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Join us this Autumn for a vibrant season of performances.

'The Big Strings Weekend' (17-19 Oct) throws open the doors to young string players to hear, learn from and play with some of the best in the business. From rising star Latvian violinist Roberts Balanas to the Carducci Quartet, and musicians from BBC National Orchestra of Wales. Come and join the fun!

For families, Little Angel Theatre return with an adaptation of Julia Donaldson's 'The Paper Dolls', The Paper Cinema presents 'Short Tales from Other Worlds' and the College becomes home to a series of 'Little Concerts' for under 10s.

This year, we mark the centenary of the great Welsh actor Richard Burton with a new production of 'Hamlet', the role which made him famous on stage and film. Plus, a special screening of the film 'Mr Burton', featuring Toby Jones, charts his early life.

Sir Bryn Terfel presents the inaugural edition of his eponymous Song Prize which will see some of the best young singers from across the UK's conservatoires compete.

We've an exceptional range of artists across the season. The irrepressible trombonist Dennis Rollins with our jazz ensemble brings a funk fuelled flavour to your favourite Beatles songs in R&Beatles. Homegrown talents include Catrin Finch, VRI, Alaw, Angharad Jenkins and many more, as well visitors from further afield including pianists Tamara Stefanovich and Clare Hammond, Scottish jazz pianist Fergus McCreadie and award-winning English folk singer June Tabor.

This Christmas, 'The Adventures of David Copperfield' will be a spectacle to behold. And our ever-popular 'WNO Opera Gala' and 'Christmas on Broadway' ensures your festive season is complete.

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AmserJazzTime

26 Sep-12 Dec
5.30pm
Every Friday
Evening

The perfect way to start your weekend. Join us for our weekly jazz club, featuring two bands each week, it draws on some of Wales' most exciting musicians.

Carne Foyer

Classical Café

9 & 16 Oct
13 & 27 Nov
11 Dec 6pm

Join us in our classical cafe, where small scale performances from our talented musicians are on the menu.

Carne Foyer

Cabaret at the College

Wed 15 Oct & Wed
26 Nov 6pm

Join us for a selection of vocal treats from the musicals performed by our musical theatre singers.

Carne Foyer



Sound Bar

Thu 23 Oct &
Thu 4 Dec 6pm

A chance to hear new works from our promising young composers.

Carne Foyer

Giant Paper Sculptures

Mon 13 Oct -
Tue 25 Nov

Incredible creations from our theatre designers in our annual exhibition, this year inspired by renowned Welsh artist Christopher Williams in collaboration with Awen: Maesteg Town Hall.

Linbury Gallery



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Our Café Bar offers a wide range of food, cakes and drinks, and is open pre-show and during the interval. Look out for our Drink & Snack Combo.



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Constellations

Hamlet

Sat 25–Thu 30 Oct
7.15pm
Wed 29 Oct 2pm

Corruption and deceit are rife in this Shakespearean tragedy. The voice of Hamlet's father wants vengeance for his murder. Revenge is sought, and in contemplating life and death, the famous question is asked.

In the centenary year of Richard Burton, the College explores the many faces of Hamlet, celebrating this iconic actor's most famous role.

By **William Shakespeare**
Director **Joanna Bowman**

Richard Burton Theatre
£9-£18

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Pomona

Fri 24–Thu 30 Oct
7.45pm
Tue 28 Oct 2pm

All roads lead to Pomona. Ollie's sister is missing. In a desperate search, she finds an abandoned concrete island in the heart of Manchester. Here, journeys end and nightmares are born. A sinister and surreal thriller.

By **Alistair McDowall**
Director **Kwame Owusu**

Bute Theatre
£8-£16

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Ages
14+

Contains adult themes
May contain strobe
or haze



Romeo & Juliet

The Lonesome West

Thu 23–Thu 30 Oct
7pm
Sat 25 Oct 1.45pm

After the accidental death of their father, brothers Valene and Coleman live out their days in his house in the hills of Connemara. Locked in a battle of sibling rivalry and childish bickering over the most mundane of things, the only person who might save them is their alcoholic parish priest. This award-winning dark comedy is a hilarious and riotous examination of what happens when the modern world leaves you behind.

By **Martin McDonagh**
Director **Patricia Logue**

Caird Studio
£8-£16

The Adventures of David Copperfield

Fri 5–Wed 10 Dec 7pm
Sat 6 Dec 2pm

This Christmas, discover the wonderful adventures of David Copperfield.

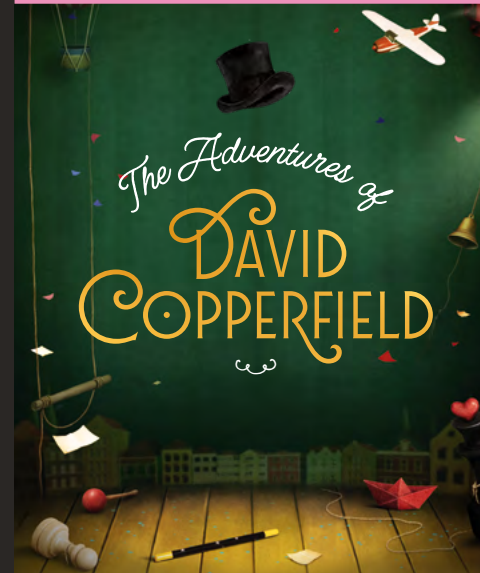
'To begin my life with the beginning of my life, I record that I was born...'

