

The Orchestra

The Academy of St Thomas is Norwich's very own chamber orchestra, highly acclaimed for its performances throughout Norfolk.

The orchestra was founded in 1973 by the late Ivan Cane, and from the very start, has drawn on the talents of teachers, professionally trained musicians and performers from the area, as well as further afield. The orchestra, led by Ben Lowe, is now regarded as one of the country's leading ensembles of its kind.

Christopher Adey

Christopher Adey first conducted the AST in September 1984 and was soon appointed our principal guest conductor.

Under his direction the orchestra has explored some innovative programming, and performances have been highly acclaimed for their exhilarating and high professional standards.

His high regard in the profession has resulted in many superb soloists coming to perform with us and asking to come back again!

Over 33 years, the AST has enjoyed exploring much of the chamber orchestra repertoire as well as introducing some challenging works to Norwich audiences.



Tickets

Available from

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Ticket prices

For all concerts range from £10 - £17
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- 7th September for October 13th

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Academy of St Thomas CONCERTS



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45th Anniversary



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Saturday 3rd March
7.30pm St. Andrew's Hall, Norwich

Beethoven Coriolan Overture
Beethoven Violin Concerto in D major
Schubert Symphony No.9 'The Great'

Amaury Coeytaux - Violin
Christopher Adey - Conductor

Amaury Coeytaux returns to Norwich after his stunning performance of the Brahms Violin Concerto in 2016.

"His poetic interpretation of the established classic delighted the audience". EDP

After 33 years, our principal guest conductor, Christopher Adey will be conducting his final concert with us, concluding with the magnificent 9th Symphony by Schubert.

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Saturday 23rd June
7.30pm Salle Church, Nr Reepham

Mozart Violin Concerto in A major
Bartók Rumanian Folk Dances
Vaughan Williams Dives and Lazarus

Clio Gould
Violin / Director

Clio Gould, Principal Violin of the London Sinfonietta, former leader of the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra and Artistic Director of the Scottish Ensemble, will perform and direct this midsummer programme ideally suited to the ambience and acoustic of Salle Church.

Bring a picnic to enjoy before the concert!



Photo: Johan Persson

Saturday 13th October
7.30pm St. Andrew's Hall, Norwich

Delius The Walk to the Paradise Garden
Elgar Cello Concerto in E minor
Brahms Symphony No.4 in E minor

Richard Harwood - Cello
Benjamin Pope - Conductor

Award-winning cellist Richard Harwood joins the orchestra to perform the wonderful Elgar Cello concerto.

This, the orchestra's 45th anniversary concert will be conducted Benjamin Pope. Equally at home in the concert hall, recording studio, or working in the world's leading opera houses Ben has huge experience of all genres of music.