER

If you are under 18, you can save 50% on your tickets

Tickets £34 £28 £21 (weekdays) Tickets £36 £30 £23 (weekends)

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Wed 11 Dec 6.30pm
// Carole Nash Recital Room

TALK: Poulenc, Les Six and the Carmélites - With Barbara Kelly and Deborah Mawer

Free admission, no ticket required

MAKE A DAY OF IT!

If you're in the mood for a little treat, why not join us before the opera weekend matinées for some festive food? We have a couple of options available:

Sun 08 Dec

(1pm, 1.30pm or 2pm last sitting)

A festive Sunday lunch (menu available on our website), 2 courses for £16 or 3 courses for £21

Sat 14 Dec

(1pm, 1.30pm or 2pm last sitting)

A festive afternoon tea for £14.50 per person.

Booking and pre-payment is required, please book via our website or call Louise on 0161 907 5353.



Sun O8 Dec // 10am, 1.30pm and 5pm // RNCM Concert Hall

TRAFFORD MUSIC SERVICE WINTER CONCERTS

Tickets £9
Promoted by Trafford Music Service

Mon 09 Dec // 1.15pm // RNCM Concert Hall

MONDAY RECITAL SERIES

Richard Rogers/Oscar Hammerstein II (arr Jackson) The Sound of Music Suite

RNCM Horns

Marc Mellits Splinter

Northern Reeds
Jess Vinson oboe
Chris Hardy clarinet
Beth Machell bass clarinet
Nathan Holroyd saxophone
Alice Wriglesworth bassoon

Free admission, no ticket required

Mon 09 Dec // 2.30pm // Carole Nash Recital Room

PIANO MASTERCLASS WITH KATHRYN STOTT

RNCM International Chair in Piano Kathryn Stott works with our students to develop an understanding of the music chosen for this public masterclass.

Tickets £8



Mon 09 Dec // 7.30pm // RNCM Concert Hall

MANCHESTER CHAMBER CONCERTS SOCIETY

CALEFAX REED QUINTET

Sebastian Aguilera de Heradia Ensalada Obra de 8° tono

Felix Mendelssohn Organ Sonata in D minor Op 65 No 6

César Franck Deuxième choral in B minor M 39

Jehan Alain Litanies Op 119 Maurice Duruffé Prélude et Fugue sur le nom d'Alain Op 7

Hans Koolmees Estampie

François Roberday Fugues et Caprices J S Bach Fantasia and Fugue in G minor BWV 542 'The Great'

Tickets £25 / platform seats £12.50
Promoted by Manchester Chamber Concerts Society

Thu 12 Dec // 1.15pm // RNCM Concert Hall

RNCM CONCERT ORCHESTRA

WITH PRINCIPALS FROM MANCHESTER CAMERATA

Ludwig van Beethoven Overture to The Creatures of Prometheus Op 43 W A Mozart Vado, ma dove? Oh Dei! K 583; Chi sà, Chi sà, qual sia K 582 W A Mozart Symphony No 35 in D major K 385 'Haffner'

Mark Edwards, Joseph Judge, Laurent Zufferey, Anna Hartmann, Drew Casey conductors Julia Smith soprano

RNCM BIG BAND (RE) BIRTH OF THE YOOL

Steve Berry director Julian Siegel saxophone

It's that time of the year when there is no escape from festive piped muzak and the joys of said Christmas songs can wear a bit thin if you're not careful...

However, our RNCM Big Band will attempt to remedy this when they take a big bag of Christmas classics of all shapes and sizes and turn them on their heads!

These tunes are definitely familiar from the sombre sobriety of the Coventry Carol, to the cheeriness of Let it Snow, to the heartbreaking catchiness of Fairytale of New York. Though recognisable, all of tonight's set-list will be re-imagined, their harmony, grooves and intentions expanded, or indeed subverted, whatever it takes to create an evening of fun and surprises for all.