From heartbreak to hilarity, join us on this whistlestop tour of the personal history and observations of David Copperfield. This moving and magical adaptation by Simon Reade enters the semi-autobiographical world of Charles Dickens in a fun filled night at a Victorian music hall.

By **Charles Dickens**
Adapted by **Simon Reade**
With Songs by **Chris Lerner**
Director **Jac Ifan Moore**

Bute Theatre
£9-£18

Schools performance:
Wed 10 Dec, 10.30am



Romeo & Juliet



Antigone

Tartuffe, The Imposter

Sat 6–Thu 11 Dec 7.15pm
Tue 9 Dec 2pm

Orgon has everything: the beautiful family, money and power. When he lets the pious imposter, Tartuffe, into his life, deception, seduction and chaos enters too. But what is truth and what is fiction, and is this stranger the villain that he appears to be? John Donnelly's ferocious version of Molière's comic masterpiece looks at the lengths we go to find meaning.

By **Jean Baptiste Molière**
In a version by **John Donnelly**
Director **Claire Brown**

Richard Burton Theatre
£8-£16

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Theatre Re: Moments

Sat 27 Sep 7.30pm

One of the UK's leading visual theatre companies, Theatre Re recombines original live music with striking visual performance to create deeply moving non-verbal productions about universal human challenges and the fragility of life. Weaving personal stories with theatrical imagination, Moments explores the key midlife experience of losing a parent, whilst also becoming and being a parent to the next generation.

Richard Burton Theatre
£8- £16

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The Paper Cinema: Short tales of other worlds

Fri 3 Oct 7.15pm

Short tales of other worlds; ghosts, dreams and the supernatural. Fascinating and imaginative storytellers, The Paper Cinema create extraordinary, magical worlds with vivid pen and ink drawings, puppetry, and a treasure trove of acoustic and electronic sounds. Performed by two puppeteers and a multi-instrumentalist, The Paper Cinema return to their 'out-of-a suitcase' origins to delight you with atmospheric tales of ghosts, dreams and the supernatural.

Richard Burton Theatre
£8-£16

Ages
8+

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Dai Cula - Prince of the Valleys

9-11 Oct 7.30pm

BSL Performance: 9 Oct

Black RAT Productions and Blackwood Miners' Institute present a new comedy by Richard Tunley.

After binge-watching Who Do You Think You Are? Count Dracula becomes convinced he's got royal blood. So, he orders a flat-pack coffin off Temu, books himself an Airbnb, and sets off for the Black Forest... only to land in the South Wales Valleys! A fang-filled spoof bursting with laughs, Valleys pride, and a touch of garlic.

Richard Burton Theatre
£15-£17

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Richard Burton 100

Thu 30 Oct



Join us this autumn in celebrating the centenary of Richard Burton's birth and one of the iconic roles that made his name.

The College proudly associates its work with world-famous actor Richard Burton, after whom its theatre and drama company are named.

Film Screening Mr Burton: 2pm

Some are born great. Some are inspired to be great. The true story of the relationship between Welsh schoolmaster Philip Burton and a wild young schoolboy called Richard Jenkins. £10

Film

Mr Burton Q&A: 4.15pm


Following the screening, go behind the scenes of Mr Burton with director Marc Evans, producer Ed Talfan and composer John Hardy (RWCMD's Head of Composition) presented by Tim Rhys-Evans. Free with Mr Burton film ticket

Hamlet: 7.15pm

The Richard Burton Company present the Shakespearean tragedy that became Burton's most famous role.

£9-£18

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'The interaction is just amazing. Short pieces... activities involving things they can play with. It's really, really good.'

A Parent

Little Concerts Series

11am & 2pm

Join our brilliant musicians in a joyful hour of exciting music making designed around the learning styles of our youngest audience members.

Harp Hurrah!

Sat 15 Nov 2025

Bassoon in the Room!

Sat 28 Mar 2026

Percussion Playground!

Sat 27 Jun 2026

Seligman Studio

£7

Ages 0-10

Little Angel Theatre: The Paper Dolls

Sat 22 Nov 10am & 12pm
Sun 23 Nov 11am & 2pm

A Little Angel Theatre and Polka Theatre co-production, based on the original book by Julia Donaldson and Rebecca Cobb.

When a little girl cuts out a string of paper dolls, she takes them by the hand and together they go on a fantastical adventure whirling through their home and garden. Ticky, Tacky, Jackie the Backie, Jim with two noses and Jo with the bow fly through time and tear across worlds of fun and excitement.

