



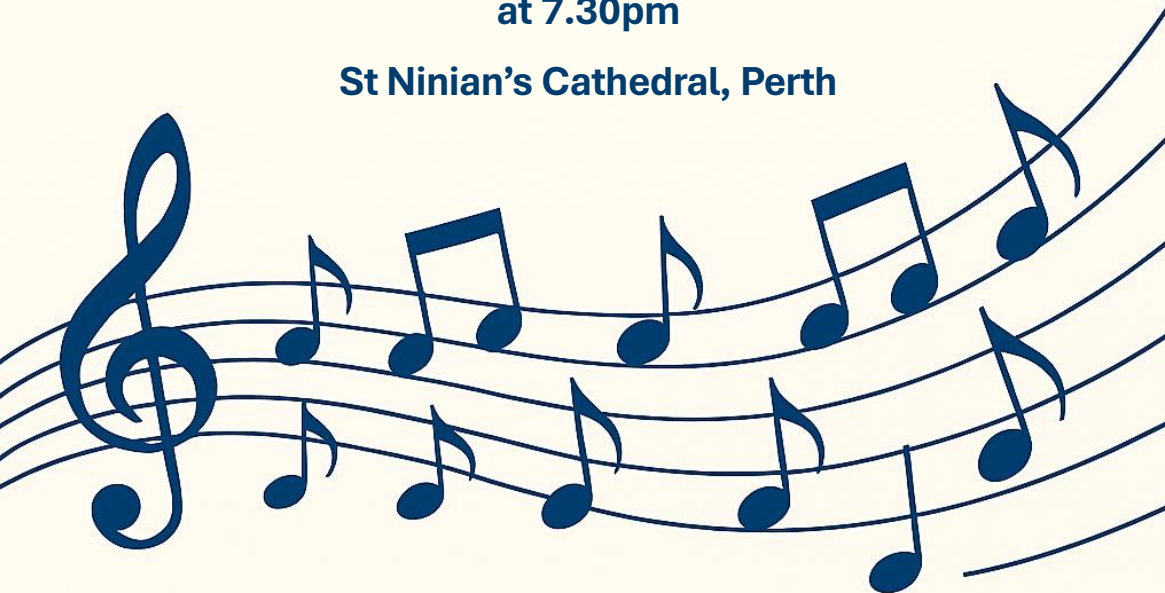
Perth Youth Orchestra

Wednesday 26th August 2026
at 7.30pm

Greyfriars Kirk, Edinburgh

Sunday 30th August 2026
at 7.30pm

St Ninian's Cathedral, Perth



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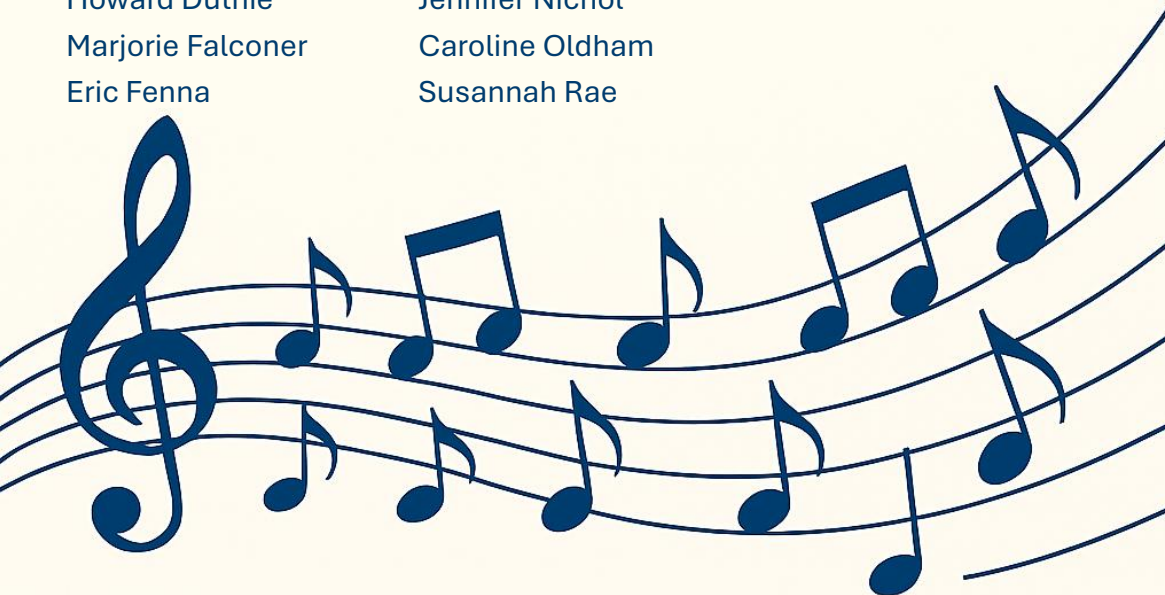
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President's Welcome

