



Perth Youth Orchestra

Annual Concert

Saturday 12th April 2025

7.30pm

Perth Concert Hall

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Looking forward to having you with us.



President's Welcome

It was an honour to be invited to become President and I welcome you to PYO's 2025 Concert after another very successful music camp.

I am delighted to welcome our new conductor Lorna McGovern who has done an outstanding job since taking on the role in September 2024. As well as a fabulous programme from the orchestra, we look forward to hearing our two soloists Zoë Neave and Kirk Robb, who have worked incredibly hard.

Tonight would not be possible without support from many. The committee is very grateful for the support of the Forteviot Trust, the Gannochy Trust and the individual Friends of Perth Youth Orchestra. Thank you to parents and carers for your dedication and support which is crucial to see our musicians perform at this level.

We are grateful for support from Perth and Kinross Council and this year we thank the many councillors who voted to reverse funding cuts which will hopefully mean continued staffing levels for tutors working with PYO and developing future members of PYO. I would like to acknowledge the tenacity and determination from many of PYO's finest in demonstrating against the proposed cuts to IMS - your passion was instrumental (sorry) in highlighting the reality of the cuts to councillors.

In the last year long term PYO Committee members Susannah Rae and Andrew Mitchell stepped back from committee involvement. Thank you for the many years of sterling work you put into supporting the orchestra.

Finally thanks to you for coming this evening, your support is very much appreciated. Sit back and enjoy the exceptional Perth Youth Orchestra.

Eric Scott
President 2024-25



2025 Soloists and Leader

Kirk Robb

Flute



Kirk has always loved music and began playing a variety of instruments, including trombone, drum kit, guitar, and saxophone.

At Perth Academy, he took lessons in drumming and percussion with Max Popp and joined the award-winning Perth & Kinross Central Groups Percussion Ensemble who are current Scottish Champions and Scottish Ensemble of the Year 2025.

He began flute lessons with Dorothy Purcell. He plays in Central Groups Wind Orchestra and Big Band and joined PYO in 2023, initially filling the role of piccolo player and then progressing on to principal flute and piccolo. His awards include The Stuart McNab Memorial Trophy for Flute and The Louis J. Barnett Trophy for Woodwind.

Kirk joined the Junior Conservatoire of Scotland in August 2024, where he is tutored by Sheena Gordon and plays in the Junior Symphony and Wind Orchestras. He is going on to university this year to study Music.

Kirk chose the Chaminade Concertino for flute because he has been fascinated with it since he started playing the flute. It is a fantastic, challenging piece that shows off the versatility of the instrument.

Zoë Neave

Percussion



Zoë started playing drum kit aged ten with local tutor Guy Bathgate and moved to the IMS under the tutelage of Lynsey Paterson when starting Kinross High School, when she picked up tuned percussion.

She started her Central Groups experience at 14 with Wind Orchestra, adding PYO, the Percussion Ensemble, and Big Band in the following years. These experiences, in combination with pit orchestra opportunities in musical theatre broadened her percussive skills.

Zoë is a staunch advocate of PYO and the IMS and was instrumental in organising student protests of the council's 2024 budget cuts. She is a sixth-year student at Kinross High School planning to study maths and computing at university in the autumn.

Zoë has aspired to perform a concerto since joining PYO. This year, she has worked with Iona Crosby to hone her performance of the third movement of Ziek's concerto for solo percussion and master the many different techniques and instruments used. The dramatic and lively Ziek concerto allows Zoë to showcase a range of percussive instruments with the very talented musicians of PYO.

Douglas Sime

Leader



Douglas began learning piano aged eight and started violin and guitar lessons at Dunning Primary School soon afterwards. Over the past nine years, he has explored both classical and traditional music. He is very grateful to have been taught violin by Joëlle Broad for most of this time – her expert tutelage has been inspirational.

He has been a member of Perth Youth Orchestra for four years and has particularly enjoyed the annual music camps and last year's performance of Bizet's Carmen Suite.

As a traditional musician, Douglas is a member of Blackford Fiddle Group, where he plays regularly with a ceilidh band and tutors the younger members. He took part in the Royal National Mòd in 2022 and was selected to take part in the Scots Fiddle Festival in 2023 and 2024.

Douglas is currently in his final year at The Community School of Auchterarder where he continues to learn violin, guitar, and piano. He will be studying physics at the University of St Andrews next year and plans to continue his passion for music with the university orchestra and local trad sessions.