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£7.50 child | £10 adult

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Ages 3-8

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The Big Strings Weekend

Hello, I'm Simon Jones, Head of String Performance at RWCMD, and I am delighted to invite you to our Big Strings Weekend. We have an exciting and busy schedule, designed to celebrate the amazing versatility of stringed instruments with classical to contemporary music, jazz to folk, and even some Queen and Billie Eilish thrown in!

Who are the guest artists taking part?

We have an extraordinary lineup of artists with something for everyone. The superb technical control and unique creative artistry of, Latvian YouTube sensation **Roberts Balanas (Sat 18 Oct)** will combine classical and pop, and acoustic with electronic effects. From Steve Reich and Arvo Pärt to Billie Eilish and Queen, we're particularly excited that he's creating

some new arrangements which will involve some of our own string students. Our superbly versatile and wonderful String Quartet in Residence, **The Carducci Quartet (Fri 17 Oct)** return, and this time will take us on a journey across the world, from European folk tales to rhythms of South America.

Our lunchtime concerts will feature **Jacob Shaw (Fri 17 Oct)** – the founder of the Scandinavian Cello School,

which went viral following its front cover of the New York Times - with **RWCMD String Soloists** in a vibrant programme including Giovanni Sollima's amazing Violoncelles, Vibrez! And double bassist **Yuri Goloubev** gives us a taste of classical with jazz improvisation combined in his lunchtime recital with Italian pianist **Simone Locarni**.

Are there free events as part of the weekend?

There will be a whole host of free performances. One not to miss - Jazz violinist **Dominic Ingham**, who is a firmly established voice on the UK jazz scene, will lead an extra **AmserJazzTime**, featuring performers from our jazz department. And right across the weekend, the Carne Foyer will play host to coffee morning and lunchtime concerts - open to all!

How can people join in across the weekend?

Budding young string players can join in with a whole range of workshops, talks and taster sessions. Come and try your hand at the viola or double bass or join us for **The Big Play!** (full details page 26).

There is something for everyone in The Big Strings Weekend. I look forward to seeing you there!



Simon Jones

October 2025

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The Big Strings Weekend

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Carducci Caravan

Fri 17 Oct 7.30pm

Embark on a folk-inspired musical journey around the world with the renowned Carducci Quartet. This vibrant programme weaves together traditional airs and dances from diverse cultures, paired with evocative works by Dvořák, Elgar, Haydn, Glass, Piazzolla, Puccini, and more.

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Roberts Balanas



Roberts Balanas @ RWCMD Strings

Sat 18 Oct 7.30pm

Young Latvian violinist, Roberts Balanas, has developed a huge following online for his seamless melding of classical and rock, drawing attention from the likes of Elton John and Pink Floyd. And this programme will be no different! In a special arrangement, Balanas marks 50 years since the release of Queen's Bohemian Rhapsody (which was famously recorded at Rockfield Studios in Monmouth, Wales).

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Lunchtime Concerts

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Jacob Shaw @ RWCMD String Soloists

Fri 17 Oct 1.15pm

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Yuri Goloubev @ Simone Locarni

Sat 18 Oct 1pm

Weston Gallery
£6-£10

Carne Foyer Free Events

Sat 18 Oct

Coffee Concert
10am

AmserJazzTime Special with jazz violinist Dominic Ingham
6pm

Sun 19 Oct

Coffee Concert
10am

Lunchtime Concert
1pm

Nova Music: Scenes from Under Milk Wood

Sun 7 Sep 3pm

Nova Music Opera presents a brand-new music-theatre work by Ninfea Cruttwell-Reade. Based on Dylan Thomas' masterpiece, Cruttwell-Reade has devised an innovative blend of aria, recitative, patter song and spoken word, which creatively bring Thomas' vivid characters to life. Directed by Harvey Evans, the cast includes Rebecca Afonwy-Jones, Thomas Humphreys and David Prince with Nova Music Ensemble, conductor George Vass.

Dora Stoutzker Hall

£5-£22

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Utsav

Sun 7 Sep 4pm

Utsav, derived from the Sanskrit word for 'celebration,' is a vibrant and immersive festival dedicated to showcasing the beauty, depth, and diversity of South Asian classical dance. Bringing together artists and students of Samarpan in Cardiff in a joyful celebration of tradition, creativity, and cultural excellence, the festival will highlight four major classical dance forms of South Asia – Bharatanatyam, Kuchipudi, Kathak, and Odissi.

Richard Burton Theatre

£10-£15



Dennis Rollins & RWCMD Jazz: R&Beatles

Thu 25 Sep 7.30pm

Award-winning musician and RWCMD favourite, Dennis Rollins MBE, returns bringing his unique funky trombone style to the brilliance of The Beatles. From Strawberry Fields to Norwegian Woods to a sky filled with diamonds, RWCMD jazz department come together with Rollins to pay tribute to these four legendary Liverpoolians.