On behalf of PYO, welcome to tonight's performance, the final concerts in what has been a very successful 2025/26 session. A year which I am sure will be remembered, amongst other things, for the fabulous collaboration with Waunakee School Orchestra from Wisconsin USA - a night that highlighted cooperation and respect as well as musical ability of both Orchestras.

Tonight, you will enjoy a fabulous programme from the Orchestra, under the leadership of conductor Lorna McGovern. We also look forward to hearing our two soloists, Joe Rogers and Finlay Rutherford, who have both worked incredibly hard on their concertos.

As well as being a night to experience wonderful music, I want to acknowledge the invaluable support from The Forteviot Trust, The Gannochy Trust and the individual Friends of Perth Youth Orchestra. Thanks also to PKC for continued support, particularly the Instrumental Music Service and all the tutors who support PYO.

Thanks also to all the parents and carers for your dedication and support which is crucial if we want to see our young musicians continue to perform at this level in the future.

Finally, thanks to all of you for coming this evening. Your support is very much appreciated. Sit back, enjoy the outstanding Perth Youth Orchestra and applaud loudly at the right times.

Eric Scott
President 2025-26



2026 Soloists and Leader

Joe Rogers: Trumpet



Joe is a 17-year-old trumpet player from the Community School of Auchterarder who has built an impressive musical journey throughout his time in school. He began playing trumpet in Primary 5 at 8 years old and has since become an active member of a range of ensembles within and outside of school, such as his school's Funk band and Wind band, the Central Groups Wind orchestra and the Perth & Kinross Big Band.

At the beginning of March, the Perth & Kinross Big Band won the Scottish Young Musician Ensemble of the Year award, which was a highlight for Joe's musical career. In January, Joe also won first place in the local Rotary Young Musician competition.

Joe is currently finishing his final year of secondary school and is going on to study French and Management at the University of St Andrews in September. He hopes to continue his music through university and remain an active performer throughout his life.

Finlay Rutherford: Violin/Leader

Finlay, a pupil at Kinross High School, was introduced to the violin at primary school by Perth and Kinross Council's Instrumental Music Service. He's enjoyed everything that pathway has provided, starting with the junior string orchestra and progressing steadily to become leader of Perth Youth Orchestra.

He's passionate about all music and performs pieces from Baroque to Beyoncé, as a soloist or in ensembles. A happy accident - entering the wrong category in the annual Perform in Perth festival - opened up the world of traditional music, and Finlay is now part of the acclaimed Shetland-based Hjaltibonhoga group. He toured with them in March and will be recording with them in Shetland this year.



Finlay is also a guitarist and plays in the IMS's percussion ensemble and Big Band and with Fife Youth Jazz Orchestra. At Kinross High School, he's immersed himself in the vibrant music department. He plays in the school ceilidh band, pit band for shows, and supports community visits to places such as Rachel House and local care and sheltered home facilities.

Finlay has another year to complete at school and is looking forward to another exciting year with Perth Youth Orchestra.

