

2026-27

Lakeland Sinfonia

AND

Live & Local Concerts



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Welcome to **Lakeland Sinfonia's** brilliant 2026-27 season of **Orchestral Concerts**, **Live & Local** recitals, and associated musical events taking place in Kendal, South Lakeland and beyond. We are very excited about our musical offering in the coming season and invite you to our top-quality concerts with leading conductors and soloists. All who have caught an early glimpse of our programmes have expressed a real interest in the repertoire and artists and marvelled at our initiatives in bringing niche **Live & Local** musical events to some of South Lakeland's smaller, but equally deserving communities.

We welcome back **Anna Castro Grinstein** after her highly successful conducting debut last season, and we have invited another young prize-winning conductor, Canadian **Riley Court-Wood**, who is making international waves conducting Japan's NHK Symphony Orchestra and the German Symphony Orchestra in Berlin. **Wyn Davies** is at the helm for our final concert, which celebrates the bicentenary of Beethoven's death with a performance of his wonderful Violin Concerto with highly talented **Cristian de Sá** as soloist. One of Britain's top wind instrumentalists, our very own **Ursula Leveaux**, plays Mozart's Bassoon Concerto, **Dominic Degavino**, who delighted listeners previously, performs Mendelssohn's Piano Concerto in D minor, and oboist **Anna Powell** performs a French rarity, "The Flower Clock", by Jean Françaix.

Lakeland Sinfonia **needs you** to play your part in our continuing story, for without your participation, Kendal and South Lakeland could be denied the continued presence of an outstanding ensemble that has served this region with distinction. We are proud of our recent notable achievements, including an ongoing, highly successful education project, which has been supported financially by the Cumbria Community Foundation through the Catherine Alexander Grassroots Fund. Please get in touch with us by email (contact@lakelandsinfonia.org.uk) if you would like to become a **Patron**, sponsor the orchestra by **making a donation** or help the orchestra by becoming a **Trustee** or a **Volunteer**. Do come and support us, and please spread the word. I'm sure that you won't be disappointed!

Martin Hughes, Artistic Director, Lakeland Sinfonia

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A portrait of Ursula Leveaux, a woman with long, dark, wavy hair, wearing a black top. She is smiling slightly and looking towards the camera. The background is a blurred outdoor setting with architectural elements.

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Ursula Leveaux bassoon
Anna Castro Grinstein
conductor

HAYDN | Symphony No. 84 in E flat major, Hob. I:84

MOZART | Bassoon Concerto in B flat major, K. 191

CLAUDIA MONTERO | "Ausencias"

MOZART | Symphony No. 40 in G minor, K. 550

We eagerly await the return of Argentinian-born Anna Castro Grinstein to conduct our first concert in an exciting programme of masterworks of the Classical period. International bassoonist, Ursula Leveaux is our soloist in Mozart's lyrical but surprisingly agile Bassoon Concerto, whilst Anna Castro brings the tango-infused music of her homeland to Kendal! Mozart's great fortieth Symphony in G minor brings this concert to a close.

Free pre-concert talk at 6:30pm

Saturday

10

October

7:30pm

**Kendal Parish
Church**

£22

£5 U19s

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Saturday

27

February

7:30pm

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Dominic Degavino piano Riley Court-Wood conductor

FANNY MENDELSSOHN | Overture in C major, H. 265

FELIX MENDELSSOHN | Piano Concerto No. 2 in D minor,
Op. 40

MALCOLM ARNOLD | Serenade for small orchestra, Op. 26

FELIX MENDELSSOHN | Symphony No. 4 in A major,
"Italian", Op. 90

Don't miss rising star, Canadian conductor, Riley Court-Wood leading Lakeland Sinfonia in a superb programme devoted mainly to the Mendelssohns! Fanny's brilliantly energetic Overture in C and two masterworks by Felix, the second Piano Concerto and "Italian" Symphony, feature. Piano soloist, Dominic Degavino, returns to Kendal to play the concerto, and Malcolm Arnold's rarely heard Serenade for small orchestra provides a musical foil.

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Cristian de Sá violin
Anna Powell oboe
Wyn Davies conductor

HAYDN | Symphony No 101 in D major "The Clock", Hob. I:101

JEAN FRANÇAIX | "The Flower Clock" (1959)

BEETHOVEN | Violin Concerto in D major, Op. 61

We commemorate the bi-centenary of Beethoven's death in our closing concert. Our wonderful Wyn Davies conducts and Cristian de Sá returns to play the mighty Violin Concerto. Since his Lakeland Sinfonia debut in 2024, Cristian has commenced a recording career with Chandos Records and will be performing the Beethoven with the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra. Haydn's famous "Clock" Symphony is paired with a botanical clock, "L'Horloge de Flore", by Jean Françaix for oboe and orchestra, played by Lakeland Sinfonia principal, Anna Powell. Can you remember where you first heard this enchanting music?!