Dora Stoutzker Hall

£8.50-£17



Catrin Finch & Lee House: SATORU

Thu 9 Oct 7.45pm

Step into a realm where sound becomes sensation and music asks the questions words cannot. This immersive performance blends harp with electronic manipulation and spoken word to guide you through a deeply personal, sonic journey. Each note, each phrase is a thread pulling you through mystery, emotion, and revelation. Expect to be stirred, unsettled, and transformed.

Dora Stoutzker Hall

£8.50-£17

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Blodeugerdd: The Great Welsh Songbook

Fri 10 Oct 7.45pm

Trumpeter Tomos Williams returns with his new project re-imagining music from the Welsh folk tradition. 'Blodeugerdd / The Great Welsh Songbook' comprises a stellar line-up of Welsh jazz musicians: Huw Warren (piano) Paula Gardiner (bass) and Mark O'Connor (drums), create an A-list Welsh jazz rhythm section who'll be joined by Rachel Musson (tenor sax), the brilliant young vocalist Eadyth Crawford and Tomos on trumpet.

Dora Stoutzker Hall

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Martha Masters

Wed 15 Oct 7.30pm

Described by The New York Times as 'Dynamically supple... vivid and assured', American guitarist Martha Masters' playing has a fluidity and warmth which leaves the listener wanting more. From fugue and flamenco to a little touch of Bossa Nova, this programme shows off the guitar in all its greatness.

Weston Gallery

£8.50-£17

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Llŷr Williams: Shostakovich Preludes & Fugues I

Thu 16 Oct 7.30pm


Shostakovich lived and worked under the iron fist of Communism, but no-one could chain his imagination and in his Preludes and Fugues for solo piano it runs free as never before. Over two concerts, RWCMD artist-in-association Llŷr Williams plays all 24 of these extraordinary mini-masterpieces – music that's alive (in Williams's own words) with 'a remarkable scope of colours and moods and a profound depth of emotion'.

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*Full price only



Llŷr Williams



Ant Law: Unified Theories

Thu 23 Oct 7.30pm

Leading guitarist Ant Law is 'a game changer' and 'an innovator' as described by The Guardian. Unified Theories is Law's ambitious new album marking the start of a brand-new lineup. Featuring Will Vinson (alto sax) who returns to Britain after decades at the forefront of the New York jazz scene, one of Europe's most versatile and in demand bassists, Ferg Ireland, and Cuban Ernesto Simpson (drums) known for his work with Dizzy Gillespie, Michael Brecker and many more.

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WNO Orchestra: Elizabeth Llewelyn & Jiří Habart

Fri 24 Oct 7.30pm
Sat 25 Oct 2pm

Join Welsh National Opera Orchestra this October for a glorious concert blending wonderful music and song. The celebrated soprano Elizabeth Llewellyn joins WNO Orchestra to sing Wagner's romantic song cycle, Wesendonck Lieder, inspired by five poems reflecting forbidden love and longing. At the podium, the compelling young Czech, Jiří Habart, will conduct Die Ruinen von Athen by Beethoven, Haydn's bold and dramatic overture from Die Schöpfung and Dvořák's joyful Symphony No. 8 - an exuberant celebration of nature and Bohemian spirit.

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Elizabeth Llewellyn

Steinway International Piano Series: Clare Hammond

Sun 26 Oct 11am

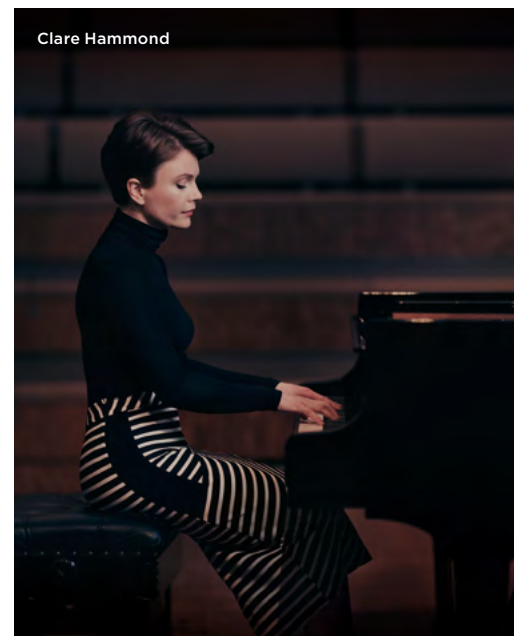
'A dazzling athlete' of the piano – that's how The Guardian describes Claire Hammond, and they're not wrong – there's a special zest and imagination about everything she plays. This morning, inspired by the anniversary of Maurice Ravel, she explores French piano music at its most playful and inventive: a world of sparkling fantasy and intense emotion, evoked by an artist with a special flair for musical storytelling.

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Clare Hammond



Cory Band

Sun 2 Nov 3pm

One of the world's most awarded brass bands returns to its Cardiff home for an unmissable evening of music at RWCMD. Led by their inspirational Musical Director Philip Harper, Cory will perform a bold and varied programme that includes timeless brass band classics, music from the films of John Williams, and showstopping solos from the band's principal players. The evening also features a special appearance by the next generation of brass talent, taking to the stage after a day of workshops with Cory band & RWCMD performers.

