



2024-25 SEASON

Lakeland Sinfonia Classics

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WELCOME to an exciting 2024-25 Season

The Lakeland Sinfonia Classics

Lakeland Sinfonia is Cumbria's finest orchestra, and we've held more than 400 concerts since we began over 57 years ago. Come and see for yourself why our concerts are so popular, and help to support live music in Lakeland.

Live performances by a top-quality orchestra are a fantastic experience for all ages. When more than 40 musicians are on stage together, you can feel the sheer power and emotion while listening to skilled and talented musicians playing wonderful music from the 1600s to the present day.

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- Free Online Booking with no booking fees
- Telephone Sales: 03300 101761 (09:00 to 17:30 weekdays) with a fee just £2.10 per booking
- Wheelchair Bookings: book by telephone, please. (No booking fee)
- Young People: U19s and FTS £5 per ticket
- Member ticketing is now available, with public booking from September 1st
- FREE pre-concert talk before every concert
- FREE Concert programmes (a donation of £1 would help us to keep going)
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WIND AND WATER, FROM THE BAROQUE TO THE MODERN ERA

Melvin Tay, conductor Cristian Grajner de Sá, violin

GOUNOD | Petite Symphonie for Winds MOZART | Violin Concerto No. 3 in G major HANDEL | Water Music, Suite No. 2 HAYDN | Symphony No. 104

The Petite Symphonie in B-flat major is a four-movement work by Charles Gounod, first performed in 1885. It is scored for a wind ensemble of nine players.

The Violin Concerto No. 3 in G major, K. 216, was composed by Mozart when he was aged 19. It is scored for solo violin, two flutes, two oboes, two horns in G and D, and strings.

The *Water Music* is a collection of orchestral movements, composed by Handel, and it premiered on 17 July 1717, in response to

Saturday
28
September

7:30pm

Westmorland Hall | Kendal Leisure Centre

£35 | £29 | £20 £5 U19s and FTS

King George I's request for a concert on the River Thames.

Haydn's Symphony No. 104 in D major is his final symphony, known as the London Symphony. The work is scored for 2 flutes, 2 oboes, 2 clarinets in A, 2 bassoons, 2 horns in D and G, 2 trumpets in D, timpani, violins 1 & 2, violas, cellos, and double basses.

Free pre-concert 'In Conversation' talk at 6:30 pm



Saturday

November

3:00pm Matinee

The Lakeland Sinfonia ORCHESTRAL GEMS AND ARIAS FROM THE CLASSICAL PERIOD

Wyn Davies, conductor and piano accompanist **Mary Plazas**, soprano

Kendal Parish Church

£20 £5 U19s and FTS HAYDN | Symphony No. 77

HAYDN | Scena di Berenice | Mary Plazas, Soprano

FAURÉ | Pavane

HAYDN | Symphony No. 78

MOZART | Concert Aria Ch'io mi scordi di te | Mary Plazas,

Soprano | Wyn Davies, piano

ROSSINI | Overture, La Scala di Seta

We are pleased to welcome back Wyn Davies, a favourite conductor of Lakeland Sinfonia audiences. Mary Plazas's superb soprano voice is to be appreciated in the heavenly acoustics of Kendal Parish Church.

Free pre-concert 'In Conversation' talk at 2:00 pm





3:00pm Matinee

Kendal Town Hall

£25 | £20 £5 U19s and FTS

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CLASSICS FROM THE BAROQUE PERIOD

Martin Hughes, director Cristo Harijan, piano Anna Powell. oboe

HANDEL | Concerto Grosso Op. 3 No. 5 MOZART | Piano Concerto No. 12 | Cristo Harijan, piano ALBINONI | Oboe Concerto Op. 9 No. 2 | Anna Powell, oboe MOZART | Symphony No. 29

Handel's fifth concerto in D minor follows the traditional Italian model most closely of all the Op. 3 works. The piece is scored for two oboes (originally one), one bassoon, strings, and continuo.

Mozart's Piano Concerto No. 12 in A major, K. 414, was written in the autumn of 1782 in Vienna. It is scored for solo piano (or harpsichord), two oboes, two bassoons (optional), two horns, and strings (consisting of violins, violas, cellos, and double basses).

The most renowned oboe concerto by Albinoni is the Concerto in D minor for oboe (Opus 9, Number 2). It's particularly known for its expressive slow movement. This concerto is probably the second best-known work by Albinoni, after his Adagio in G minor.

The Symphony No. 29 in A major, K. 201/186a, was completed by Mozart on 6 April 1774. It is, along with Symphony No. 25, one of his better known early symphonies.

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Saturday

8
March 2025

3:00pm Matinee

Westmorland Hall | Kendal Leisure Centre

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DISGUISES, DECEPTIONS AND THWARTED LOVE

Toby Hession, conductor Jane Burnell, soprano Cara Blaikie, mezzo soprano Colin Murray, baritone

ROSSINI | Overture to *The Barber of Seville* **VARIOUS** | A selection of operatic favourites

WAGNER | Siegfried Idyll GOUNOD | Symphony No. 1



Following the Overture to the Barber of Seville, we will hear a selection of operatic favourites.

