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WELCOME TO OUR 40TH ANNIVERSARY FESTIVAL!



This year's programme is a celebration of 40 exciting years, with 10 days full of wonderful music, inspiring artists, and opportunities to experience creativity up close – all set within the exceptional beauty of the Lakeland landscape.

From the first to the final concert, we have programmed a trail of musical '40s' with an array of companion events in a variety of engaging venues. Look out for our 'Fanfare 4-40' along the way!

The celebrations begin in style with the thrilling Jess Gillam Ensemble and will also see the launch of an exciting new initiative – the Lake District Music Academy Ensemble. This group will feature our three resident student quartets, including the Aestus Quartet, our first Ambassador Ensemble. The fabulous Apollo Saxophone Quartet returns, marking their own 40th birthday.

Don't miss the exclusive opportunity to experience the complete cycle of Beethoven's Piano Concertos, performed by the world-

renowned Paul Lewis. We celebrate our founder Renna Kellaway MBE in three concerts with the piano at their heart, featuring our President Steven Osborne OBE alongside a host of renowned and longstanding festival artists.

With performances across many musical genres, our popular family & outdoor events will lead us to Beethoven's Ninth Symphony – which must surely be the ideal way to complete our musical celebrations! The Northern Chamber Orchestra, four outstanding soloists,

and our largest Festival Chorus will bring their combined energies to this masterpiece, which was first performed in the UK 200 years ago.

As Schiller wrote in his *Ode to Joy*, we hope you will 'Join our chorus of celebration!'

On behalf of Lake District Music, may I thank all our generous supporters, and we look forward to welcoming you on our 'Festival 40' journey.

Stephen Threlfall
Artistic Director



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PRIORITY BOOKING

Opens: 28 April 2025

Tickets for all our performances are first available to our members (Patrons & Benefactors).

Would you like to become a member and support our work? To find out more, visit www.ldsm.org.uk/support-us

PUBLIC BOOKING

Opens: 12 May 2025

Online

Visit www.ldsm.org.uk and book your favourite seats 24 hours a day on our website. Scan the QR code below to book.

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By Post

Please return your completed form to the following address and we'll do the rest:

Lake District Music, Stricklandgate House, 92 Stricklandgate, Kendal, Cumbria LA9 4PU.

NB: Please note tickets cannot be booked in person from Stricklandgate House

Tickets

All tickets will be issued as eTickets via email. Please either print your tickets at home or download them on to your mobile device ready to be scanned at the event. If you do not have printing facilities or a smartphone, you can collect your tickets from the respective event welcome desk (there is a charge of £1 for this service), alternatively we can post them to you (there is a charge of £3 for this service). **Booking fees of £1.50 apply online, by phone or by post. Fees are charged per booking and not per ticket.**

Concessions

Under 18s, full-time students and those in receipt of JSA, ESA/Universal Credit or DLA/PIP may claim a 50% concession

on individual tickets excluding our family or streamed events which are already discounted. Appropriate ID will be required and concessions must be requested at time of booking. Please bring along proof of identification with you. Free entry to carers accompanying those with a disability.

Refunds

Please check your booking carefully before completing your order as we cannot offer refunds or exchanges except under the following circumstances. Should an event be cancelled, audience members will be entitled to a full refund unless they choose to donate the price of their ticket(s). If a member of the audience is unable to attend through illness, we will happily credit the amount of affected tickets towards future events.