Dora Stoutzker Hall
£10-£20



Cory Band

Jazz Promotion Network Showcases

RWCMD together with Cardiff University Music Department is thrilled to host, for the very first time, the Jazz Promotion Network Conference and Showcases in Wales.

Showcase I: Thu 6 Nov 7.15pm

Showcase II: Fri 7 Nov 7.15pm

Join us across two nights, as part of the Jazz Promotion Network Conference, to celebrate the very best jazz artists from across the UK and Ireland. These showcase evenings will play host to a brilliant line-up of artists including Welsh musicians Huw Warren and Angharad Jenkins, who'll present their new duo project 'The Gower Nightingale / Eos Gwyr' (7 Nov) - exploring musical traditions, identity and language with a focus on the Gower and Swansea where both musicians grew up.

Find out more about the conference here:
www.jazzpromotionnetwork.org.uk

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Tickets
£15

Offer: Book both
showcases for just £20

Opera Scenes

Thu 6 Nov 7pm

Fri 7 Nov 2pm

The first public performance of this year's David Seligman Opera School sees the students delve into familiar scenes from well-loved operas alongside spicy slices of lesser-known 20th and 21st century repertoire, ranging from Britten to the present day.

Dora Stoutzker Hall
£7.50-£15

Sir Bryn Terfel Song Prize

Sat 8 Nov 7.30pm

Some of the most promising undergraduate singers from UK conservatoires will compete for the accolade of becoming the first winner of the Sir Bryn Terfel Song Prize. One of the world's most esteemed opera singers and RWCMD's Vice President, Sir Bryn is passionate about his cultural heritage and the artistry of song. He will chair the international panel of expert judges from the world of vocal music and opera.

Dora Stoutzker Hall
£10-£20

The Song Prize is supported by the Foundation that Sir Bryn Terfel has developed in partnership with the College. To support the Foundation, the Song Prize, and the future of Welsh song, please contact development@rwcmd.ac.uk



Sir Bryn Terfel



Quercus: June Tabor, Huw Warren & Iain Ballamy

Thu 13 Nov 7.30pm

Quercus weaves together the essence of folk and jazz. Two-time winner of the BBC Folk Awards Singer of the Year, June Tabor has worked with the likes of Maddy Prior and Oysterband amongst many others. Listed in the BBC's 100 Jazz Legends, Iain Ballamy is one of the UK's most widely celebrated jazz musicians and Welsh pianist Huw Warren's distinctive and enticing music has led to collaborations with the likes of Maria Pia de Vito and Mark Feldman. Together this trio create beautifully poignant music that forges June's passionate voice with mellifluous melodies to tell of life's bittersweet tales.

Dora Stoutzker Hall
£11-£22

Synergedd: ALAW, VRi & Hannah James

Fri 14 Nov 7.30pm

Six extraordinary folk talents from Wales and England join together for a unique and special collaboration. ALAW combine powerful songwriting with original tunes. VRi, two-time winners of Best Album at the Wales Folk Awards, combine the beauty of classical strings with the hedonism of a pub session and Hannah James is a spellbindingly innovative musician, singer and dancer.

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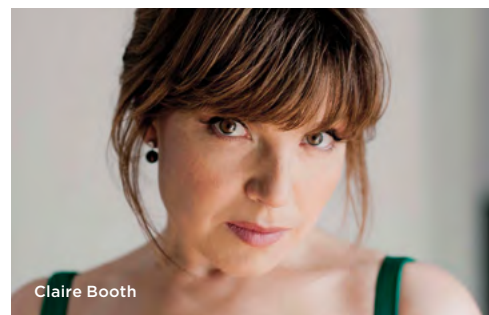
Claire Booth & Ensemble 360: Berio Folk Songs

Thu 20 Nov 7.30pm

Ensemble 360 and soprano, who have forged a dynamic partnership through their performances of Schoenberg's Pierrot Lunaire, now turn their attention to Luciano Berio's quirky and intriguing Folk Songs in the composer's centenary year. From Rebecca Clarke's pastoral-tinged duo for clarinet and viola and Katherine Hoover's evocation of the Hopi people to Ravel's sultry, sun-drenched pictures of Madagascar, folk influences can be heard throughout. Performances of Berio's virtuosic solo Sequenzas sets the scene in the Carne Foyer at 6.30pm.

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Down for the Count Swing Orchestra: Swing Into Christmas

Sun 16 Nov 2.15pm & 6.30pm

Celebrate the festive season in style with the vocalists and instrumentalists of the Down for the Count Swing Orchestra, as they Swing Into Christmas! Directed by conductor Mike Paul-Smith, this 30-piece big band with strings captivates audiences with authentic recreations of Swing Era classics, including I've Got You Under My Skin, The Christmas Song (Chestnuts Roasting) and many more. A joyful celebration of swing and big band music.