Programme

Finlandia

Jean Sibelius

Trumpet Concerto in E Flat Major,
2nd movement

Joseph Haydn
Soloist: Joe Rogers

Simple Symphony: 3rd movement,
Sentimental Sarabande

Benjamin Britten

Czardas for Violin

Vittorio Monti
Soloist: Finlay Rutherford

Symphony No. 1, 4th movement

Johannes Brahms, arr. Vernon
Leidig

INTERVAL

Into The Storm

R.W. Smith

Hoedown for Strings and
Percussion

Aaron Copland
arr. Stephen Bulla

Satchmo - A Tribute to
Louis Armstrong

arr. Ted Ricketts

Opening Night

Brian Balmages

Loch Lomond

Traditional, arr. Andrew Duncan
Soloist: Dougal Stewart

Note: programme order/content may vary

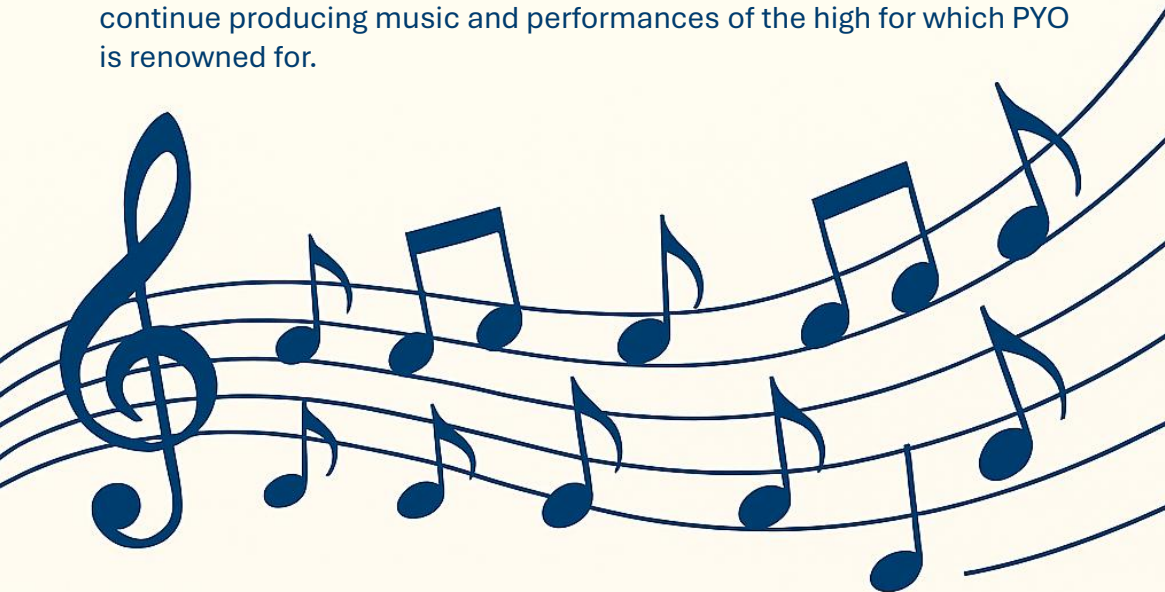


Lorna McGovern - conductor

Coming from a family of musicians, Lorna was inspired in her early years by her mother who was a music teacher at Balfron High School, Stirlingshire, and began playing the violin at the age of 11. After graduating from Stirling University, Lorna went on to study violin performance at the Royal Scottish Academy of Music and Drama where she spent three years with teacher Jerre Gibson and met her husband, award winning Scottish actor, Tom McGovern.

As an instructor with Perth and Kinross Instrumental Music Service since 1992, Lorna has taught innumerable young musicians, many of whom became members of Perth Youth Orchestra and do continue to play, either professionally or in amateur adult orchestras such as Perth Symphony Orchestra, of which Lorna has been leader since 1998. During her work as an instructor, Lorna has been the conductor of the Junior and Senior String Orchestras as well as having a long and successful association as tutor of PYO, supporting memorable tours to Spain, France, Estonia, Germany and Italy.

Since taking over the mantle of conductor of this highly regarded flagship ensemble two years ago, Lorna has introduced challenging new pieces to the orchestra, and the musicians have stepped up to continue producing music and performances of the high for which PYO is renowned for.



Perth Youth Orchestra 2026

We are immensely proud of every member of the orchestra and would have liked to recognise each individual in this programme.

However, safeguarding guidance recommends that young people are not named publicly without the consent of their parent or carer. As we do not have consent for all participants, we felt it would be unfair to include some names and not others.