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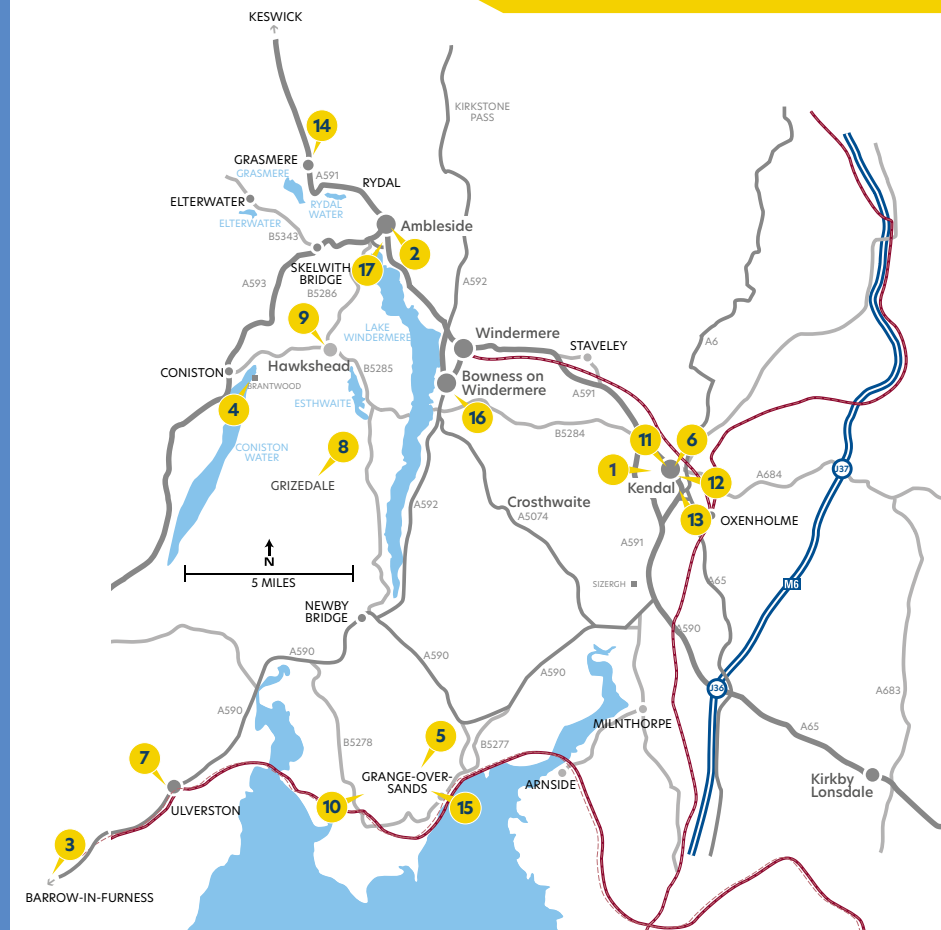
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VENUE MAP

- 1 Abbot Hall**
Kirkland, Kendal LA9 5AL
- 2 Ambleside Parish Church**
Vicarage Rd, Ambleside LA22 9DH
- 3 Barrow Library**
Ramsden Square, Barrow-in-Furness LA14 1LL
- 4 Brantwood**
East of Lake, Coniston LA21 8AD
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- 10 Holker Hall & Gardens**
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2 Compston Rd, Ambleside LA22 9DJ

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FAMILY EVENTS

Introduce your little explorers to the magic of music in our interactive family events combining music, art, storytelling and more. Kindly supported by the Haworth Trust.

CONCERTEENIES: BLOWN AWAY

Barrow Library | Fri 1 Aug

Showtimes: 11am, 2pm & 3.30pm

POLLY IVES - PRESENTER

MEERA MAHARAJ - FLUTE

Penguin Blue and his friends are in for a surprise!
It all starts with a windy day and a brand new kite...

Come fly away with Penguin Blue as he gets caught in a gust of wind and the adventure begins.

Concerteenies is an award-winning producer of musical activities for children (and their adults) combining stunning performances from professional musicians in a relaxed environment. Join us in the foyer 30 mins before the show to make your very own 'Blown Away' kite.

Ideal for children 3+ (and their grown-ups!).

Duration: 45 mins (approx.) | **Tickets:** £4 adults, £2 children



LEO THE LION REACHES FOR THE STARS

Windermere Jetty Museum | Sun 3 Aug

Showtimes: 11am, 2pm & 3.30pm

FAZ SHA - STORYTELLER

LIZZIE FINLAY - ILLUSTRATOR

ARRAN KENT - MUSICIAN

It's nighttime on Jungle Island but Leo the Lion can't sleep. He is distracted by the amazing night sky and his favourite star! But wait a minute... his favourite star has gone missing! Stars don't just disappear. What has happened to Leo's favourite star? How can Leo get to space to find her?

Join Leo the Lion on his adventure across Jungle Island and beyond, asking for help from his jungle friends.

Perfect for ages 3-5 (and their grown-ups!).

Duration: 45 mins (approx.) | **Tickets:** £7 adults, £2 children



FOUND IN THE FOREST

Grizedale Visitor Centre | Tue 5 Aug

Showtimes: 11.30am, 1.30pm & 3pm

LIZZIE FINLAY - ILLUSTRATOR
CLAIRE BABBINGTON - MUSICIAN

The forest is big. The forest is wild. All of the animals and trees that live here rely on the mysterious powers of nature to be happy and healthy.

Discover the secrets of the forest. Why do we need the sun's fire? What makes the trees shake and quake? What makes the rivers roar?

Join us on our interactive story, exploring how the elements sustain the beautiful forest around us.

Perfect for children aged 3-5 (and their grown ups!).

Duration: 45 mins (approx.)

Tickets: £7 adults, £2 children





COMMUNITY DRUMMING WORKSHOP

The Coro, Ulverston | Fri 1 Aug, 10.30am

Never played an instrument before? Perfect!

Drum Nation is a powerhouse samba collective that transform relative strangers into an amazing samba drumming band in 90 minutes flat!

