

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

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Venue & Access

Cliffe Building, East Sussex College, Mountfield Road, Lewes BN7 2XH: entrance 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 (£3) 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 23

Joy Lisney cello & James Lisney piano

Bach: Sonata for Viola da Gamba in D, BWV 1028

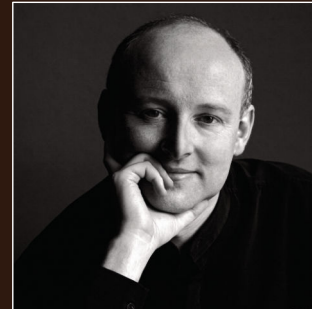
Poulenc: Sonata for Cello and Piano

Joy Lisney: new work

Debussy: Cello Sonata

Beethoven: Cello Sonata in A, Opus 69

James Lisney studied with, among others, Phyllis Sellick and is renowned for his highly-regarded concert series including 'Schubertreise' at London's South Bank. He has recorded, live, the complete Beethoven 'cello sonatas with Alexander Baillie and the complete Brahms works for violin and piano with Paul Barritt. "one of the leading British pianists of his generation" — *Classical Source*



His daughter Joy is not only an outstanding cellist and composer, but is also conductor of the Seraphin chamber orchestra. As a cellist she has performed at the Wigmore Hall, Amsterdam Concertgebouw, Carnegie Hall and Leipzig Gewandhaus. As composer, she has won the Ralph Vaughan Williams and Sir Arthur Bliss Prizes and her trio 'Petrichor', was premiered at the Wigmore Hall and live on BBC Radio 3 in 2023. James and Joy frequently perform as a duo and also as a trio with violinist sister Emma for the '... Petits Concerts' series at London's 1901 Arts Club.

"A musical treat of rare quality" — The Guardian

March 22

Leon McCawley piano

Haydn: Sonata No 34 in D major Hob. XVI/33

Tchaikovsky: Song of the Lark

Autumn Song from The Seasons Opus 37a

Prokofiev: Sonata No 2 in D minor Opus 14

Chopin: Impromptu in A flat major Opus 29

Schubert: Four Impromptus D 935

Praised for his unfailingly communicative playing, British pianist Leon McCawley has been delighting audiences worldwide since winning, in 1993, first prize in the International Beethoven Piano Competition in Vienna and second prize at the Leeds International Piano Competition. His many concert performances and extensive discography have established him as a pianist of great integrity and variety, bringing freshness and vitality to Classical, Romantic and 20th century repertoire. He was last at Nicholas Yonge in 2003.

"One of today's most impeccably musical pianists."
International Piano, January/February 2021



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60th International Concert Season 2023-2024

October 20

Leonkoro String Quartet

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Fridays at 7.30 pm - East Sussex College, Lewes

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October 20 Leonkoro String Quartet

Jonathan Schwarz *violin*, Amelie Wallner *violin*,
Mayu Konoe *viola*, Lukas Schwarz *cello*

Schubert: String Quartet in G minor No 9, D173
Janáček: String Quartet No 1 “Kreutzer Sonata”
Brahms: String Quartet No 1 in C minor Opus 51 No 1

The Leonkoro Quartet, founded in Berlin in 2019, comes to Lewes as part of their winner’s tour from the April 2022 Wigmore Hall International String Quartet Competition at which they also won no less than 9 of the 12 special prizes. The previous month they had won the prestigious Jürgen Ponto Foundation Music Prize and in May the Quatuors à Bordeaux competition together with its Audience Prize and its Young Audience Prize. Also in May 2022 the quartet was appointed to the prestigious BBC Radio 3 New Generation Artists programme for 2022–2024. Not a bad three months!

“The Leonkoro Quartet [...] has an enormous stage presence, glows for the music, takes full risks and amazes with its empathy for the respective sound of the pieces.”



Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung

Appropriately for a quartet with two brothers, its name Leonkoro, which means ‘Lionheart’ in Esperanto, alludes to Astrid Lindgren’s children’s book about two brothers; the book juxtaposes the grave reality of death with a heartfelt consolation, a theme which frequently runs through the quartet’s music.

December 8 Sitkovetsky Piano Trio

Alexander Sitkovetsky *violin*
Isang Enders *cello*
Wu Qian *piano*

Beethoven: Piano Trio in D Maj, Opus 70 No 1 “Ghost”
Elfrida Andrée: Piano Trio No 2 in G minor
Schubert: Piano Trio No 1 in B-flat Opus 99 D 898

The Sitkovetskys were last at Nicholas Yonge in November 2021 playing Schumann, Arensky and Tchaikovsky to enthusiastic acclaim. It is a great pleasure to welcome them back to perform two pillars of the piano trio repertoire – Beethoven’s Ghost Trio and Schubert’s B-flat Trio – together with an immensely energetic and tuneful trio by the 19-century Swedish composer Elfrida Andrée. We are sure you will enjoy making her acquaintance.

“Like three good friends enjoying a glass of wine and a natter, the Sitkovetsky Trio sparkle with conviviality in this pairing of early and middle-period Beethoven. It’s wonderfully uplifting.”

BBC Music Magazine (**)**



January 26 Astatine Piano Trio

Julia Błachuta *violin*
Riya Hamie *cello*
Bernia Hamie *piano*

Haydn: Piano Trio in E-flat Hbk XV:29
Brahms: Piano Trio Opus 87 in C
Shostakovich: Piano Trio No 2 Opus 67



For the last two years the three young students of the Astatine Trio have been astonishing audiences in the South-East with the power and maturity of their playing. The Brighton-based Hamie sisters Bernia and Riya are joined by Polish violinist Julia.

In 2022 the trio was unanimously awarded the first prize at the Senior Intercollegiate Piano Trio Competition in London. They also took first prize and the Luigi Boccherini prize of the International Virtuoso & Belcanto Chamber Competition in Lucca, Italy, together with joint first prize at the Birmingham International Piano Chamber Music Competition.

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Membership & Tickets

Individual concerts: Tickets for individual concerts can be bought on-line from September 1 for £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: Membership gives entry to all 5 concerts for £80 per person. To join, please make a bank transfer (see below) to our account - including a **donation** if you can - and tell our Treasurer that you have done that, giving him your name and address. You can also buy membership through TicketSource (see below) but there is a c.£6 commission on an £80 membership. **Membership cards will be handed out at the first concert.**

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