



Sheffield
Arts
Studio

MUSIC FESTIVAL

2024



Thursday 14th to
Sunday 17th November

St Andrew's Psalter Lane Church
Sheffield S11 8YL

Welcome

It gives us great pleasure to bring to you yet another St Andrew's Music Festival this November. To organize events in such a lovely setting is always a pleasure and I hope with this year's events there is something that appeals to everyone.

The festival is slightly shorter than last years due to our company having many new things launching this Autumn; not least our new choir "Contemporary Voices" which features in the festival. However, we are still just as committed to bringing the festival to the local area of Nether Edge and we feel this years festival still shows many of our core values as an arts company.

We are pleased yet again to feature young musicians in our programme and our thanks goes to Rory Evans of Sheffield Music Hub for bringing together the various groups for our opening concert. We are also really pleased to give a platform to local amateur musicians in the Peak Valley Concert Band who celebrate an important anniversary this year under the fantastic leadership of Karen Burland-Clark.

The launch of our choir sees yet another "pay what you can" event as we know there are, now more than ever, those who don't have the money to be able to access the arts and so we hope that if you find yourself in this difficult situation you will still come along and enjoy the event!

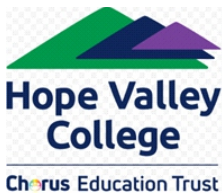
We hope there is something in this years festival for you and we look forward to welcoming you through the doors at one of our events.

Gavin Usher
Artistic Director – Sheffield Arts Studio



Thursday 14th of November – “Jazz Generations”

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Join us for “Jazz Generations”, an evening of big band music as these youth big bands join the semi-professional Sheffield University Big Band on stage. This unique concert showcases the vibrant energy of talented young musicians side by side and is a celebration of the timeless spirit of big band music. We are joined by Sheffield Youth Big Band, Sheffield Music Hubs big band led by Dave Burgoyne and made up of young players from across Sheffield and South Yorkshire. Following them we have Hope Valley College Big Band, a youth big band from the Peak District, led by Chris Burge and finally our semi-pro big band, Sheffield University Big Band, led by Will Hepworth. They are regularly seen out and about in Sheffield playing at a variety of events. Today they are very happy to be giving back and helping do their part to keep the future of big bands strong!



Friday 15th of November – Porter Valley Concert Band



Porter Valley Concert Band are a local group who are celebrating their 20th Anniversary this year. To celebrate the joy and community of amateur music-making, we will be playing a selection of our favourite pieces from our back catalogue, including Dixieland, big band (including Glenn Miller, Duke Ellington), and classical styles (Shostakovich, Vaughan Williams). We will also play funk and soul classics (including Earth, Wind and Fire; Stevie Wonder), music from film (Sing!, Blues Brothers) and more contemporary pop. There will even be a chance for some audience participation if you fancy joining us in some singing!



Saturday 16th of November – Contemporary Voices Launch Party With special guests The Darwin String Quartet



This evening sees the launch of our very own new group “Contemporary Voices”. This choir is our first group and on this evening we celebrate it’s launch. The choir will be focussing on the contemporary pop genre and will give their first live performance with a few songs from the initial rehearsals. Joining the choir will be the dynamic Darwin String Quartet bringing some of their own punchy performances to the evening. This concert will follow a slightly shorter format without an interval but instead we invite you to join us for a celebratory buffet/refreshments following the performance.



This concert is a “pay what you can” event.

Sunday 17th of November

– “Swift and Sheeran: A Symphonic Tribute”



Newland Symphonic Pop make a return to Sheffield to perform a tribute to two of the world's biggest artists and most popular songwriters.

Following their highly acclaimed Muse Tribute concert at Sheffield City Hall, NSP make their St Andrew's Festival debut with a symphonic tribute to Taylor Swift & Ed Sheeran. Singers from Sheffield Arts Studio join the NSP Band and strings to perform brand new arrangements of Swift & Sheeran's back catalogue. This concert promises to be a fantastic finale to this years' festival with some truly fantastic local talents on display!





CONCERTS: all concerts are 7 – 9 pm unless otherwise stated

Thursday 14th of November – Jazz Generations – Sheffield University Big Band, Sheffield Youth Big Band and Hope Valle College Big Band. Tickets: £6 in advance and £8 on the door.

Friday 15th of November – Porter Valley Concert Band. Tickets: £6 in advance and £8 on the door.

Saturday 16th November – Contemporary Voices Launch Party with the Darwin String Quartet. Tickets: This is a “pay what you can” event - no advance tickets. *There will be small buffet afterwards which all audience are invited to join us for!

Sunday 17th of November – “Swift and Sheeran” with Newland Symphonic Pop. Tickets: £6 in advance and £8 on the door.

For all advance tickets please visit www.sheffieldartsstudio.co.uk – tickets go on sale 21st of October. Please note that under 13's are free at all concerts!

We would like to thank the following organisations for their continued support of the festival.



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