



APPRENTICE STRING QUARTET 2024

SOUTHWELL MUSIC FESTIVAL

Southwell Music Festival is a large-scale annual celebration of choral and orchestral music, jazz and folk, music ancient, modern and everything in between. Taking place every August bank holiday, the Festival offers over 30 live, unmissable events in indoor and outdoor locations across the town. The Festival was founded by award-winning international baritone, Marcus Farnsworth, who is the organisation's current Artistic Director. He works closely with our Associate Artistic Director and Orchestra Leader, Jamie Campbell to deliver this top quality, annual celebration.

Resident ensembles the Festival Voices, Sinfonia and Chamber Soloists, are at the heart of the programme and every year the Festival welcomes guest artists and celebrity soloists. Previous guests include Sheku Kanneh-Mason, Anna Lapwood, Martin Roscoe, Roderick Williams, Kathryn Tickell, Jennifer Pike, and Sophie Bevan. You can hear excerpts from previous concerts [here](#).



YOUNG ARTISTS

Southwell Music Festival is committed to developing and supporting the future generation of professional musicians. Every year the Festival welcomes early career singers and instrumentalists to perform alongside its ensembles of top UK professional musicians.

A string quartet is selected every year through an audition process, and alumni from Genesis Sixteen are invited to join us as vocal apprentices. In 2024, these resident ensembles will have the opportunity to perform at our 10th anniversary year, which promises to be a very special occasion.

STRING QUARTET SCHEME

The Apprentice String Quartet will be resident in Southwell between 20th - 26th August 2024.

As part of the residency they will:

- Receive ensemble coaching from our professional chamber musicians
- Perform alongside our Festival Sinfonia in a selection of main programme concerts
- Present their own 60 minute concert as part of our Lunchtime Series
- Receive mentoring from violinist and leader Jamie Campbell

Travel, accommodation and meals are all provided, plus a £300 bursary for each player.

"Southwell Music Festival was a defining experience for us as a quartet. The coachings were so inspiring, and the opportunity to play alongside seasoned professionals in the orchestra was invaluable. We loved the unique setting and the kind, supportive staff and audiences." The Aestus Quartet



APPLICATIONS

To be eligible, applicants should be :

1. Currently enrolled at a music college or university, or have completed studies not before 2023;
2. Free from August 20-26th 2024 inclusive.

If you are interested in applying for the string quartet scheme, please send us the following:

- A link to a video of a recent performance by your quartet featuring two contrasting works, one of which should be by Haydn/Mozart/Beethoven. The recording should have been made within the last 12 months;
- A short biog about your quartet (250 words max);
- A list of possible repertoire that you would like to perform in August 2024.

Applications should be sent to Sarah Rennix at recruitment@southwellmusicfestival.com by Monday 29th January.

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