Dora Stoutzker Hall
£10-£43

RWCMD Symphony Orchestra: Prodigy

Fri 21 Nov 7.30pm

Prodigious personalities and virtuosic variety characterise an evening of world premieres from RWCMD composers, and Concerto Competition winner Jason Sones performing Liszt's precocious piano concerto.

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Concerto Competition Semi-Final

Tue 25 Nov 6pm

Hear our outstanding soloists perform for the honour of competing in the Spring Concerto Competition final, winning the opportunity to appear as soloist with a major RWCMD ensemble.

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Fergus McCreadie Trio

Sat 22 Nov 7.30pm

With a unique blend of Jazz and Scottish folk, pianist Fergus McCreadie's music captures the hearts and minds of audiences worldwide. Fergus's 2022 album Forest Floor topped the UK Jazz & Blues charts and earned him a 2022 Mercury Prize shortlist nomination and the 2022 Jazz FM Instrumentalist of the Year Award. Fergus McCreadie returns to RWCMD with his trio and latest album 'Stream' which continues his exploration of the nature and landscapes of Scotland.

Dora Stoutzker Hall
£9.25-£18.50

Fibonacci Quartet

Thu 27 Nov 7.30pm

Great things come in small packages - they may only be four musicians but the emotions that the Fibonacci Quartet can create are infinite. Eighteenth century eloquence and wit, untamed passions from the Hungarian countryside, and a Scottish seascape from the extraordinary imagination of Fergus Hall.

Haydn String Quartet Op.33

No.4 in Bb Major

Fergus Hall Three Hours After High Water

Bartók String Quartet No.5

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Sinfonia Cymru, Catrin Finch, Patrick Rimes, Hanan Issa & Only Boys Aloud

Sat 29 Nov 7.30pm

Experience the true spirit of Christmas on one stage as Sinfonia Cymru join forces with harpist Catrin Finch, fiddler Patrick Rimes, National Poet of Wales Hanan Issa and Only Boys Aloud. This unique and bilingual concert blends traditional Welsh Plygain carols,

Christmas favourites and new poetry. Inspired by A Child's Christmas in Wales, it's a joyful and inclusive celebration of Welsh tradition, diversity and the magic of Christmas.

Dora Stoutzker Hall

£10-£20

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Steinway International Piano Series: Tamara Stefanovich

Sun 30 Nov 11am

For Johann Sebastian Bach, music ran in the family, and his sons created some of the innovative (and enjoyable) music of the 18th century. But for Tamara Stefanovich - a pianist who's been described as 'fearless, dazzling, exceptional' - there's more than one side to every musical story, and today she reveals another, captivating side to the genius of Bach: western music's most beautiful mind.

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Noteworthy & Affinity Choirs: Joyful & Triumphant

Fri 19 Dec 7.30pm

A Magical Christmas Concert

Join Noteworthy & Affinity Choirs in an unforgettable evening of festive music celebrating the true spirit of the season. Enjoy a heartwarming programme of seasonal music whether you cherish traditional carols, contemporary classics, or simply the magic of choral music. Come and be 'Joyful and Triumphant!'

Dora Stoutzker Hall

£10-£15



The People's Orchestra & Show Choirs: Something Magical

Sat 20 Dec 4pm

Step into a world of film and fantasy with The People's Orchestra and Show Choirs in their annual performance of Something Magical - first time in Cardiff! Celebrating captivating screen stories with performances from Harry Potter, Paddington Bear and Tangled, this concert has something for family and film lovers alike.

Dora Stoutzker Hall

£15-£21.50 (on sale 5 Sept)

**A Chorus Christmas****Sat 6 Dec 7.30pm**

Welsh National Opera Chorus perform side-by-side with RWCMD singers in a concert of choral repertoire, opera and music for the festive season. Held in the magnificent Tabernacl Chapel, in the centre of Cardiff, the evening will be led by WNO Chorus Master, Freddie Brown and RWCMD Director of Music, Tim Rhys-Evans.

Tabernacl, The Hayes (Cardiff)**£11-£22****WNO Opera Gala****Tue 2 & Wed 3 Dec 7.30pm**

Celebrate the annual coming together of the David Seligman Opera School and Welsh National Opera Orchestra in an evening of sparkle and joy, with scenes and arias showcasing the College's emerging operatic talent.

Conductor James Southall**Dora Stoutzker Hall****£23-£25****Christmas on Broadway****Thu 11 Dec 7.30pm****Fri 12 Dec 2pm & 7.30pm**

Our musical theatre singers take to the Dora Stoutzker stage in a sparkling concert of music and festivities. Join us for timeless classics and favourites from the stage and screen.

Dora Stoutzker Hall**£20-£22****Festive Brass****Fri 12 Dec 1pm**

Don't miss the opportunity to experience the joyful sounds of Christmas with the RWCMD Brass Band, under the direction of Dr. Robert Childs.