The Siegfried Idyll was composed by Wagner as a birthday present to his second wife, Cosima, after the birth of their son Siegfried in 1869. It was first performed on Christmas morning, 25 December 1870, by a small ensemble of the Tonhalle Orchester Zürich on the stairs of their villa at Tribschen (Lucerne)

Gounod's two symphonies were written in 1855. The first inspired his young pupil, George Bizet, to write his own symphony in C in the same year. His symphonies are full of joie de vivre, and follow a classical model. Mendelssohn is usually cited as the strongest influence, but distant echoes of Schubert, Beethoven and Haydn can also be heard.

Free pre-concert 'In Conversation' talk at 2:00 pm

Wednesday

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January 2025

1:00pm

Kendal Town Hall

All tickets £10 £5 U19s w FTS

Martin Hughes, violin Fay Sweet, viola Deborah Findley, cello

A string trio; some of Lakeland Sinfonia's finest players will entertain you with an instantly appealing range of music including contrasting characters and genres.

Tea/Coffee/Biscuits available at 11:45 am (£2 per person)











Daniel Crompton, cello

A mix of famous solo baroque cello pieces, well-known classics, own compositions, and a personal musical insight into playing in professional orchestras.

Light lunches/refreshments available beforehand in the Old Laundry cafeteria

Wednesday

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February 2025

1:00pm

Bowness Old Laundry Theatre

All tickets £10 £5 U19s and FTS







Ursula Leveaux, bassoon

A theatrical bassoon recital, including an own composed/curated piece embracing baroque, folk and improvised music, and a witty and moving piece by John Steinmetz for bassoon and narrator, 'What Can I Do'.

Light lunches/refreshments available beforehand in the Old Laundry cafeteria Wednesday

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March 2025

1:00pm

Bowness Old Laundry Theatre

All tickets £10 £5 U19s and FTS

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From recent reviews:

What we heard on November 18th in our 400th anniversary concert was an orchestra that can hold its own alongside visiting orchestras, with a consistently high standard of performance throughout the evening.

The concert on Saturday, 9th March, was originally devised to celebrate Beethoven's work in his 250th anniversary year of 2020. Lakeland Sinfonia delivered a confident, technically assured and musically expressive performance of three of Beethoven's masterpieces.

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2024-25 season

Saturday 30 November 2024 Great Hall, Lancaster University

Donizetti, Don Pasquale (concert performance)

Saturday 1 March 2025 Great Hall, Lancaster University

Mozart, Piano Concerto in D minor Shostakovich, Symphony no. 5

Saturday 21 June 2025 Ashton Hall, Town Hall, Lancaster

Stölzel, 'City Beautiful' Barber, Violin Concerto Dvorak, New World Symphony

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Sunday December 8th 2024 at 3:00pm

A Family Christmas Concert including: Scary Fairy saves Christmas - Farrington

Tam O'Shanter - Arnold

Mother Goose Suite - Ravel

Saturday March 29th 2025 at 7:30pm

Weber - Der Freischutz Overture Sibelius - Violin Concerto, Leora Cohen - Soloist Tchaikovsky - Symphony No.6 "Pathétique"

Saturday June 14th 2025 at 7:30pm

Verdi - La Forza del Destino Overture Stravinsky - The Firebird Suite Shostakovich - Symphony No.5

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Season 2024/25

Melvin Tay - Conductor





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WE OFFER GOLD, SILVER AND BRONZE MEMBERSHIP

The annual membership for **BRONZE** Members is £10 (single) or £20 (joint). Bronze members enjoy these benefits:

- Priority booking to secure the best seats
- Invitations to rehearsals
- Discounts on tickets rising from 5% (2 concerts) to 12.5% (full season)
- Meet like-minded concert-goers
- Help to support us

The annual membership for SILVER Members is £80 (single) or £120 (joint).

They enjoy these additional benefits:

- Greater discounts on tickets rising from 10% (2 concerts) to 25% (full season)
- Exclusive newsletters
- Post concert social events
- Opportunities to meet top conductors and soloists
- Be consulted about concerts

Sponsoring our orchestra and concert series is a unique opportunity to support a key part of Lakeland's artistic heritage. **GOLD** Members make a **minimum annual donation of £1000**.

In addition to the Silver Members' benefits, the following apply to GOLD members:

- Consultation on key proposals
- First choice of seating at all concerts before Silver/Bronze booking opens
- VIP ticketing service
- VIP seating and reception for your guests at your chosen concert
- · Be listed as a sponsor on the programme of your chosen concert
- · Advertising opportunities for individuals or businesses



MAKE A DONATION

Income from ticket sales is only about 50% of the costs of the concerts. Donations help us afford performers' fees and expenses, venue and instrument hire, insurance, advertising, IT, printing etc. We welcome all donations, however small.

Go to www.lakelandsinfonia.org.uk if you would like to make a donation.

WHY VOLUNTEER?

Our loyal and enthusiastic volunteers help at concerts, by distributing leaflets, and by encouraging friends and colleagues to come to concerts. We can always use your help even for an hour or two occasionally, and we are a friendly bunch. You'll have the satisfaction of helping to ensure that Lakeland Sinfonia continues to run smoothly for the benefit of music lovers in Westmorland and the wider region.

If you are still at school or college, or under 19 ask about volunteering as one of our Youth Ambassadors to help at concerts. Youth Ambassadors who volunteer with Lakeland Sinfonia enjoy free seats and find the customer facing experience helps with career choices, their CV and award schemes such as the Duke of Edinburgh's award.

Visit www.lakelandsinfonia.org.uk for further details or email: contact@lakelandsinfonia.org.uk





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