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THE
20TH
East Neuk
Festival



25-29 JUNE 2025 www.eastneukfestival.com

The 20th ENF is all about wonderful music and music making,
old friends, new faces, happy times and all things festive!
We have four big themes:

BEETHOVEN'S LATE QUARTETS

Four of the world's top quartets have thrilled ENF audiences more than any other and returned most often: Belcea, Castalian, Elias and Pavel Haas. Nowhere else will you will find them sharing the same stage, but for us they come together to perform Beethoven's late quartets, quintets by Mozart and Schubert, Mendelssohn's Octet and Sally Beamish's new piece for all four quartets together.

SEAN SHIBE

In the past decade, Shibe has emerged as a musician of instinct and flair in whom technical mastery and musicality are allied to a venturesome spirit. For us, he plays the most famous guitar music in the world – Rodrigo's *Concierto de Aranjuez* – before embarking on a day-long journey spanning five centuries of music for lute, guitar and electric guitar.

SCHUBERT 1823–1828

These five years saw Schubert create masterpieces aplenty from among which we hear two song cycles and his string quintet in C. No one surpasses Mark Padmore in *Winterreise*, and he is complemented by rising star James Newby in *Die Schöne Müllerin* before they join forces in *Schwanengesang* with Joseph Middleton at the piano throughout.

OLD FRIENDS

Most of the musicians in this programme have appeared at ENF many times, but we are especially happy to welcome back two who came to ENF Retreat as students and are now at the height of their professions – Diyang Mei (Principal Viola of the Berlin Philharmonic) and Sergio Pires (Principal Clarinet of the LSO). Also, a very special performance of Beethoven's Septet brings violinist Alexander Janiczek back to Fife alongside several players who performed at the very first Fife performance of this piece which led to the creation of ENF.

To make your planning as easy as possible, here we give you all the concerts at a glance.

There is much more information on the website and you can view/download a printable text-only listing with greater detail including introductions to all concerts from festival director, Svend McEwan-Brown.

Go to www.eastneukfestival.com and click on the 'DOWNLOAD THE PROGRAMME' button.

THUR 26 JUNE

2 DIYANG MEI & FRIENDS

11.30am, Crail Church, £25/18 c.70 min

STRAVINSKY 3 pieces for solo clarinet
PROKOFIEV *Romeo & Juliet* (excerpts)
MOZART Kegelstatt Trio, K.498
KURTÁG Hommage à R. Sch.
SCHUMANN *Märchenerzählungen*, Op.132

Diyang Mei viola
Sergio Pires clarinet

3 ALL THINGS COUNTER, ORIGINAL, SPARE, STRANGE

2pm, Crail Church Hall, £7.50 c.45 min

Join Festival Director, **Svend McEwan-Brown** for an introductory session on Beethoven's Late Quartets.

4 SCHUBERT 1823

4pm, Crail Church, £25/18 c.65 min

SCHUBERT *Die Schöne Müllerin*, D.795

James Newby baritone
Joseph Middleton piano

5 BEETHOVEN LATE QUARTETS 1

7pm, Kilrenny Kirk
£30/23 c.95 min inc. interval

MOZART Quintet in Gm, K.516
BEETHOVEN Quartet in E-flat, Op.127

Elias Quartet
Gary Pomeroy viola

WED 25 JUNE



1 OPENING CONCERT

7pm, Bowhouse
£30/23 c.95 min inc. interval

LARSSON Pastoral Suite, Op.19
RODRIGO Concierto de Aranjuez
SCHUBERT Symphony No. 6 in C, D.589

Sean Shibe guitar
Scottish Chamber Orchestra
Andrew Manze conductor



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FRI 27 JUNE



**6 BEETHOVEN
LATE QUARTETS 2**

11.30pm, Kilrenny Kirk £25/18 c.70 min

ADÈS *Arcadiana*, Op.12
BEETHOVEN Quartet in B-flat,
Op.130 (Grosse Fuge)

Castalian Quartet

7 ONE MIDSUMMER'S DAY

2pm, Crail Church Hall, £7.50 c.45 min

Writer and naturalist **Mark Cocker** talks
about swifts and the story of life on Earth.