BBC Hoddinott Hall (Cardiff Bay)**£5-£8**

Lunchtime Concerts



ORA Singers

ORA Singers: Graduate Composers' Showcase

Fri 3 Oct 1.15pm

ORA Singers & Suzi Digby OBE present their second Graduate Composers' Showcase, platforming another five early-career composers who have been selected from a competitive field of applicants as representatives of the future of choral music.

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Nicholas Daniel

Nicholas Daniel & Catherine Milledge (oboe & piano)

Fri 10 Oct 1.15pm

From the magic and mystery of Britten's Greek myths to the brilliance of turn-of-the-century Paris, it's enchantment all the way.

Britten Six Metamorphoses after Ovid

Rubbra Sonata in C major

Reena Esmail Two movements from Pranayam (Dirgh & Kapalbhathi)

Deslandres Introduction and Polonaise

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Jacob Shaw



Yuri Goloubev

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The Big Strings Weekend

17-18
Oct

Jacob Shaw & RWCMD String Soloists

**Fri 17 Oct
1.15pm**

Jessie Montgomery

Starburst

Caroline Shaw Entr'acte

Carl Philipp Emanuel

Bach Cello Concerto

Giovanni Sollima

Violoncelles, Vibrez!

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Yuri Goloubev & Simone Locarni (double bass & piano)

**Sat 18 Oct
1pm**

The spirit of jazz collides with the music of the baroque and classical era.

Schumann Adagio & Allegro

Bottesini Elegy No.3

Eccles Sonata, Movement 1 (arr. Eddie Gomez / Yuri Goloubev)

Goloubev Lost Romance

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Goloubev Coffee

For Seven

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Lunchtime Concerts

RWCMD Chamber Winds

Fri 24 Oct 1.15pm

Gordon Jacob Old Wine

in New Bottles

Poulenc Sonata for Two Clarinets

Stravinsky Octet

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Connaught Brass

Fri 7 Nov 1.15pm

Connaught Brass seek to redefine how brass chamber music is perceived. Through brand-new commissions by Robin Haigh and Dani Howard, and a commitment to originality, Connaught Brass offer a unique and engaging concert experience.

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RWCMD Brass Band: Celebration

Fri 14 Nov 1.15pm

A menu of British light music from three beloved composers featuring euphonium soloist Oliver Hodgkiss.

Malcolm Arnold Little Suite for Brass No.2

Peter Graham Concerto for Euphonium – Force of Nature

Edward Gregson Partita

[Dora Stoutzker Hall](#)

RWCMD Pianists: Night Music

Fri 28 Nov 1.15pm

Nighttime has always inspired composers, drawn to portray its mystery, romance, danger, or tranquillity. In this concert, RWCMD piano students explore the great richness of nocturnal music for the piano, uncovering its particular beauty and variety.

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RWCMD Harp & Guitar

Fri 5 Dec 1.15pm

A collaborative recital highlighting the shared traditions of the guitar and harp. Featuring 'The Glass Vase with Butterflies' for harp and guitar by American guitarist Anthony Sidney, alongside a selection of solo, and chamber works exploring the reflective character of these instruments.

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RWCMD Harp and Guitar



The Big Strings Weekend

As part of The Big Strings Weekend, budding young string players can join in with a whole range of workshops, classes and taster sessions, including:

- + Workshop with virtuoso violinist Roberts Balanas
- + Workshop with jazz violinist Dominic Ingham
- + Try the Double Bass with bass legend Mary Condliffe
- + Try the Viola with WNO Principal Dunia Ershova
- + Meet National Youth Orchestra of Wales and find out more
- + Learn more about studying at RWCMD
- + Join The Big Play! Perform with musicians from BBC National Orchestra of Wales

To take part, sign up at:
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The Big Play!

Sun 19 Oct 4pm

In the finale of The Big Strings Weekend, musicians of BBC National Orchestra of Wales present a concert with young performers (grade 3+) who've joined workshops across the weekend.

Dora Stoutzker Hall

Free

Suitable for Grade 3+

Cory Band Side-by-Side Day

Sun 2 Nov 9am -3pm

We invite young brass band musicians to our Sunday side-by-side day with Cory Band and RWCMD students. You will rehearse with these incredible musicians in the morning, and play a pre-concert performance as well as performing on stage with Cory Band during the afternoon concert (see page 16).