Programme

English Folk Song Suite

Ralph Vaughan Williams arr. Gordon Jacob

Movements: I – March, II – Intermezzo, III – March

Two Elegiac Melodies for String Orchestra

Eduard Grieg

I – Herzwunden, II – Letzer Fruhling

Performed by Perth Youth Orchestra Strings

Concertino for Flute, Op. 107

Cécile Chaminade

Soloist: Kirk Robb

Berceuse and Finale from The Firebird Suite

Igor Stravinsky arr. Merle Isaac

INTERVAL

Concerto for Percussion Solo

Gary Ziek

Movement III

Soloist: Zoë Neave

Man of Steel

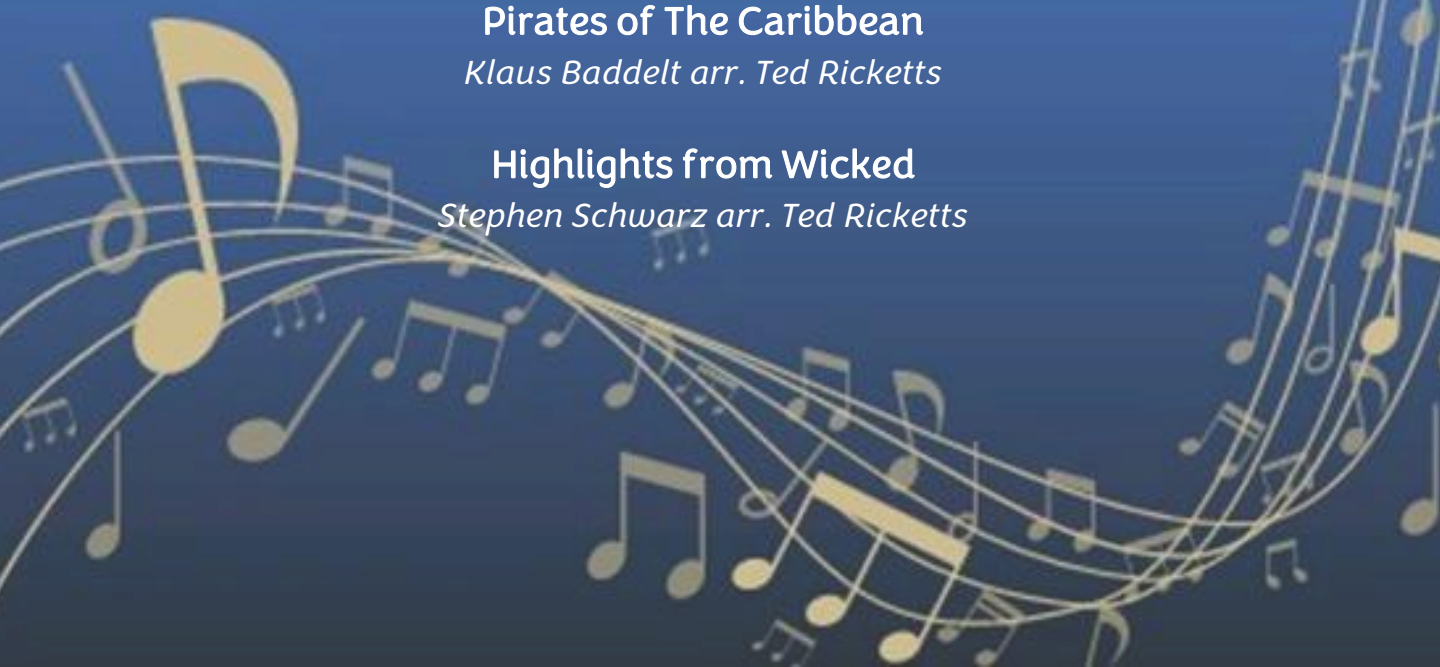
Hans Zimmer arr. Ralph Ford

Pirates of The Caribbean

Klaus Baddelt arr. Ted Ricketts

Highlights from Wicked

Stephen Schwarz arr. Ted Ricketts



Perth Youth Orchestra 2025

Conductor: Lorna McGovern

Violin

Sponsored by

Marjory Watson (leader)

John Mitchell (second violins)

Douglas Sime (Leader)

Martha Harvey

Isabella Chen

Georgina Condon

Nesta Goodacre

Emma Hall

Mhairi Kemp

Jamie Leigh-Henvey

Zoe Leonard

Emily McGregor

Joanyoung Perkins

Julia Pojda

Holly Purton

Sonny Quinn

Finlay Rutherford

Cormac Scrimgeour

Eleanor Teall

Elloise Tweddle

Viola

Sponsored by Prof RA &

Mrs MR Weiss

Leo Chalamanda

Mya Chalmers

Tess Dowse-Moore

Murray Nicholl

Alysia Shepherd

Cello

Mika Wereszczyński

Adam Broad

Tabitha Condon

Ava Grandison

Lauren Hargrave

Roisin Hull

Ellen Lacoux

Double Bass

Sophia Whittall

Horn

Sponsored by

Fiona Drimmie

Lauren Bell

Holly Carnson

Rebecca Eastop

Trumpet

Sponsored by Robert Scott

Libby Boyle

Lucy Douglas

Bethany Rabett

Trombone

Evie Annan

Freddie Cobb

Max Keevash

Tuba

Isaac Chan

Flute

Sponsored by

Henry C. Neill OBE

Kirk Robb

Sarah Kader

Hazel Martin (also saxophone)

Jamie McLeod

Clarinet

Sponsored by Andy & Frances

Turnball

Charlotte Fraser

Bassoon

Shona Rae

Eileen Waterston

Percussion

Sponsored by Andy & Frances

Turnball

Ross Annan

Tilly Law

Zoë Neave

Noah Scott

Piano

Thomas Gregory

PYO members is supported by the tutors and instructors of PKC Instrumental Music Services, on a weekly basis with lessons in schools often starting young people on their musical journey in primary school, at Central Groups and PYO during weekday evenings, and attendance at music camps and concerts.