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Saturday

8

May

7:30pm

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Wednesday

25

November

1:00pm

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Church

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Martin Hughes violin David Murray piano

JEAN-MARIE LECLAIR | Sonata No.7 in G major for violin and continuo, Op. 9

MAURICE RAVEL | Sonata No.1 for violin and piano (published posthumously in 1975)

CÉSAR FRANCK | Sonata for violin and piano in A major

Lakeland Sinfonia's Artistic Director, Martin Hughes, and duo partner, David Murray, return this season with a diverse programme of French sonatas for violin and piano which takes in the Baroque and Romantic periods. A delightful Leclair sonata is followed by Ravel's first sonata in A minor, which was composed in 1897, but lay unpublished until 1975. The main work in the concert is César Franck's wondrous Sonata in A, composed in 1886 as a wedding present for his friend, Eugène Ysaÿe.

Tea, coffee and biscuits available from 12pm

Live & Local

Lakeland Sinfonia Soloists' Ensemble

**Bradley Creswick, Martin
Hughes, Louise Latham** violins
Deborah Thorne cello

BACH | Concerto for two violins in D minor, BWV 1043

PACHELBEL | Canon and Gigue in D major

VIVALDI | Winter and Spring from The Four Seasons

CORELLI | Christmas Concerto, Op. 68

Why not take a break from the Christmas rush and join us for a festive concert featuring some of the best-loved music of the Baroque era? Bradley Creswick, brilliant and engaging violinist and an old friend of Lakeland Sinfonia, performs Vivaldi's Winter – depicting icy winds, chattering teeth and the glow of a warm fire - and Spring, with the promise of the return of new life.



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Friday

18

December

1:00pm

Victoria Hall,
Grange-over-
Sands

£12

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Wednesday

3

February

1:00pm

The Victoria
Wood Theatre,
Bowness

£12
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Live & Local

Ursula Leveaux and Fredrik Holm bassoons

Bassooner Better than Later!

Fredrik and Ursula present an entertaining programme of music from Baroque to Contemporary, which demonstrates the versatility and expressive qualities of the bassoon, as well as the simple joy of making music with friends.



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Louise Latham violin Fay Sweet viola

BACH | Two-Part Inventions

MOZART | Duo No.2 in B flat major, K. 424

SUK | Melodie

MARTINU | Madrigal No.1

SHEARING | Lullaby of Birdland

BRUNI | Duo Concertant Op. 25, No.1 in D major

HANDEL/HALVORSEN | Passacaglia

The voices of the violin and its big sister, the viola, create a perfect blend in this concert, which explores music from across Europe and beyond, including Mozart's second duet for this combination, with its sublime slow movement and playful variations, Handel's Passacaglia, in this virtuosic reworking by Johan Halvorsen, and a dash of folk and jazz thrown in for good measure!

Wednesday

14

April

1:00pm

The Victoria
Wood Theatre,
Bowness

£12
£5 U19s

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Live & Local

Lakeland
MUSIC



Lakeland Sinfonia in partnership with St. Joseph's R.C. Church Wrightington and The Victoria Wood Theatre Bowness

Saturday

24

October

7:00pm

St. Joseph's
R.C. Church,
Wrightington

£15

Lakeland Sinfonia Soloists' Ensemble

Bradley Creswick and Martin Hughes violins
Laurie Ashworth soprano

PACHELBEL | Canon and Gigue in D major

BACH | Concerto for two violins in D minor, BWV 1043

PURCELL | Three Parts on a Ground

VIVALDI | Nulla in mundo pax sincera

VIVALDI | The Four Seasons

Please contact John on **07831 461860** to reserve tickets.

Payment on collection – cash only please. Doors open at 6:30pm.



Wednesday

11

November

7:30pm

The Victoria
Wood Theatre,
Bowness

£15

A Celebration of Armistice Day

Join us for an evening of reflection, remembrance and music as we mark Armistice Day with a special programme of film, spoken word and live performance, including music from **Lakeland Sinfonia Ensemble** and **Burnside Brass Band**, and a remarkable and previously unseen colour film made in 1940-41, featuring scenes from wartime Britain.

Please visit The Victoria Wood Theatre website to book
www.victoriawoodtheatre.com or phone **015395 40872**

A hearty wartime-themed pie supper is available before the show (pre-booking essential).

Booking your tickets

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- **Book Free online at www.lakelandsinfonia.org.uk**
 - **Book by Phone – 0330 010 1761**
9.00 to 17.00, Mon – Fri, (£2.10 fee applies)
 - **Buy tickets on the door, subject to availability**

Ticket Prices

- **Lakeland Sinfonia,**
£22 per concert, £60 for all three orchestral concerts
- **Live & Local,**
£12 per concert, £40 for all four concerts
- **Under 19s, all tickets £5**

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