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ORCHESTRAL/SESSIONS

**Aurora Orchestra** (Principal Cello trial Sept 2015 – March 2016, followed by Guest Principal work including cello/vocal duet with Björk in Royal Albert Hall & Hammersmith Apollo, Sept 2016)

**Chineke!** (Co-Principal Cello, Sept 2015 – present)

**Academy of St. Martin in the Fields** (Extra, 2015 - present)

**Northern Sinfonia** (Guest No.2, 2011)

**Orchestra of St. John's** (Guest No.2, 2011)

**Philharmonia** (Extra, 2007 - 2016)

**Oxford Philomusica** (Extra, 2014 - present)

**Sessions for**

**Hilary Skewes**, 2014-present (including Principal Cello)

**COOL Music**, Sept 2016 - present

ENSEMBLES

**Artea Quartet** 2001-2006 & 2012-present with Thomas Gould, Rhys Watkins & Benjamin Roskams

**London International Players** 2013-present, flexible ensemble, core members: Daniel Röhn, Ana de la Vega, Ruth Gibson, Irina Botan, Ashok Klouda

**Cellophony** (cello octet) 2010-present with Richard Birchall, Matthijs Broersma, Pau Codina, Reinoud Ford, Bartholomew LaFollette, John Myerscough & Ella Rundle

**Callaghan Piano Trio** 2010-2013 with Giovanni Guzzo & Simon Callaghan

**Barbirolli Quartet** 2009-2011 with Rakhi Singh, Katie Stillman & Ella Brinch/Alexandros Koustas

Other chamber music collaborations with Nicola Benedetti, Julian Bliss, Giovanni Guzzo, Joji Hattori, Stephen Kovacevich, Richard Lester, Jack Liebeck, Priya Mitchell, Wu Qian, Daniel Rowland, Gwilym Simcock, Alexander Sitkovetsky, Valeriy Sokolov & Raphael Wallfisch.

RECORDINGS

**Schubert String Quartet No.15 in G Major D.887** Champs Hill Records, due to be released 2017 (Artea Quartet)

**R. Birchall Alice in Wonderland & The Wind in the Willows** label still tbc, due to be released 2017 (Cellophony & Simon Callow)

**G. Bacewicz Cello Quartet** Ambache, 2016

**Mendelssohn Four Pieces for String Quartet** Champs Hill Records, 2014 (Artea Quartet)

**Vibrez** Edition Classics, 2014 (Cellophony)

**Britten, Bliss Delius & Purcell works for String Quartet** Nimbus Alliance, 2011 (Barbirolli Quartet)

SOLO/DUO

Highgate International Chamber Music Festivals 2012-2016

Wigmore Hall recital (Jan 2010)

Winner of Tunnell Trust Young Artists' Scheme (2009) with pianist Joseph Middleton, recitals around Scotland 2009-present

Winner of Worshipful Company of Musicians/Concordia Foundation Barthel International Prize for Excellence (2009)

1st Prize in J. & A. Beare Ltd. Solo Bach Competition (2006) and the Royal College of Music Cello Competition (2007)

Scholarship awards from: Arts & Humanities Research Council, 2005 (£12,415), MBF Myra Hess Awards, 2007 (£2,500), Albert Cooper Music Charitable Trust, 2006/2007 (£2,000), Philharmonia/Martin Musical Scholarship Fund Mortimer Foundation Award, 2005 (£1,000, & additionally £1,400 in 2006/2007)

PERFORMANCES & PRIZES

LONDON INTERNATIONAL PLAYERS

Concerts have included: Berlin Philharmonie (May 2014), London's St. John's Smith Square (June 2014), Cadogan Hall (Nov 2016 & Nov 2013) & Wigmore Hall (Sept 2013)

**BARBIROLI QUARTET**

Recitals in Wigmore Hall (Dec 2011 & May 2010), King's Place (Nov 2011) and throughout the UK 2009/2010 'ECHO Rising Stars' (European Concert Halls' Organisation) - 13 concert tour of Europe's major halls