Improvisation will underscore the entire proceedings, spearheaded by the incredible inventiveness of special guest Julian Siegel, who will add even more magic to the mix.

Tickets £18 £15





6.30pm // Carole Nash Recital Room

SPOTLIGHT: East to West - A unity and sharing of home

Free admission, no ticket required

Sat 14 Dec // 7.30pm // RNCM Concert Hall

SALFORD CHORAL SOCIFTY

HANDEL'S MESSIAH

Tom Newall conductor April Grime soprano Rachel Colley mezzo-soprano Bertie Yates tenor Thomas D Hopkinson bass Northern Baroque Sinfonia

Tickets £18 Promoted by Salford Choral Society





Sun 15 Dec // 11am - 4pm // Various Venues

RNCM CHRISTMAS FAMILY DAY

As The Gruffalo's Child ignores her father's warnings one wild and windy night, she goes in search of the Big Bad Mouse. She meets Snake, Owl and Fox but no sign of the fabled Mouse. He doesn't really exist… or does he?

Come and join us for a day of festive activities, interactive workshops and musical treats including a screening of *The Gruffalo's Child* with actors and live orchestra. Meet the Snowman, Rudolph and Santa himself on this special day to get you into the Christmas spirit -dressing up is seriously encouraged!

For full details, please see www.rncm.ac.uk/christmasfamilyday

Suitable for ages 3 and above

Tickets £10 Family ticket (4 people) £35

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Why not make life a bit easier and preorder our children's packed lunches to keep the kids going during the day? Costing just £4, they include a sandwich (ham or cheese), drink, cookie and packet of crisps.

Booking and prepayment is required. Please book via our website or Box Office. Mon 16 Dec // 7pm // RNCM Concert Hall

CHEADLE HULME SCHOOL

A CELEBRATION OF CHRISTMAS

Tickets £7
Promoted by Cheadle Hulme School

Tue 17 Dec // 7.30pm // RNCM Concert Hall

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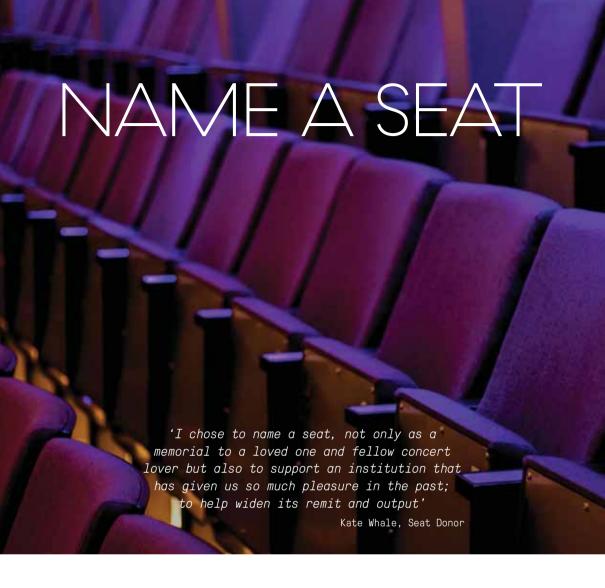
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Sun 22, Sat 28 Mar // 3pm
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MANSFIELD PARK JONATHAN DOVE

How do you set a classic novel to music? When first reading Jane Austen's Mansfield Park, Jonathan Dove felt immediately that it was an opera. With talented librettist Alasdair Middleton, he set about adapting the novel, and from the first words sung by the whole company, 'Mansfield Park, Chapter One', there is a strong narrative drive, impeccable vocal writing and wonderful ensembles that sparkle with style and wit.

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'Living at Sir Charles Groves Hall is great! Being right next to College makes life easy and it's so fast to get into the heart of Manchester. It's also been a great place to connect with other students — I've met some of my best friends here!"

Wilcox, RNCM Student and Sir Charles Groves Hall resident

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rncm **engage**

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Sat 14 Dec

(1pm, 1.30pm or 2pm last sitting)

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