

2024

# East Neuk Festival



26 -30 June

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# XX MARKS THE SPOT

2024 and 2025 are landmark years for East Neuk Festival: the 20th anniversary of the founding of the festival in 2004 followed by the 20th Festival in 2025. We aim to celebrate by looking back and looking forwards – but above all, by enjoying some of the very best live music the world has to offer in the wonderful East Neuk of Fife.

For ENF 2024, I am thrilled, once again, to offer you some exciting new discoveries alongside old friends. The schedule outlined here is not the full story – more will be added at our full launch in January.

Pianist, Hisako Kawamura is one of those musicians who seems never to get in the way of the music. To paraphrase George Orwell, good playing ‘should be transparent, like a window pane’, and when she plays you feel you are hearing the music straight from the heart of the composer. In recent years she has been championing music from her native Japan alongside European repertoire, and we will hear her play some of this alongside Beethoven and Schumann.

Two young ensembles also bring music from their homelands as they make their ENF debuts this year: from Norway/Sweden, Opus 13 string quartet bring Grieg, and from Prague, the Belfiato Wind Quintet offer Janáček, Haas and Reicha. Both play with all the freshness and vibrancy of youth tempered by a phenomenal musical maturity.

Old friends returning next year include clarinettist Julian Bliss (with and without his Septet), the Doric String Quartet, Catrin Finch, Renaud Garcia Fons, Boris Giltburg, Serkan Halili (Qanun), Mr McFall’s Chamber, Pavel Haas Quartet, Kiko Ruiz (Flamenco Guitar) and Derya Turkan (Kemenche) and the Scottish Chamber Orchestra (SCO). I hope you will join us!

Svend McEwan-Brown  
Artistic Director & CEO



# CONCERTS

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WED 26 JUNE

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## OPENING CONCERT

7pm, Crail Church

**RAVEL** Sonatine  
**BEETHOVEN** Quartet in Cm, Op. 18, No. 4  
**SCHUMANN** Piano Quintet in E-flat, Op. 44

Doric Quartet  
Hisako Kawamura piano

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THUR 27 JUNE

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## QUASI UNA FANTASIA

4pm, Crail Church

**BEETHOVEN** Sonata No. 13  
in E-flat, Op. 27, No. 1  
**NADIA BOULANGER** *Vers la vie nouvelle*  
**AKIO YASHIRO** Sonate pour piano  
**BEETHOVEN** Sonata No. 14 in C-sharp  
minor, Op. 27, No. 2, 'Moonlight'

Hisako Kawamura piano

## ČESKÁ NOC

7.30pm, Kilrenny Church

**HAAS** Quintet, Op. 10  
**JANÁČEK** Mládí (Youth)  
**JANÁČEK** Suite from *The Cunning Little Vixen*  
**SUK**: Meditation on an old Czech hymn  
'St Wenceslas  
**SMETANA** Quartet No. 1

Pavel Haas Quartet  
Belfiato Wind Quintet

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FRI 28 JUNE

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## ON MEDITERRANEAN SHORES

11.30am, St Monans Church

To include Spanish Renaissance repertoire  
**CASTELNUOVO-TEDESCO** Sonata in D  
(Homage to Boccherini)

Ian Watt guitar

## OPUS 13

4pm, Kilrenny Church

**SHAW** Entr'acte  
**BEETHOVEN** Quartet No. 13 in B-flat,  
Op. 130 (Grosse Fuge)

## MEETINGS WITH GREAT COMPOSERS I

7pm, Crail Church

**RACHMANINOV** *Morceaux de fantaisie*,  
Op. 3, Nos 2 & 3  
**TCHAIKOVSKY** Quartet No. 3  
in E-flat minor, Op. 30  
**BRAHMS** Piano Quartet No. 2 in A, Op. 26

Boris Giltburg piano  
Pavel Haas Quartet

## FONS SOLO

9.30pm, Erskine Hall, Anstruther

The great bassist up close and unplugged  
in a solo set in the intimate space of the  
Erskine Hall.

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## SAT 29 JUNE

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### OPUS 13

11.30am, St Monans Church

**GRIEG** Quartet No. 2 in F, EG117  
**SCHUBERT** Quartet No. 14 in Dm, D810  
(*Death and the Maiden*)

### MEETINGS WITH GREAT COMPOSERS II

2.30pm, Crail Church

**REICHA** Wind Quintet in E-flat, Op. 88, No. 2  
**BEETHOVEN** Sonata No. 29 in B-flat, Op. 106 (*Hammerklavier*)

Belfiato Wind Quintet  
Boris Giltburg

### MEETINGS WITH GREAT COMPOSERS III

6.30pm, Crail Church

**GRIEG** Quartet No. 1 in Gm, Op. 27  
**TCHAIKOVSKY** Dumka in Cm, Op. 59  
**BRAHMS** Piano Quartet No. 3 in Cm, Op. 60

### THE GENIUS OF GERSHWIN

7.30pm, Anstruther Town Hall

**Julian Bliss Septet** pay a swinging tribute to the man who said "*Life is a lot like jazz - it's best when you improvise*".

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## Full programme out 25th Jan.

Patron's booking will open progressively from the 29th, and general booking will open on 2nd February.

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## SUN 30 JUNE

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### OPUS 13 MEET JULIAN BLISS

12pm, Elie Church

To include Mozart's Clarinet Quintet.

### HOLE IN ONE

2.30pm, Earlsferry Town Hall

Silent movie supremo Neil Brand returns to ENF to provide piano improvisation for an hour of comedy, including some golfing-related japes.

### CLOSING CONCERT

4.30pm, Bowhouse

The SCO and Principal Conductor, Maxim Emelyanychev close the 2024 Festival in style.

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## COACH TRIPS



We know that many people would love to attend ENF but find the driving a drag, so in 2024, we are trying out two things which we hope might help. Details are still being confirmed but the idea is:

**TRIP FROM EDINBURGH**, Saturday 29 June: an ENF coach will depart from central Edinburgh and arrive in the East Neuk in time for the two "Meeting with Great Composers" concerts in Crail Church.

**TRIPS FROM LEUCHARS**: if you prefer to make your own way as much as possible, why not take the train to Leuchars, where you will be able to pick up an ENF coach to take you to the various morning, afternoon and evening concerts and return you to the station in time for your journey home?



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