So grab some sticks, feel the rhythm, and get the anniversary Summer Festival off to a bang in this inclusive carnival session open to everyone.

Come and make some noise!

Duration: 90 mins (approx.)

Tickets: Reserve your FREE place online!

This event will also be available in BSL in association with Cumbria Deaf Association.



'...a beautifully eclectic masterpiece, executed to perfection from start to finish.'

JESS GILLAM ENSEMBLE

The Coro, Ulverston | Fri 1 Aug, 7.30pm

Boulanger Cantique

Bowie Life on Mars

Corelli La Folia Op.5, No.12

Harle Flare

Blake Retrograde

Nyman Chasing Sheep is Best Left to Shepherds

Ellington Caravan

Debussy Clair de Lune

Strozzi Che si puo fare

Stephens Fanfare 4 - 40

A musical force of nature, saxophonist Jess Gillam has been forging her own adventurous path since she shot to fame as a BBC Young Musician finalist. Jess returns to her hometown with her brilliant band and their trademark mix of folk, jazz, classical and pop. Expect sparks, virtuosity and a whole lot of fun.

Duration: 2 hrs (approx.) | **Tickets:** £21-£36

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TRIO HAVISHAM

Ambleside Parish Church | Sat 2 Aug, 11am

Martinů Piano Trio No.3 in C

Muhly Common Ground

Beethoven Piano Trio in G Op.1, No.2

Kindly supported by Kirckman Concert Society

This award-winning ensemble shares its passion for the trios of Martinů, complete with their rhythmic verve and unpredictability, paired with Muhly's exhilarating *Common Ground* and Beethoven's masterful second trio.

Duration: 70 mins (approx.) | **Tickets:** £15-£18

'They drew you into the performance and at the same time blew you away.'

Cavatina competition



A FINZI ROMANCE

Ambleside Parish Church | Sat 2 Aug, 2pm

AESTUS, DOVESTONE & SINTRA STRING QUARTETS

ROSE McLACHLAN - PIANO

JOHN BRADBURY - CLARINET

DUARTE COLAÇO - DOUBLE BASS

STEPHEN THRELFALL - CONDUCTOR

Grieg Holberg Suite Op.40 (Prelude)

Finzi Romance

Finzi Eclogue

Britten Young Apollo

Finzi Clarinet Concerto

*Kindly supported by the Haworth Trust and
in loving memory of Ken Roe*

Experience some of Finzi's most characteristically beautiful music, its radiant joy, lyricism and pastoral scenes all performed by the new Lake District Music Academy.

Duration: 60 mins (approx.) | **Tickets:** £15-£18



BARBICAN STRING QUARTET I

Ambleside Parish Church | Sat 2 Aug, 7.30pm

Haydn String Quartet in C Op.20, No.2

Ligeti String Quartet No.1 'Métamorphoses nocturnes'

Beethoven String Quartet in F Op.59, No.1 'Razumovsky'

Making a welcome return, the Barbican String Quartet have continued to blaze a trail across the musical world, winning prizes at every turn. Their return is equally bold with three ambitious, innovative and adventurous works that pushed the boundaries of the musical worlds around them.

Duration: 2 hrs (approx.) | **Tickets:** £18-£27

SUPPORTERS' EVENT: AFTERNOON TEA

Zeffirellis | Sun 3 Aug, 5.30pm

Don't miss this exclusive event for our wonderful supporters. Enjoy a decadent afternoon tea fit for a king, plus the chance to meet and hear our 2025 resident ensembles perform.

Sign up to become a Patron, Benefactor, or sponsor a concert before 20 July 2025 to join us.

Please visit: ldsm.org.uk/patrons

Duration: 90 mins (approx.) | **Tickets:** £25

'Finely structured and
virtuosically balanced...
joy, frenzy and punch.
Justifiably thunderous applause!'

Süddeutsche Zeitung



BARBICAN STRING QUARTET II

Ambleside Parish Church | Sun 3 Aug, 7.30pm

BARBICAN STRING QUARTET
JOHN BRADBURY - CLARINET

Mendelssohn String Quartet in A minor Op.13

Finzi Five Bagatelles (arr. Alexander)

Brahms Clarinet Quintet in B minor Op.115

*Kindly supported by Kirkman Concert Society and in
loving memory of Charlotte Potts & John Rumley*

The Barbicans once again demonstrate their maturity and versatility, pairing with brilliant clarinettist John Bradbury. Mendelssohn's ever-youthful spirit shines having been struck by Cupid's arrow, while Finzi offers a tender moment of reflection before Brahms' autumnal masterpiece bursts with emotion and energy.

