



FRIENDSHIPS AND MUSICAL ADVENTURES BRING STELLAR INTERNATIONAL LINE-UP TO ENF 2023

2023 CLASSICAL PROGRAMME ANNOUNCEMENT

29 June - 2 July

A musical gathering of friends dominates the programme of East Neuk Festival 2023 in Fife next June/July. ENF is delighted to announce its classical music line-up (announcement of jazz, traditional & contemporary programme to follow in late March).

BELCEA AND FRIENDS

The **Belcea Quartet** returns to Fife bringing what it describes as its 'dream team' of musical partners for 4 days of chamber music including solo, duo, quartet and sextet performances from violinist, **Vilde Frang**, violist, **Diyang Mei**, cellist **Jean-Guihen Queyras** and pianist **Bertrand Chamayou**. This formidable line-up form two sextet line-ups: all strings for both of Brahms' sextets then violin, piano and quartet for Chausson's *Concerto for Violin, Piano and Quartet*. Elsewhere we hear solo (Queyras and Mei play Bach suites, Chamayou plays Debussy and Liszt, Mei plays a whole string quartet on his own), duo (Frang and Corina Belcea join forces for Ysaÿe's wonderful duo sonata) – and two quartets: one for four players by Debussy and the 'Quartet for One' by Garth Knox in which the viola takes all the parts. Diyang Mei plays it: he first came to ENF in its ENF Retreat programme and returns to the festival for the first time since taking up his position as Principal Viola of the Berlin Philharmonic Orchestra.

TIME TRAVELLERS

ENF does not do themes, but sometimes they emerge anyway. This year's programme is rich in programmes that juxtapose ancient and modern. **Jean-Guihen Queyras** opens the festival with Kurtág, Bach, Marais and Saygun. **Tom Wilkinson** plays Bach and Philip Glass in the closing concert alongside the **SCO** directed by Dutch violinist, **Isabelle van Keulen**. She closes the festival play/directing Philip Glass's barnstorming second Violin Concerto 'The American Seasons'. ENF is delighted also to welcome back the **Castalian String Quartet** for two concerts juxtaposing classical

and Romantic: Mozart and Dvořák, then Haydn and Sibelius. Korean piano virtuoso, **Yeol Eum Son** is renowned for her Mozart, so we asked her to juxtapose two major pieces by Mozart with utterly different musics: she came up with Janáček and Ukrainian jazz-classical composer Kapustin.

As ever, ENF seeks different way to offer younger talents opportunities and we are delighted to feature alumni of two of Scotland's specialist music schools: St Mary's School and Broughton High. Mexican guitarist, **Morgan Szymanski** and Spanish accordionist **Sofia Ros** embark on a Latin Journey taking in music from Spain, Central and South America; while organist **Tom Wilkinson** plays what has been described as 'the finest church organ in Scotland' in the closing concert. Sofia Ros also joins the Belcea and Friends' *Bach and Beyond*.

ENF Artistic Director, Svend McEwan-Brown said:

'Audience feedback after 2022's ENF took me aback with the sheer passion with which people voiced their delight in the chance to enjoy a feast of live music after the difficult years of lockdowns and cancellation. It reaffirmed for me the vital importance of events like ENF to enhancing quality of life and well-being. I am thrilled to offer this stellar line-up in the intimate and friendly venues of the East Neuk.'

Krzysztof Chorzelski, founding member of the Belcea Quartet said:

'This is really party time! And an opportunity to perform repertoire that we love and don't get to perform that often with some fantastic musicians.'

SUPPORTERS

ENF is profoundly grateful to charitable trusts and the many private donors whose exceptional generosity has made this year's programme possible. Please see <https://eastneukfestival.com/support-east-neuk-festival/thank-you/> for details.

ENF TICKETS GO ON SALE 30 January for priority bookers. General Booking opens on 2 February

Tickets are available by phone, online and in person at the 180 Box Office at 180 High St, Edinburgh, EH1 1QS, 10am - 6pm Monday to Friday.

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ALL PROGRAMME DETAILS www.eastneukfestival.com

CONCERTS

THURSDAY 29 JUNE

QUEYRAS PLAYS BACH
4pm, Kilrenny Church

Kurtág: Selection from Signs, Games, and Messages
Anon (Marais?): Les Regrets
Saygun: Partita for Cello, Op. 31
Marais: La Rêveuse
J S Bach: Suite in Cm for Cello, BWV 1011

BELCEA & FRIENDS 1
7.30pm, Crail Church

Liszt: Les Années de Pèlerinage (selection)
Brahms: Sextet No 1 in B-flat, Op. 18

Belcea Quartet
Diyang Mei, viola
Jean-Guihen Queyras, cello
Bertrand Chamayou, piano

FRIDAY 30 JUNE

CASTALIAN QUARTET 1
11.30am, Kilrenny Church

Mozart: Quartet in Dm, K.421
Dvořák: Quartet in G, Op. 106

YEOL EUM SON
4pm, Crail Church

Mozart: Fantasy in Cm, K. 475
Janáček: Sonata 1.X.1905 (From the Street)
Mozart: Sonata in Cm, K. 457
Kapustin: Sonata No. 2

BELCEA & FRIENDS 2
7.30pm, Crail Church

Debussy: Selection of solo piano works tbc
Brahms: Sextet No. 2 in G, Op. 36

Belcea Quartet
Diyang Mei, viola
Jean-Guihen Queyras, cello
Bertrand Chamayou, piano

SATURDAY 1 JULY

CASTALIAN QUARTET 2
11.30am, Kilrenny Church

Haydn: Quartet in D, Op. 20, No.4
Sibelius: Voces Intimae, Op. 56

BACH AND BEYOND
3pm, Crail Church

J S Bach: Suite for Solo Cello in G, BWV 1007 (arr. for
viola)
Tabakova: Pirin
J S Bach: Works arranged for solo accordion
Ysaÿe: Sonata in Am for Two Violins

Corina Belcea, violin
Krzysztof Chorzelski, viola
Vilde Frang, violin
Diyang Mei, viola
Sofia Ros, accordion

BELCEA & FRIENDS 3
7.30pm, Crail Church

Garth Knox: Quartet for 1
Debussy: Quartet in Gm, Op. 10
Chausson: Concerto for Violin, Piano and Quartet,
Op. 21

Diyang Mei, viola
Vilde Frang, violin
Bertrand Chamayou, piano
Belcea Quartet

SUNDAY 2 JULY

LATIN JOURNEYS
12pm, St Monans Church

Guitarist Morgan Szymanski is joined by award-winning young accordionist Sofia Ros for a musical tour around Spain and South American: Scarlatti, Albeniz, Granados, Espinosa and more.

CLOSING CONCERT
5pm, Holy Trinity St Andrews

Scottish Chamber Orchestra
Isabelle van Keulen, violin/director
Tom Wilkinson, organ*

Pärt: Cantus in Memoriam Benjamin Britten
*Bach: Fantasia and Fugue for Organ, BWV 542
Britten: Frank Bridge Variations
*Glass: Mad Rush for Organ
Glass: American Seasons

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Members of the Belcea Quartet in Crail Churchyard
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