8 SCHUBERT 1827

4pm, Crail Church, £25/18 c.70 min

SCHUBERT *Winterreise*, D.911

Mark Padmore tenor
Joseph Middleton piano

ENF PATRON RECEPTION

6pm, Crail

Invitations will be sent in due course.

**9 BEETHOVEN
LATE QUARTETS 3**

7pm, Crail Church
£30/23 c.95 min inc. interval

MOZART Quintet in C, K.515
BEETHOVEN Quartet in C# m, Op.131

Belcea Quartet
Diyang Mei viola

10 TOM SMITH SEPTET

7.30pm, Anstruther Town Hall
£20 c.75 min

Rising stars come no brighter than this:
praised by such Jazz supremos as
Julian Joseph, Django Bates & Soweto
Kinch, his septet set is punchy, energetic
and exciting.



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SAT 28 JUNE

11 SHIBE TRAIL 1: LUTE

11am, Dreel Hall, Anstruther
£10 c.35 min

The first of 3 concerts by the star guitarist: a short & intimate concert of lute music to start the day.

12 BEETHOVEN LATE QUARTETS 4

11.30am, Kilrenny Kirk, £25/18 c.55 min

BEAMISH *Epilogue*

BEETHOVEN Quartet in Am, Op.132

Elias Quartet

Sally Beamish viola

13 BIG PROJECT: ZULU VOYAGE

12pm, Bowhouse, £5 (<7s free), c.45 min
Fully accessible promenade performance

Esther Swift leads musicians from St Andrews Music Project, Fife Youth Jazz Orchestra and East Fife Community Ensemble to tell the story of the Zulu fishing boats that once thronged the East Neuk.

14 SHIBE TRAIL 2: GUITAR

1.30pm, St Ayle, Anstruther
£10 c.35 mins

Moving along the coast and history, Shibe offers a concert of acoustic guitar music.

15 SCHUBERT 1828:1

3pm, Crail Church, £25/18 c.55 min

SCHUBERT *Schwanengesang*

Mark Padmore tenor

James Newby baritone

Joseph Middleton piano

16 SHIBE TRAIL 3: ELECTRIC

3.30pm, Erskine Hall, Anstruther
£10 c.40 mins

To end this trail, Shibe plays electric guitar in Anstruther's ambient and atmospheric Erskine Hall.

17 NIZAR ROHANA

5.30pm, St Ayle, Anstruther
£20 c.65 mins

Oud master, **Nizar Rohana**, brings his latest work to the festival in a mesmerising solo performance.

18 SCHUBERT 1828:2

6.30pm, Crail Church
£30/25 c.90 min inc. interval

JANÁČEK String Quartet No 1
'Kreutzer Sonata'

SCHUBERT Quintet in C, D.956

Pavel Haas Quartet

Ivan Vokač cello

19 KATHRYN TICKELL AND THE DARKENING

7.30pm, Anstruther Town Hall
£20 c.75 min

The inspirational **Kathryn Tickell** brings her band to Anstruther: *Living Tradition* magazine commented: "To say that Kathryn plays pipes is like saying that Shakespeare was a bit of a writer... one of the true stars..." An unmissable treat!



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SUN 29 JUNE

20 BEETHOVEN SEPTET

12pm, St Ayle, Cellardyke
£25/18 c.65 min

Alexander Janiczek violin
Diyang Mei viola
Philip Higham cello
Graham Mitchell bass
Robert Plane clarinet
Alec Frank-Gemmill horn
Ursula Leveaux bassoon

21 EUAN STEVENSON TRIO

2pm, Anstruther Town Hall
£20 c.75 min

Euan Stevenson returns to ENF with an hour of jazz greats from Ellington to Evans; delightful jazz on a Sunday afternoon.