Duration: 2 hrs (approx.) | **Tickets:** £18-£27

MIKELEIZ-ZUCCHI DUO

St Oswald's Church, Grasmere | Mon 4 Aug, 11am

Bach Flute Sonata in E minor BWV 1034

Grieg Holberg Suite Op.40 (arr. MZ Duo)

Sweeney Mirrie Dancers

Haigh Hell Hot

Piazzolla Pedro y Pedro (arr. MZ Duo)

A highlight of this year's spring series, the MZ Duo return with another incredible programme of vividly reimagined works brought to life with dazzling improvisation. Celebrating our 40th anniversary, the duo debut their special arrangement of Grieg's Holberg Suite.

Duration: 65 mins (approx.) | **Tickets:** £15-£18



MENDELSSOHN'S MASTERPIECE

Ambleside Parish Church | Mon 4 Aug, 2pm

NOVO STRING QUARTET
with the **AESTUS STRING QUARTET**

Haydn String Quartet in D Op.20, No.4

Nielsen String Quartet No.2 in F minor Op.5

Mendelssohn Octet in E flat Op.20

With a free-flowing sense of invention, both the audience and performer seem bathed in an infectious glow that rarely fails to bring a smile. Two dazzling young quartets combine for Mendelssohn's undeniable masterpiece alongside dramatic music by Nielsen and playful Haydn performed by the award-winning Novo Quartet.

Duration: 90 mins (approx.) | **Tickets:** £15-£18



APOLLO SAXOPHONE QUARTET

Ambleside Parish Church | Mon 4 Aug, 7.30pm

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Torke July

Bennett Saxophone Quartet

Cope Trapped


Watson Radius I & II

Howard Neverland

Mason In The Fragrant Air

Also celebrating their 40th anniversary, this truly groundbreaking ensemble have been at the forefront of British contemporary music for four decades, always innovating and never sitting on their considerable laurels. With over 100 commissions they have reshaped an entire genre blending classical with jazz and beyond.

Duration: 2 hrs (approx.) | Tickets: £18-£27



John Whibley


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We have been organising music holidays since 1999, from world renowned opera festivals to small chamber music festivals and city breaks in Europe, America and the United Kingdom.

Our 2025 - 2026 holidays include:

West Cork Chamber Music, Music in a French Village, Santa Fe Opera, Wexford Festival Opera, Hamburg, Three Choirs Festival Hereford, Bath Mozartfest, Lake District Summer Music, Chamber Music in Cuenca, Glyndebourne Autumn Season, Christmas Oratorio in Leipzig, New Year at Dartington, Chamber Music in York, Easter in Leipzig, Bath Bachfest with Richard Wigmore, Opera in Venice and Trieste, New York Met' Opera, Wagner's Ring in Berlin, Buxton International Festival, Opera at Drottningholm ...and many more

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SHOWCASE: STRING QUARTET

Hawkshead Parish Church | Tue 5 Aug, 2pm

SINTRA & DOVESTONE STRING QUARTETS
JOHN TURNER – RECORDER

Haydn String Quartet in B minor Op.64, No.2

Shaw Entr'acte

M Berkeley A Dark Waltz

Haydn String Quartet in C Op.33, No.3 'The Bird'

*Kindly supported by Ian & Susan Pettman and the
Ida Carroll & Haworth Trusts*

The almost limitless imagination that Haydn poured into his string quartets produced some of the most heart-wrenching and exciting moments in music; the perfect opportunity for the first performances by our two resident ensembles. Teaming up with leading recorderist John Turner, we are proud to showcase the next generation of exciting chamber music stars.

Duration: 70 mins (approx.) | **Tickets:** £15-£18



NOVO STRING QUARTET

Hawkshead Parish Church | Tue 5 Aug, 7.30pm

'DEDICATED TO LOVED ONES'

Schumann String Quartet in A Op.41, No.3

Beethoven String Quartet in F minor Op.95 'Serioso'

Shostakovich String Quartet No.9 in E flat Op.117

These young international superstars have been snapping at the heels of long-established ensembles, winning over audiences and major competitions with an innate emotional depth perfect for the introspection and drama of Shostakovich and the heartfelt despair of Beethoven.

Duration: 2 hrs (approx.) | **Tickets:** £18-£27

*'...here is a quartet
unafraid of a true pianissimo!'*

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WOMEN AND THE PIANO

Ambleside Parish Church | Wed 6 Aug, 11am

SUSAN TOMES - PIANO & PRESENTER

Martines Sonata in A
Szymanowska Caprice sur 'La Romance de Joconde'
Clara Schumann Notturmo Op.6, No.2
Robert Schumann Arabeske Op.18
Clara Schumann Romanze Op.21, No.3
Beach Dreaming Op.15, No.3
Debussy Images, Series I
Chaminade Automne

Susan Tomes's new book *Women and the Piano: A History in 50 Lives*, shines a light on some of the largely forgotten and overlooked female pianists of the past two centuries. Discover a fascinating selection of their music in this joyful celebration.

