

Nicholas Yonge Society

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Since 1963 the Nicholas Yonge Society has held one of the finest classical music series in England. Its exceptional concerts favour trios, quartets and small ensembles, with an occasional piano soloist or singer, many of them artists of international reputation. It also provides a platform for young professional musicians and many of these have gone on to successful national and international careers.

Acknowledgements

The Society wishes to thank East Sussex College for their support.

Venue & Access

Cliffe Building, East Sussex College, Mountfield Rd, Lewes BN7 2XH: entrance has What3words address ///beeline.envy.household; 10 minutes walk from Lewes Railway Station; ample free parking within College grounds; level access for wheelchairs.

Programmes - Wine/ Soft Drinks

Programmes with extensive notes are provided free, tokens for wine (£4) and soft drinks (£1) when available are sold in the foyer.

Recordings

We ask artists to provide CDs, where available, and these are then on sale, usually at discounted prices, in the foyer during the interval and immediately after the concert.

Annual General Meeting

Members are welcome to attend the Society's AGM which is usually held in June. The date and venue are announced towards the end of the season.

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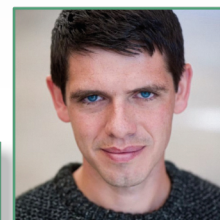
February 26 Trio Elise

Nancy Cooley piano, **Miriam Teppich** violin,
Alexander Somov cello

With Sofia Ticciati soprano, Andrew Davies baritone

Rebecca Clarke: Piano Trio and a group of her songs

Clara Schumann: Piano Trio in G minor Opus 17 and a group of her Lieder



Nancy Cooley is well-known to Lewes audiences both as a pianist in ensemble and solo work, and as the founder of the Lewes Festival of Song. We welcome her back to Nicholas Yonge together with Sussex-based violinist Miriam Teppich and the Bulgarian cellist Alexander Somov, as the Trio Elise, to play piano trios by Clara Schumann and Rebecca Clarke. Miriam Teppich is an award-winning violinist based in Sussex, who has performed as a soloist and chamber musician at prestigious venues and festivals, and internationally in world class ensembles.

The trio is joined by soprano Sofia Ticciati and Lewes-based baritone Andrew Davies for a selection of songs by the same composers.

A feast of fabulous music by female composers!

March 19 Trio Rossetti

Clara Wernig violin, **Ben Matson** cello, **Mischa Carr** piano

Enescu: Serenade Lointaine

Enescu: Trio No. 1 in A minor

Panufnik: Piano Trio Opus 1

Shostakovich: Piano Trio No. 2

Trio Rossetti formed in September 2024. Graduates of the Yehudi Menuhin school and Chetham's School of Music, they are all presently studying at the Royal College of Music. They have also studied at the Budapest Festival Academy where they worked alongside renowned soloists such as Barnabás Kelemen, Maxim Rysanov and Boris Brovtsyn.

In November 2025 they participated in an exchange with the Universität Mozarteum Salzburg, performing in the Wiener Saal and various venues across London.

They won first prize at the 2026 CAVATINA Intercollegiate Chamber Music Competition in the Wigmore Hall. They came to our attention playing a lunchtime concert in Brighton's Chapel Royal in March 2026. Their playing was so impressive that they were booked for NYS immediately!



CHAMBERMUSIC

Nicholas Yonge Society

63rd International Concert Season 2026-2027

October 16
Opus13

November 13
Martinů Quartet

January 29
Sacconi Quartet

February 26
Trio Elise

March 19
Trio Rossetti

Fridays at 7.30 pm
East Sussex College,
Mountfield Road, Lewes BN7 2XH
www.nyslewes.org.uk



October 16 Opus13

Sonoko Miriam Welde *violin*, **Edvard Erdal** *violin*,
Albin Uusijärvi *viola*, **Daniel Thorell** *cello*

Haydn: String Quartet in G major, Opus 77 No 1 Hob. III:81

Bartók: String Quartet No. 3, Sz. 85

Schubert: String Quartet No. 14 in D minor, D. 810,
“Death and the Maiden”

In 2025, the Scandinavian (3 Norwegian, 1 Swede) Opus13 won both the Wigmore String Quartet Competition and the Bordeaux International String Quartet Competition, following that in 2026 by receiving the prestigious Borletti-Buitoni Trust Award.

After performing at the Concertgebouw Amsterdam, Wigmore Hall, Laeishalle Hamburg, the Banff Festival and touring Japan, they are now playing in Lewes as part of their Wigmore prize winner’s tour!



“...this was a performance of a profundity and kaleidoscopic colour that would have been astounding from any ensemble, let alone a young one still making itself known.”

Charlotte Gardner, Gramophone

November 13 Martinů Quartet

Lubomír Havlák *violin*, **Adéla Štajnochrová** *violin*,
Martin Stupka *viola*, **Jitka Vlašánková** *cello*

Ravel: String Quartet

Martinů: String Quartet No. 2

Smetana: String Quartet No. 1



It is now 8 years since the Martinů Quartet last visited us from Prague, and it is a particular pleasure to welcome them back when they are celebrating their 50th anniversary. Luboš (the founder of the quartet) and Jitka are now joined by the youthful intensity of Adéla and Martin for what promises to be an exciting performance of Czech and French quartets.

For almost two decades, the Martinů Quartet has taken time out of its busy concert and recording schedules to run chamber music courses known as “PLAYWIP” (Play with professionals) in which participating amateurs (including your chairman) are joined by a member of the quartet – an enjoyable and effective form of coaching.

“breathtaking musicality” - Festival Europäische Wochen
“Perfection and sound beauty times four... unbelievable enthusiasm and virtuosity” - Music magazin Harmonie

January 29 Sacconi Quartet

Ben Hancox *violin*, **Hannah Dawson** *violin*,
Robin Ashwell *viola*, **Cara Berridge** *cello*

Caroline Shaw: Three Essays: 1. Nimrod

Walton: String Quartet in A minor

Beethoven: Quartet Opus 130 with Grosse Fuge

The Sacconi last played for Nicholas Yonge in 2012 when they were joined by the Aurora Ensemble in a memorable concert of the Beethoven Septet and Schubert Octet. Now they make a long overdue return to mark two anniversaries: 125 years since William Walton’s birth and 200 years since the death of Beethoven.

They have previously performed late Beethoven quartets from memory in the dark, but do not plan to do that here.



An exceptional ensemble ... a unanimous sense of musical breath and a meticulous attention to detail.

Musical Opinion

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Membership & Tickets

We no longer issue tickets or membership cards but will greet you by name. Under 26s have free entry to all our concerts.

Individual concerts: £20 each (plus a small commission) from TicketSource: www.ticketsource.co.uk/nyslewes or phone 0333 666 3366. Tickets are also sold, if still available, at the door by cash or card.

Membership: Entry to all 5 concerts for £80 per person. Make a bank transfer (see below) to our account - including a **donation** if you can. You can also buy membership through TicketSource (see above) or on the door at the first concert by cash or card.

Sponsorship & Friends: for details please look at our web page: nyslewes.org.uk/Membership.html Friends are £150 for one or £250 for two and Sponsors £300 for one or £400 for two (all including membership). Benefits include additional events and free entry for a newcomer plus a reserved seat for Sponsors.

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