22 BEETHOVEN LATE QUARTETS 5

3pm, Bowhouse
£30/23 c.120 min inc. interval

SIBELIUS Andante Festivo
BEETHOVEN Quartet in F,
Op.135 [Pavel Haas]
BEAMISH *Field of Stars* for
four quartets [world premiere]
MENDELSSOHN Octet, Op.20
[Belcea & Castalian]

Belcea Quartet
Castalian Quartet
Elias Quartet
Pavel Haas Quartet

All concerts:
£5 for 7–17 year olds

COACH TRIPS
FROM EDINBURGH



SATURDAY 28 JUNE

A coach will leave central Edinburgh at 12.30pm and arrive in Crail in time for the Schubert concerts at 3pm and 6.30pm. (Concerts 15 and 18.)

The coach will return after the concert (approximately 8.30pm), arriving back in Edinburgh no later than 10.30pm.

Total cost for the coach and best tickets for the two concerts will be £80.

SUNDAY 29 JUNE

A coach will leave central Edinburgh at 9.45am and arrive in Cellardyke for Beethoven Septet at noon, before taking ticket-holders to Beethoven Late Quartets 5 at Bowhouse (concerts 20 and 22).

The coach will return after the Bowhouse concert (approximately 5pm), arriving back in Edinburgh around 7pm. Why not bring a picnic?

Total cost for the coach and best tickets for the two concerts will be £80.



ENF TICKETS

Tickets are available by phone, online and in person at the 180 Box Office at 180 High St, Edinburgh, EH1 1QS, 10am-5pm MON-FRI.

Online: eastneukfestival.online.red61.co.uk

Telephone: +44 (0)131 226 0008

Booking dates (all periods commence 10am):

Premier & Gold Patrons priority: Mon 20 Jan

Silver Patrons priority: Tue 21 January

Bronze Patrons priority: Wed 22 January

Subscribers priority: Thu 23 January

GENERAL BOOKING: Fri 24 January

If you are not yet a patron, from Mon 20 Jan you may phone the box office, make your donation and book at the same time. Alternatively, use the secure donate button on the ENF website.

Payment: Card or cash (no cheque)

Booking Fee: £1 per ticket up to a max of £5 per transaction. NB booking fees are incurred by the box office provider and are non-refundable.

Tickets can be posted, if booked 2 weeks ahead, for £1.50. Venue collection 30 mins before for free.

Booking during the festival: Online until 10am on the day of the event. On the door from 30 mins before. Payment at venues is **cash only**. You may reserve tickets for events later in the day at a venue box office.

Facilities: Venues vary; see info at www.eastneukfestival.com/venues and contact us if you have concerns not covered.

Doors open 30 mins before, unless specified. Venues do not have sheltered waiting areas.

Children under 7s not admitted except to Big Project. Any ticket is £5 for 7–17 year olds.

Latecomers are not guaranteed admission, in whole or in part. If admitted, it may not be possible to take the seat you booked – standing may be the only option.

Refunds: We cannot offer refunds unless an event is cancelled. We accept returns only in exceptional circumstances and cannot guarantee to resell tickets.

Programme is correct at time of going to press but we reserve the right to make unforeseen changes. In such circumstances we will make every reasonable effort to inform bookers promptly.

VENUE INFORMATION

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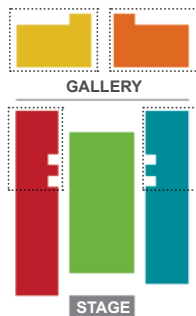


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Zone 2: all others

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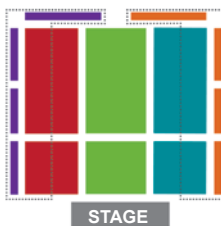
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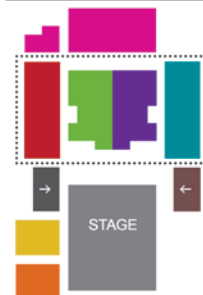
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St Ayle Cellardyke

Toll Road, KY10 3BL



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St Ayle Anstruther

Burial Brae, KY10 3HF



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Unreserved seating:

Anstruther Town Hall
School Green, KY10 3DF

Crail Church Hall
Marketgate, KY10 3TL

Dreel Hall, Anstruther
High St West, KY10 3DJ

Erskine Hall
Ladywalk, Anst'er, KY10 3EX

Detailed plans and access info are on the booking website

General box office enquiries:
tickets@eastneukfestival.com

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