Join us for a book signing with Susan Tomes after the performance.

Duration: 70 mins (approx.) | **Tickets:** £15-£18

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FAMOUS 40s

Ambleside Parish Church | Wed 6 Aug, 2pm

NICHOLAS ASHTON - PIANO
URSULA SMITH - CELLO
TIM JACKSON - HORN
QIAN WU - VIOLIN
PAUL JANES - PIANO

Chopin Polonaises in A 'Military' & C minor Op.40, Nos.1 & 2
Shostakovich Cello Sonata in D minor Op.40
Brahms Horn Trio in E flat Op.40

Celebrating our 40th anniversary, we look back at some of music's most wondrous Opus 40s, from the magnificent and heroic Chopin, lyrical and tender Shostakovich, to the hauntingly beautiful Brahms.

Duration: 70 mins (approx.) | **Tickets:** £15-£18



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'The pianist who
lit up the Lake District.'

Norman Lebrecht

RENNA KELLAWAY MEMORIAL CONCERT

Ambleside Parish Church | Wed 6 Aug, 7.30pm

STEVEN OSBORNE - PIANO
NICHOLAS ASHTON - PIANO
CAROLE PRESLAND - PIANO
LEVON CHILINGIRIAN - VIOLIN
GARFIELD JACKSON - VIOLA
URSULA SMITH - CELLO
GABRIELLA SWALLOW - CELLO
LEON BOSCH - DOUBLE BASS

Ravel Mother Goose Suite for piano duet

Ravel Piano Trio in A minor

Schubert Piano Quintet in A D667 'Trout'

Festival alumni and former tutors gather to celebrate the incredible life and legacy of our late Founder Renna Kellaway MBE. Inspired by a countryside holiday and full of life and positivity, it is no wonder Schubert's vivacious quintet launched our very first festival in 1985 with our Founder at the piano.

Remember Renna by donating to the Kellaway Emerging Artists Fund alongside your ticket purchases.

Duration: 2 hrs (approx.) | **Tickets:** £18-£27



SHOWCASE: SINTRA STRING QUARTET

Victoria Hall, Grange-over-Sands | Thu 7 Aug, 11.30am

Haydn String Quartet in B minor Op.64, No.2

Britten Three Divertimenti

Beethoven String Quartet in C minor Op.18, No.4

Kindly supported by Ian & Susan Pettman

The exciting young Sintra String Quartet from London's Royal Academy of Music, resident throughout this year's festival, continue their exploration of rich chamber music including meditative Haydn, impassioned Beethoven, and Britten's witty caricatures of old friends.

**Join us after the performance to meet the musicians
and enjoy some refreshments.**

Duration: 60 mins (approx.) | **Tickets:** £15-£18

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ALEXANDRA WHITTINGHAM AT BRANTWOOD

Brantwood, Coniston | Thu 7 Aug, 11am & 2pm

Pratten Forgotten

Shand Andante Expressivo, Légende, In Stately Measure

Villa-Lobos Five Preludes

Carillon Ralph Towner

Towner Carillon, Always by your Side

Morel Sonatina

Ruskin's famous lakeside home plays host to a glorious guitar showcase by Alexandra Whittingham.

Duration: 60 mins (approx.) | **Tickets:** £20

Complete the experience by cruising from Coniston village to Brantwood by Steam Yacht Gondola. Please book directly with the National Trust by visiting nationaltrust.org.uk/visit/lake-district/steam-yacht-gondola.

Please note there is unfortunately no disabled access to Brantwood or Steam Yacht Gondola. Guests should be aware that there is a short walk from the jetty to Brantwood on steep uneven ground. Parking is extremely limited and we highly recommend passage to Brantwood by Gondola.

'a young 21st-century virtuoso'

The Guardian



RED PRIEST: TRULY MADLY BAROQUE

Cartmel Priory | Thu 7 Aug, 7.30pm

Stephens Fanfare 4 - 40

Vivaldi Concerto in A minor RV580 from L'Estro Armonico

Bach Adagio in B flat (theme from 'Truly Madly Deeply') BWV 1029

Bach Brandenburg Concerto No.5 in D BWV 1050

Telemann Concerto in E minor (Largo & Presto)

Royer Vertigo

Handel Aria Amorosa from Op.2, No.1

Corelli La Folia Op.5, No.12 (arr. Red Priest)

Kindly supported by George & Lalik Nasmyth

'Wildly virtuosic' (NY Times) super-group Red Priest have been at the cutting edge of baroque music for over a quarter of a century, bringing their unique brand of high-energy and theatricality to audiences across the globe. Whether baroque aficionado or newcomer, prepare yourself for a whirlwind performance.

Duration: 2 hrs (approx.) | **Tickets:** £15-£27

'Red Priest is in an exhilarating class of its own.'