We hope you appreciate that this approach reflects our commitment to ensuring the safety, privacy and wellbeing of all our young musicians.

Thank you to all the tutors and instructors who support our young people in PYO from starting at Primary School through progression to Central Groups and PYO!

- Fran Barker (Woodwind)
- Iona Crosby (Double Bass & Percussion)
- Sharon Doyle (violin & viola)
- Ilse McFarlane (Cello)
- Gordon Seith (Brass)

Perth Youth Orchestra is a charitable trust that provides young musicians with opportunities to rehearse and perform at a high level, both in Scotland and abroad.

To ensure our young people can continue to benefit from these experiences, we rely on the support of our Friends of the Orchestra. Membership starts from just £30 per year.

To find out more,
visit www.perth-youth-orchestra.org.uk
scan the QR code, or

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friends@perth-youth-orchestra.org.uk



Previous Soloists

1970	L Johnston - piano		L Kettles - horn		F Turnbull -
1971	D Miller - clarinet	1992	H Wade - piano		xylophone
1972	C Almond - violin		D Waterston -	2011	R Smart - violin
1973	S Duncan - piano	trumpet			H Sadler - clarinet
1974	D Armstrong,	1993	K Baker - violin	2012	S Scott - oboe
	D Coventry,		J Robertson - flute		H Kay - saxophone
	A Haddow - trumpets	1994	H Neilson - cello		E Harrison - voice
1975	I Scott - clarinet		H Moore - piano	2013	M Kay - cello
1976	J Garvie - oboe	1995	H Nicoll - clarinet		M Pickering - trumpet
1977	M Gray - violin	1996	K Mills - cello	2014	M Robertson -
	M Miller - viola		A Beatson - piano		saxophone
1978	S Reid - piano	1997	J Swingler - horn		A Smart - cello
	J Scott - flute		N Dover - saxophone	2015	N Coe - viola
1979	F Patterson - clarinet	1998	J Handford - bassoon		J Salem-Dalgety -
	P Symon - trombone		E Smith - violin		oboe
1980	C Berthon - violin	1999	A Little - cello	2016	J Pickering - clarinet
1981	K Thomson - clarinet		K Boyle - flute		J Whitaker - trumpet
	D Bennet - violin	2000	A Edmonston - piano	2017	E Bathgate - horn
	S Wiggets - oboe		A Mann - clarinet		E Ritchie - cello
1982	E Neil - violin	2001	M O'Donnell - oboe	2018	S Chisholm -
	S Mitchell - piano		R Hellier - voice		xylophone
1983	G Hodge - horn	2002	M Young - violin		J McFarlane -
	M Spencer-Bowles -		T Norris - bassoon		trumpet
	flute	2003	A Williamson - piano		S Rae - bassoon
1984	L Ashton - oboe		H Lindsay -	2019	G Bathgate -
	K Mathieson -		saxophone		percussion
	clarinet	2004L	O'Donnell -		F MacDonald - piano
1985	P Thorby - treble		bassoon	2020	M Christie - violin
	recorder		S O'Donnell - flute		L McGoldrick - piano
	J Inglis - flute	2005	F Moffat - saxophone	2021	<i>No concert</i>
	A McFarlane - horn		C Steele - viola	2022	C Donald - trombone
1986	F Bushby - bassoon	2006	E Coe - cello		L Rae - trombone
	P Gallagher - clarinet		R Young - piano		G Croudace -
1987	A Smith - violin		B Norris - violin		xylophone
	P Gallagher - piano	2007	S Law - double bass	2023	N Clark - violin
1988	C Harkess - viola		R Lindsay - violin		A Hart - flute
	C Marnoch - voice	2008	H Hunter - piano	2024	C Moodie - piano
	L Moir - bassoon		A Young - electric		E Seba - marimba
1989	M Sharp - flute		guitar	2025	Z Neave -
	H Nicoll - clarinet		I Murch - violin		percussion
1990	J Gallagher - cello	2009	D Dick - violin		K Robb - flute
	M Bousie - piano		R Wilson - cello		
1991	R Payne - viola	2010	A Forbes - piano		
	C Baker - clarinet		R Steele - cello		