We are very grateful for their support.

Previous Soloists

1970	Lesley Johnston - piano	1993	Kay Baker - violin	2013	Merran Kay - cello
1971	David Miller - clarinet		Johanna Robertson - flute		Magnus Pickering - trumpet
1972	Clare Almond - violin	1994	Helen Neilson - cello	2014	Murphy Robertson - saxophone
1973	Stuart Duncan - piano	1995	Hilary Moore - piano		Amy Smart - cello
1974	David Armstrong - trumpet	1996	Heather Nicoll - clarinet	2015	Neil Coe - viola
	David Coventry - trumpet		Kirstin Mills - cello		Jamie Salem-Dalgety - oboe
	Alan Haddow - trumpet	1997	Alasdair Beatson - piano	2016	Joseph Pickering - clarinet
1975	Ian Scott - clarinet		Joanna Swingler - horn		Jennifer Whitaker - trumpet
1976	Jane Garvie - oboe		Nicholas Dover - saxophone	2017	Erin Bathgate - horn
1977	Mhairi Gray - violin	1998	Jenny Handford - bassoon	2018	Emma Ritchie - cello
	Margaret Miller - viola		Elizabeth Smith - violin		Sophie Chisholm - xylophone
1978	Sheila Reid - piano	1999	Amy Little - cello		Jessica McFarlane - trumpet
	June Scott - flute		Kimberley Boyle - flute		Shona Rae - bassoon
1979	Frances Patterson - clarinet	2000	Alastair Edmonston - piano	2019	Guy Bathgate - percussion
	Peter Symon - trombone		Andrew Mann - clarinet		Fraser MacDonald - piano
1980	Charles Berthon - violin	2001	Michael O'Donnell - oboe	2020	Maya Christie - violin
1981	Karen Thomson - clarinet		Rowan Hellier - voice	2021	Lewis McGoldrick - piano
	David Bennet - violin	2002	Morag Young - violin	2022	No concert
	Steven Wiggets - oboe		Tom Norris - bassoon		Calista Donald - trombone
1982	Elizabeth-Anne Neil - violin	2003	Anne Williamson - piano		Lorna Rae - trombone
	Scott Mitchell - piano		Hazel Lindsay - saxophone		George Croudace - xylophone
1983	Graeme Hodge - horn	2004	Lawrence O'Donnell - bassoon	2023	Niamh Clark - violin
	Mark Spencer-Bowles - flute		Stephen O'Donnell - flute	2024	Andrew Hart - flute
1984	Laura Ashton - oboe	2005	Fraser Moffat - saxophone		Chloe Moodie - piano
	Katherine Mathieson - clarinet		Catriona Steele - viola		Eva Seba - marimba
1985	Pamela Thorby - treble recorder	2006	Elizabeth Coe - cello		
	Jacqueline Inglis - flute		Rosanna Young - piano		
	Anne McFarlane - horn	2007	Ben Norris - violin		
1986	Fiona Bushby - bassoon		Sean Law - double bass		
	Philippa Gallagher - clarinet	2008	Ruth Lindsay - violin		
1987	Alan Smith - violin		Holly Hunter - piano		
	Philippa Gallagher - piano		Allan Young - electric guitar		
1988	Claire Harkess - viola	2009	Iain Murch - violin		
	Carole Marnoch - voice		Darryl Dick - violin		
	Lindsay Moir - bassoon	2010	Rachel Wilson - cello		
1989	Mary Sharp - flute		Andrew Forbes - piano		
	Heather Nicoll - clarinet		Rachel Steele - cello		
1990	Joanne Gallagher - cello		Finlay Turnbull - xylophone		
	Mark Bousie - piano	2011	Rachael Smart - violin		
1991	Richard Payne - viola		Heather Sadler - clarinet		
	Carol Baker - clarinet	2012	Sandra Scott - oboe		
	Lindsay Kettles - horn		Helena Kay - saxophone		
1992	Heather Wade - piano		Emily Harrison - voice		
	Douglas Waterston - trumpet				



Upcoming events

Perth Festival of the Arts Dedication Service

Perth Youth Orchestra will lead the praise

in St John's Kirk, Perth

Sunday 25th May 2025, 11am

Please be seated by 10.45am

Autumn Concerts

Greyfriars Kirk, Edinburgh

Edinburgh Fringe Festival

Thursday 21st August 2025 at 7.30pm

(Book at the Fringe Box Office or via PYO website)

St John's Kirk, Perth

Sunday 24th August 2025 at 7.30pm

(Book via PYO website)