BBC Music Magazine



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SHOWCASE: DOVESTONE STRING QUARTET

Holker Hall & Gardens | Fri 8 Aug, 11am & 12.30pm

Haydn String Quartet in C Op.33 No.3 'The Bird'
Rachmaninov Romance & Scherzo for string quartet
Debussy String Quartet in G minor

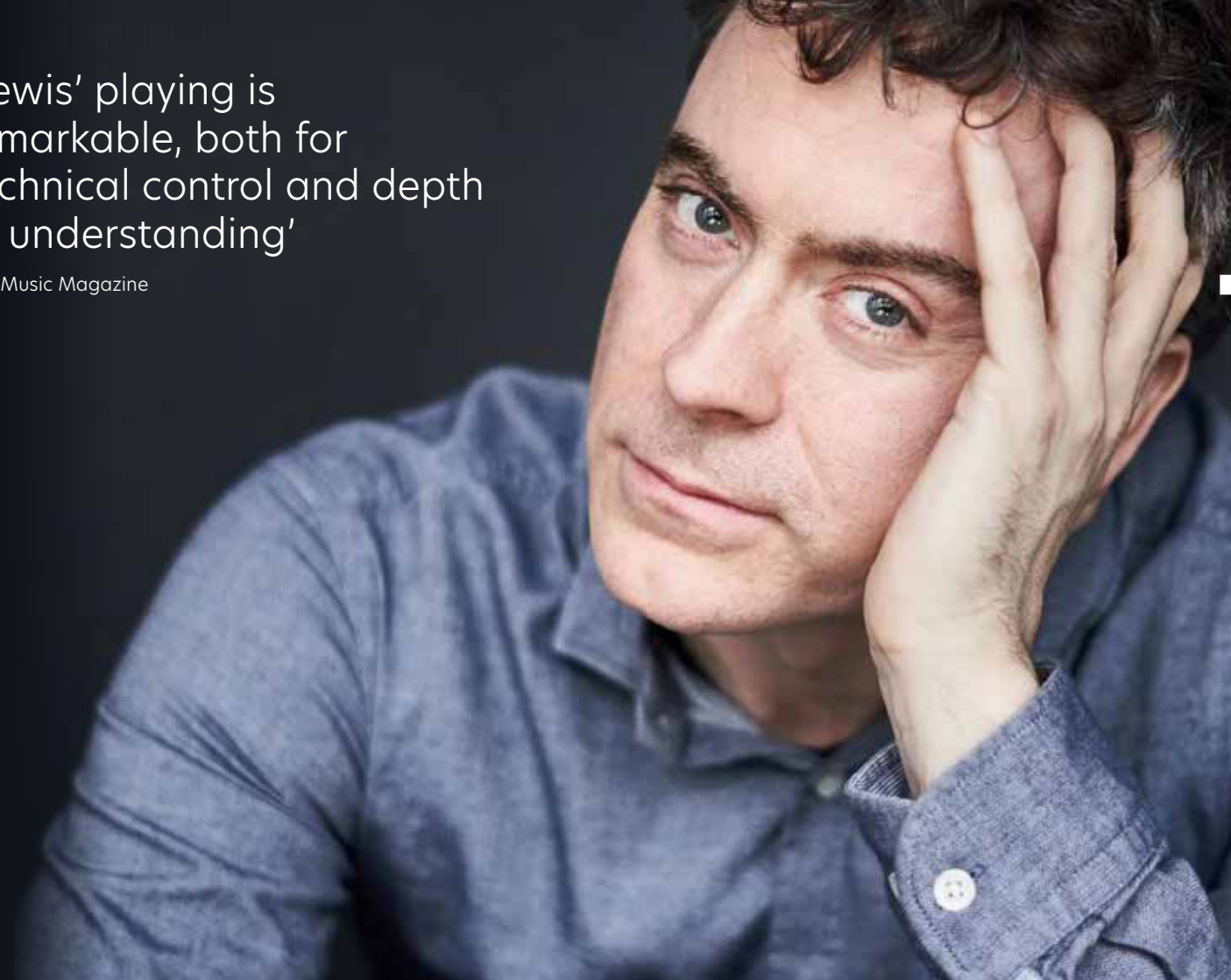
Kindly supported by Ian & Susan Pettman

Don't miss our return to one of the Lake District's most beautiful estates and the final chance to hear our resident ensemble in such wonderfully intimate surroundings, the perfect match for Haydn, Rachmaninov and Debussy.