2009 tour to Singapore & New Zealand sponsored by Pettman/Royal Over-Seas League

Kirckman Concert Society selected artists (2009)

Numerous UK festival performances, incl. Aldeburgh (2011), & Cheltenham (2009), (email for full details)

Performances at the Verbier Festival (2010 & 2011), Septembre Musical Montreux (2011) and Aix-en-Provence (2011)

Many BBC Radio 3 'In Tune' broadcasts – incl. 2011 'Christmas Special' concert

**ARTEA QUARTET**

Kings Place, string trio (Sept 2016)

Wigmore Hall (2005), Purcell Room (2003 & 2006) & Conway Hall (2004, 2012 & 2014 & 2016)

Winners of Kirckman Concert Society (2006), Tillett Trust Young Artists' Platform (2005) &

Philharmonia/Martin Musical Scholarship Total Ensemble Award (2004)

2004 BBC Proms concert: Composer Portrait of Sir Peter Maxwell Davies. Live Radio 3 broadcast

**CELLOPHONY**

Kings Place (Sept 2013, May 2014, Sept 2015, Sept 2016 & next year in April 2017)

Wigmore Hall (Dec 2011) and Purcell Room (Jan 2011) recitals sponsored by Park Lane Group

Tour of South Korea in collaboration with the London Cello Orchestra (June/July 2013)

**OTHER:** Recent chamber music performances in Chester & Southwell Music Festivals, Kammermusikfest Sylt & Vibrate! (Romania)

**CELLO:**

Yehudi Menuhin School Deputy Teacher, deputising for both Thomas Carroll & Bartholomew LaFollette, Oct 2014 - present

Royal Academy of Music, adjudicating cello sonata competition (Feb 2017) & took Cello Performance Class (May 2012)

Royal College of Music (deputised for Jérôme Pernoo), May 2007

Junior Guildhall School of Music & Drama (deputy teacher), May 2016 – present

Highgate School, and private cello students of all ages and abilities, Oct 2011 – present

**CHAMBER MUSIC:**

Er Muss Sein chamber music course, July 2014

Junior Guildhall School of Music & Drama (deputy teacher), Oct 2014 - present

Guildhall School of Music & Drama, 2009-2010 (coaching 1st & 2nd year Undergraduates)

Dartington International Summer School, 2009-2011

Masterclasses at Salford University for students of Chetham's School of Music, 2010

**2010-2011 Royal Academy of Music, London**

Leverhulme Chamber Fellow, Barbirolli Quartet; loaned the 1692 'Segelman' Stradivarius cello

**2009-2010 Guildhall School of Music & Drama, London**

Chamber Fellow, Barbirolli Quartet; coached undergraduate chamber music

**2007-2009 Hochschule der Künste Bern, Switzerland**

'Konzertdiplom', June 2009; Prof.: Louise Hopkins. Contemporary Music specialisation with Patrick Jüdt

**2005-2007 Royal College of Music, London**

PGDip Adv. Distinction (95% Final Recital), July 2007; Professor: Jérôme Pernoo

Scholarship for two years, supported by a John Lewis Partnership Award

Principal cello, RCM Chamber Orchestra conducted by Sir Charles Mackerras (Sept 2006)

**2001-2005 Royal Academy of Music, London**

Leverhulme Junior Fellow as cellist in the Artea Quartet (2004-2006)

BMus 1st Class Hons, July 2005; Professor: Colin Carr, baroque cello with Jennifer Ward Clarke (04/05)

LRAM teaching diploma (July 2004).

Full fees undergraduate scholarship for duration of studies

Principal cello in: RAM Chamber Orchestra (Nov 2004), Modern Instrument Baroque Orchestra (Spring 2004), Manson Ensemble (June 2003) & String Orchestra (Autumn 2001)

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