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Suitable for Grade 5+

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7 Medi Sep		Utsav	Theatr Richard Burton Theatre
25 Medi Sep		Dennis Rollins & RWCMD Jazz: R&Beatles	Neuadd Dora Stoutzker Hall
26 Medi Sep - 12 Rhag Dec		AmserJazzTime	Cyntedd Carne Foyer
27 Medi Sep		Theatre Re: Moments	Theatr Richard Burton Theatre
3 Hyd Oct		ORA Singers: Graduate Composers' Showcase	Neuadd Dora Stoutzker Hall
3 Hyd Oct		The Paper Cinema: Short tales of other worlds	Theatr Richard Burton Theatre
9 Hyd Oct		Classical Café Caffi Clasurol	Cyntedd Carne Foyer
9 Hyd Oct		SATORU: Catrin Finch & Lee House	Neuadd Dora Stoutzker Hall
9 - 11 Hyd Oct		BLACKRAT: Dai Cula Prince of the Valleys	Theatr Richard Burton Theatre
10 Hyd Oct		Nicholas Daniel	Neuadd Dora Stoutzker Hall
10 Hyd Oct		Blodeugerdd: The Great Welsh Songbook	Neuadd Dora Stoutzker Hall
13 Hyd Oct - 25 Tach Nov		Giant Paper Sculptures	Galeri Linbury Gallery
15 Hyd Oct		Cabaret at the College Cabaret yn y Coleg	Cyntedd Carne Foyer
15 Hyd Oct		Martha Masters	Galeri Weston Gallery
16 Hyd Oct		Classical Café Caffi Clasurol	Cyntedd Carne Foyer
16 Hyd Oct		Llŷr Williams: Shostakovich Preludes & Fugues I	Neuadd Dora Stoutzker Hall
17 Hyd Oct		Jacob Shaw & RWCMD String Soloists	Neuadd Dora Stoutzker Hall
17 Hyd Oct		Carducci Caravan	Neuadd Dora Stoutzker Hall
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18 Hyd Oct		AmserJazzTime with Dominic Ingham	Cyntedd Carne Foyer
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19 Hyd Oct		The Big Play! Y Perfformiad Mawr!	Neuadd Dora Stoutzker Hall
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23 Hyd Oct		Ant Law: Unified Theories	Neuadd Dora Stoutzker Hall
23 - 30 Hyd Oct		The Lonesome West	Stwdio Caird Studio
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24 & 25 Hyd Oct		WNO Orchestra: Elizabeth Llewellyn & Jiri Habart	Neuadd Dora Stoutzker Hall
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26 Hyd Oct		Steinway International Piano Series: Clare Hammond	Neuadd Dora Stoutzker Hall
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2 Tach Nov		Cory Band	Neuadd Dora Stoutzker Hall
6 & 7 Tach Nov		Opera Scenes Golygfeydd Opera	Neuadd Dora Stoutzker Hall
6 Tach Nov		Jazz Promotion Network Showcase I	Neuadd Dora Stoutzker Hall
7 Tach Nov		Jazz Promotion Network Showcase II	Neuadd Dora Stoutzker Hall
7 Tach Nov		Connaught Brass	Neuadd Dora Stoutzker Hall
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13 Tach Nov		Quercus: June Tabor, Huw Warren & Iain Ballamy	Neuadd Dora Stoutzker Hall
14 Tach Nov		RWCMD Brass Band: Celebration	Neuadd Dora Stoutzker Hall
14 Tach Nov		Synergedd: ALAW, VRI & Hannah James	Neuadd Dora Stoutzker Hall
15 Tach Nov		Little Concerts: Harp Hurrah!	Stwdio Seligman Studio
16 Tach Nov		Down for the Count Swing Orchestra: Swing Into Christmas	Neuadd Dora Stoutzker Hall
120 Tach Nov		Claire Booth & Ensemble 360: Berio Folk Songs	Neuadd Dora Stoutzker Hall
21 Tach Nov		RWCMD Symphony Orchestra Cerdodforia Symffoni CBCDC: Prodigy	Neuadd Dora Stoutzker Hall
22 & 23 Tach Nov		Little Angel Theatre: The Paper Dolls	Theatr Richard Burton Theatre
22 Tach Nov		Fergus McCreadie Trio	Neuadd Dora Stoutzker Hall
25 Tach Nov		Concerto Competition Semi-Final	Neuadd Dora Stoutzker Hall
26 Tach Nov		Cabaret at the College Cabaret yn y Coleg	Cyntedd Carne Foyer
27 Tach Nov		Classical Café Caffi Clasurol	Cyntedd Carne Foyer
27 Tach Nov		Fibonacci Quartet	Neuadd Dora Stoutzker Hall
28 Tach Nov		RWCMD Pianists Pianyddion CBCDC: Night Music	Neuadd Dora Stoutzker Hall
29 Tach Nov		Sinfonia Cymru, Catrin Finch, Patrick Rimes, Hanan Issa & Only Boys Aloud	Neuadd Dora Stoutzker Hall
30 Tach Nov		Steinway International Piano Series: Tamara Stefanovich	Neuadd Dora Stoutzker Hall
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5 - 10 Rhag Dec		The Adventures of David Copperfield	Theatr Bute Theatre
6 - 11 Rhag Dec		Tartuffe, The Imposter	Theatr Richard Burton Theatre
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11 - 12 Rhag Dec		Christmas on Broadway Nadolig ar Broadway	Neuadd Dora Stoutzker Hall
12 Rhag Dec		Festive Brass	BBC Hoddinott Hall, Cardiff
19 Rhag Dec		Noteworthy & Affinity Choirs: Joyful & Triumphant	Neuadd Dora Stoutzker Hall
20 Rhag Dec		The People's Orchestra & Show Choirs: Something Magical	Neuadd Dora Stoutzker Hall
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