Duration: 60 mins (approx.) | **Tickets:** £18
(Ticket includes access to the Gardens)

'Lewis' playing is remarkable, both for technical control and depth of understanding'

BBC Music Magazine



BEETHOVEN: COMPLETE PIANO CONCERTOS I

Ambleside Parish Church | Fri 8 Aug, 2pm

PAUL LEWIS - PIANO
VERTAVO STRING QUARTET
LEON BOSCH - DOUBLE BASS

Maconchy String Quartet No.3

Beethoven Piano Concerto No.2 in B flat

Beethoven Piano Concerto No.3 in C minor

Kindly supported by Malcolm Heyes & Anne Feeney

One of the most celebrated Beethoven performers on the planet, pianist Paul Lewis takes on the complete set of Beethoven's landmark piano concertos, each with their own intricate drama, humour and emotion. Our first instalment begins with chamber arrangements partnered by Norway's acclaimed Vertavo Quartet and bass player Leon Bosch.

Duration: 2 hrs (approx.) | **Tickets:** £21-£30

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'The music
is magic
in their hands'

Sean Rafferty, BBC Radio 3



PIC?

BUDAPEST CAFÉ ORCHESTRA

Ambleside Parish Church | Fri 8 Aug, 7.30pm

Works to include:

Brahms Hungarian Dance No.16

Rachmaninov Squeezebox Concerto in C Minor
and a spectacular array of folk-flavoured music from
eastern Europe.

Duration: 2 hrs (approx.) | **Tickets:** £18-£27

Refreshingly unconventional and snappily attired,
this boutique orchestra play gypsy and folk-flavoured
music in a unique and surprising way. From Balkan
and Russian traditional music to artful distillations
of Romantic masterworks and soaring Gaelic folk
anthems, prepare yourself for an infectious
musical experience like none other.
Unquestionably Friday night is party night.

COMMUNITY ORCHESTRA WORKSHOP

Castle Street Centre | Sat 9 Aug, 10am

Andriessen 'The 9 Symphonies of Beethoven'

Beethoven Romance in G for violin Op.40

Join our very own Artistic Director Stephen Threlfall
for a Beethoven fiesta! Immerse yourself in all of
Beethoven's symphonies through Andriessen's
brilliantly intriguing work and experience the drama
first-hand. Lyrical and graceful, complete the morning
with Beethoven's Romance in G for violin performed
by a young guest soloist. Suitable for players approx.
Grade 5 or above.

Duration: 2 hrs 45 mins (approx.) | **Tickets:** £18 (free for under-18s)

ELEMENTS

Kendal Parish Church | Sat 9 Aug, 3pm

KANTOS CHAMBER CHOIR

ELLIE SLORACH - DIRECTOR

Gimon Elements

Ticheli Earth Song

Howells Take Him Earth for Cherishing

Whitacre Leonardo Dreams of his Flying Machine

Rajasekar Ganga's Peace

Whitacre Water Night

Trad. Shenandoah (arr. Rimkus)

Lauridsen Six 'Firesongs' on Italian Renaissance Poems No.3

Kindly supported by the Haworth Trust

Earth, Air, Water, Fire; all life is here. Join the brilliant
Kantos Choir in this programme packed with poetry, prose
and choral forces of nature. 'This is the planet on which
we live; the world. It is everything that we are.'

Duration: 65 mins (approx.) | **Tickets:** £15-£18

BEETHOVEN: COMPLETE PIANO CONCERTOS II

Kendal Town Hall | Sat 9 Aug, 7.30pm

PAUL LEWIS – PIANO
VERTAVO STRING QUARTET
LEON BOSCH – DOUBLE BASS

Dvořák Nocturne Op.40

Beethoven Piano Concerto No.1 in C major

Beethoven Piano Concerto No.4 in G major

Kindly supported by Malcolm Heyes & Anne Feeney

Paul Lewis continues his astonishing Beethoven journey in chamber form, uncovering the majestic then reflective first concerto, followed by the fragile, more elusive fourth, which Lewis himself describes as a 'dark canvas onto which is projected a small but slowly expanding beam of light – a door through which the player enters'.

Duration: 2 hrs (approx.) | **Tickets:** £21-£30



SONIC WALK

The Kendal Story | Sun 10 Aug, 2pm

Experience Kendal's historic past on this unique guided tour, uncovering all its hidden sights and sounds with Blue Badge Guide and former Town Mayor Geoff Cook, accompanied by Lakeland fiddler Carolyn Francis.

Meeting/End point: Abbot Hall, Kendal LA9 5AL

Distance: 1.3 miles

Difficulty: Easy with some steps/hills

Duration: 90 mins (approx.)

