

Music Department: Summer Music Week

Sure on this Shining Night

University Music Scholars' Recital



The Quire, Canterbury Cathedral

Friday 11th June, 2021, 7.30pm

(By kind permission of the Dean and Chapter)

Tonight's recital by University of Kent Music Scholars represents nothing less than the triumph of hope over adversity. Finally, after over a year since Colyer-Fergusson Hall closed its doors on March 23rd 2020 in response to the pandemic, when extra-curricular music-making at the University fell silent for the longest time since the University was founded – tonight, a small selection of our Music Scholars fills the Cathedral Quire with live music.

The students performing tonight represent the resilient strength of university students throughout the community at Kent, who, alongside finding themselves required to fulfil the expectations of their academic studies in new, challenging ways, have also continued to work musically – instrumental and singing lessons have continued online throughout lockdown, with students and teachers working from their homes, grappling with technology and often unpredictable internet connections, being confined to their homes, fitting their practice and their academic work into spaces shared with family or housemates. As this concert demonstrates, students at Kent have forged ahead with a will to 'make it work,' and not to allow the severe restrictions imposed by the pandemic to prevent them continuing to enrich their lives both musically and academically.

The Music department is hugely grateful to all the Music Scholars and Music Award Holders, to the students, teachers, staff, and technicians who have continued to work tirelessly over the past fifteen months to make extra-curricular music at Kent work; through the *Scholars' Spotlight* series of filmed recitals in Colyer-Fergusson Hall, to those socially-distanced rehearsals we were able to squeeze into the Autumn term in between changing lockdown restrictions; online rehearsals delivered over entertainingly erratic wifi; live webshows; performances filmed by the students themselves in dining-rooms, hallways, bedrooms and gardens. The efforts that all have made typify the community across the entire University – working together, adapting, and going above and beyond; to make it work. As this evening's music lifts above our heads and rises into the recesses of the roof of this great Cathedral, it takes the aspirations of the musical life of the University with it; forever reaching upwards, striving to attain new heights, and committed to finding a way forward into a brighter future.

Tonight's concert is in memory of David Humphreys, whose fund generously continues to sponsor this annual event in memory of his wife, Julia.

University Music Scholars

Daniel Harding piano

Eloise Jack (bagpipes) Third-year reading Biosciences	A Piper's Medley Flett from <i>Flotta</i> Wings Cockney Jocks Scotland the Brave	traditional
Meg Daniel (flute) Third-year reading Legal Studies	<i>Andante Pastoral</i> <i>Cantabile</i>	Paul Taffanel Georges Enesco
Carmen Mackey (voice) Fourth-year reading Drama & Theatre Studies	'Must the Winter Come So Soon' from <i>Vanessa</i> <i>Sure on this Shining Night</i>	 Samuel Barber
Kira Hilton (viola) First-year postgraduate reading Chemistry	<i>Après un Rêve</i>	Gabriel Fauré
Kiyan Agadjani (piano) Third-year reading Film Studies	No. 1 from <i>Sechs Lieder ohne Worte</i> Op 19	Felix Mendelssohn
Kammy Pike (violin) Postgraduate reading Biodomedical Science	'Fyrsta' (First) from <i>Living Room Songs</i>	Ólafur Arnalds
Charlotte Cane (violin) Masters student reading Architecture	'...And They Have Escaped the Weight of Darkness'	
Kira Hilton (viola) Rachel Waltham (cello)		

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