Walk available in BSL in association with
Cumbria Deaf Association

Sturdy walking footwear, suitable clothing and hat are advisable. Suitable for children over 10 years old when accompanied by an adult. Unfortunately dogs are not permitted on this walk. Please bring along water, and before booking, make sure to read our full advice and disclaimer on our website www.ldsm.org.uk

Tickets: £12



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FESTIVAL FINALE

Kendal Leisure Centre | Sun 10 Aug, 5pm

PAUL LEWIS – PIANO
NORTHERN CHAMBER ORCHESTRA
LAKE DISTRICT MUSIC FESTIVAL CHORUS
KANTOS CHAMBER CHOIR
CAROLINE TAYLOR – SOPRANO
MARGARET MCDONALD – MEZZO SOPRANO
MARTINS SMAUKSTELIS – TENOR
JAMES PLATT – BARITONE
STEPHEN THRELFALL – CONDUCTOR

Britten God Save the King

Beethoven Piano Concerto No.5 in E flat Op.73 'Emperor'

Beethoven Symphony No.9 in D minor Op.125 'Choral'

Kindly supported by the Haworth Trust

'...the effect on the audience like a bolt of lightning' exclaimed a member of Beethoven's choir. Having pushed every boundary across music, Beethoven truly broke the mould in his final symphony. From hushed anticipation and violent eruptions, the struggle to reach serenity ends in music's most recognisable theme and a call for brotherly unity; the 'Ode to Joy'. A truly exhilarating musical celebration to complete our 40th festival!

Duration: 2 hrs 30 mins (approx.) | **Tickets:** £21-£36

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Lake District Music Summer Festival 2025

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Date	Time	Event	Price A	Qty.	Price B*	Qty.	Price C*	Qty.	Total £
Fri 1 August	10.30am	Community Drumming Workshop	Free		-		-		
Fri 1 August	11am	Family Event: Blown Away	Adult £4		Children £2		-		
Fri 1 August	2pm	Family Event: Blown Away	Adult £4		Children £2		-		
Fri 1 August	3.30pm	Family Event: Blown Away	Adult £4		Children £2		-		
Fri 1 August	7.30pm	Jess Gillam Ensemble	£36		£30		£21		
Sat 2 August	11am	Trio Havisham	£18		£15		-		
Sat 2 August	2pm	A Finzi Romance	£18		£15		-		
Sat 2 August	7.30pm	Barbican String Quartet I	£27		£18		-		
Sun 3 August	11am	Family Event: Leo the Lion	Adult £7		Children £2		-		
Sun 3 August	2pm	Family Event: Leo the Lion	Adult £7		Children £2		-		
Sun 3 August	3.30pm	Family Event: Leo the Lion	Adult £7		Children £2		-		
Sun 3 August	5.30pm	Supporters' Event: Afternoon Tea	£25		Dietary Requirements?				
Sun 3 August	7.30pm	Barbican String Quartet II	£27		£18		-		
Mon 4 August	11am	Mikeleiz-Zucchi Duo	£18		£15		-		
Mon 4 August	2pm	Mendelssohn's Masterpiece	£18		£15		-		
Mon 4 August	7.30pm	Apollo Saxophone Quartet	£27		£18		-		
Tue 5 August	11.30am	Family Event: Found in the Forest	Adult £7		Children £2		-		
Tue 5 August	1.30pm	Family Event: Found in the Forest	Adult £7		Children £2		-		
Tue 5 August	2pm	Showcase: String Quartet	£18		£15		-		
Tue 5 August	3pm	Family Event: Found in the Forest	Adult £7		Children £2		-		
Tue 5 August	7.30pm	Novo String Quartet	£27		£18		-		
Wed 6 August	11am	Women and the Piano	£18		£15		-		
Wed 6 August	2pm	Famous 40s	£18		£15		-		
Wed 6 August	7.30pm	Renna Kellaway Memorial Concert	£27		£18		add £10 donation to Kellaway Fund		
Thu 7 August	11am	Alexandra Whittingham at Brantwood	£20		-		-		
Thu 7 August	11.30am	Showcase: Sintra String Quartet	£18		£15		-		
Thu 7 August	2pm	Alexandra Whittingham at Brantwood	£20		-		-		
Thu 7 August	7.30pm	Red Priest	£27		£18		£15		
Fri 8 August	11am	Showcase: Dovestone String Quartet	£18		-		-		
Fri 8 August	12.30pm	Showcase: Dovestone String Quartet	£18		-		-		
Fri 8 August	2pm	Beethoven: Complete Piano Concertos I	£30		£21		-		
Fri 8 August	7.30pm	Budapest Café Orchestra	£27		£18		-		
Sat 9 August	10am	Community Orchestra Workshop	£18		Under 18s free		-		
Sat 9 August	3pm	'Elements' Kantos Chamber Choir	£18		£15		-		
Sat 9 August	7.30pm	Beethoven: Complete Piano Concertos II	£30		£21		-		
Sun 10 August	2pm	Sonic Walk	£12		-		-		
Sun 10 August	5pm	Festival Finale	£36		£30		£21		
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Rakhi Singh – Manchester Collective



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