



CITY FESTIVAL *of* Music Invention & Knowledge

10th – 24th October 2024



I am delighted to be patron of this new festival in the City of London, reflecting the nature of the 'Square Mile' as a trading place and a cultural destination, locally and internationally, while also representing other key themes of my mayoralty

Festival Patron, The Lord Mayor Alderman Michael Mainelli

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*Music is liquid architecture and
architecture is frozen music*
Johann Wolfgang von Goethe

Join us to *hear* the City and *see* the City. This autumn, the **City Festival of Music, Invention & Knowledge** celebrates the City's unique environment, beauty and creativity through a two week programme of live music and performance.

As the birthplace of London, the City is a place with an ever-changing skyline – modern creations set against Christopher Wren's baroque churches. We invite you to experience iconic City spaces in new ways.

Festival highlights

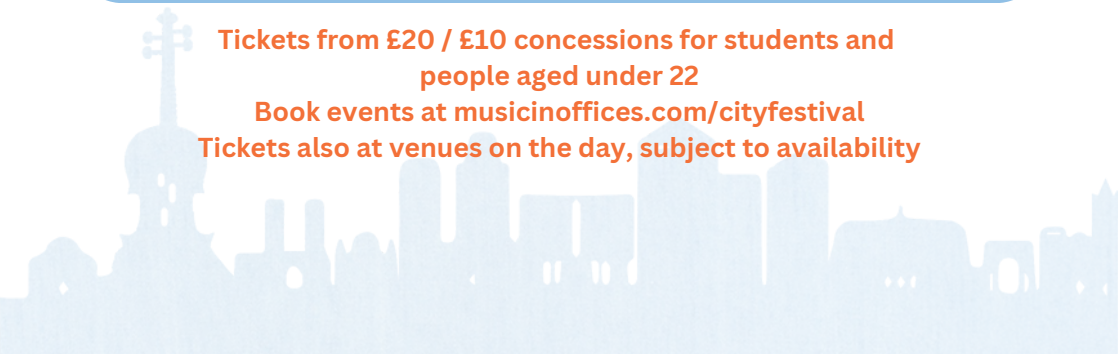
- British Jazz pianist Julian Joseph in Mansion House, with a stellar new quintet and state-of-the-art surround sound
- Italy's innovative Eklectric Duo, performing a playlist from hot Paganini to Coldplay
- Music of Paganini, Rossini and Verdi by Genoa's guitar maestro José Scanu
- The Flower of Cities, a musical tour of City destinations and Paganini variations, set in architectural beauty
- Bach, Paganini and the music of bees from Benjamin Marquise Gilmore and Tenebrae
- Free lunchtime concerts from emerging new talent
- Vivaldi singing workshop

The Festival of Music, Invention & Knowledge is supported by the Lord Mayor, Michael Mainelli, as part of his mayoral theme Connect to Prosper; The City of London Corporation's Destination City programme; and the Comune of Genoa. Curated by Artistic Director Ian Ritchie, and produced by Tessa Marchington, Music in Offices.

Tickets from £20 / £10 concessions for students and people aged under 22

Book events at musicinoffices.com/cityfestival

Tickets also at venues on the day, subject to availability



Festival Programme

**THURSDAY
10TH OCTOBER
13:05- 13:50**

Before they are famous
St Dunstan-in-the-West
EC4A 2AT

FREE

Julian Joseph Jazz Academy:
Paganini & improvisation

**THURSDAY
10TH OCTOBER
19:30 - 20:45**

Atmospheres in Audio Theatre
Mansion House
EC4N 8BH

From £30 incl. welcome drink

Julian Joseph (piano), Benet McLean (violin), Kaidi Akinnibi (saxophone), Alok Verma (tabla) Mark Hodgson (bass): surrounded by Bach, Paganini and all that jazz

Pre-concert - 18:45
Michael Poll (guitar)

**MONDAY
14TH OCTOBER
13:05 - 13:50**

Before they are famous
St Dunstan-in-the-West
EC4A 2AT

FREE

Matteo Cimatti (violin), Gabriel Francis-Dehqani (cello) & Zany Denyer (piano): works by Paganini, Elgar, Busoni & Britten (GSMD)

**TUESDAY
15TH OCTOBER
13:05 - 13:50**

Before they are famous
St Margaret Pattens
EC3M 1HS

FREE

Sonas Quartet (GSMD):
Paganini String Quartet No.3
and Schumann String Quartet
No.1

**WEDNESDAY
16TH OCTOBER
19:00 - 20:15**

Electric Paganini
Milton Court Concert Hall
EC2Y 9BH

£20

Eklectic Duo Elisa Tomellini (piano) & Alberto Casadei electric (cello): eclectic, ranging from hot Paganini to Coldplay

**THURSDAY
17TH OCTOBER
13:05 - 13:50**

Before they are famous
St James Garlickhythe
EC4V 2AF

FREE

Royal College of Music guitars: Inventions and Variations (from Paganini to Present Day)

**THURSDAY
17TH OCTOBER
19:00 - 20:15**

Mazzini & Paganini: the Guitar and the Opera
St James Garlickhythe
EC4V 2AF

£20

José Scanu (19th C guitar): Genoa's living maestro presents Paganini's virtuoso sonatas and arrangements of contemporaries, Rossini and Verdi

**TUESDAY
22ND OCTOBER
13:05 - 13:50**

Before they are famous
St Mary-le-Bow
EC2V 6AU

FREE

Royal Academy of Music guitars and strings: Paganini chamber music

**TUESDAY
22ND OCTOBER
19:00 - 20:30**

Architecture is frozen music
St Mary-le-Bow
EC2V 6AU

£20

The Flower of Cities: world-class ensemble performs Paganini Variations and other music by Stephen Goss, with words from special guest, guitar legend John Williams

**WEDNESDAY
23RD OCTOBER
18:00 - 19:00**

Bach's Invention: the divine trickery of JS Bach
LSO St Luke's
EC1V 9NG

FREE

Prof Milton Mermikides:
Bach, Paganini & variations
(Gresham Lecture)

**THURSDAY
24TH OCTOBER
13:05 - 14:00**

Vivaldi Gloria
St Lawrence Jewry
EC2V 5AA

FREE

Workplace choirs open workshop and short performance, led by Nigel Short (conductor of Tenebrae Choir)

**THURSDAY
24TH OCTOBER
19:00 - 20:30**

Bee for Bach
St Lawrence Jewry
EC2V 5AA

£20

Tenebrae, Benjamin Marquise Gilmore & Stephen Disley: solo and choral Bach, Paganini & Anna Semple's music of bees, with intro talk by Gresham Professor of Music Milton Mermikides

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Up, and ... walk as far as the Temple, doing some business in my way ..., and I took coach, having first discoursed with Mr. Hooke a little, whom we met in the streete, about the nature of sounds, and he did make me understand the nature of musicall sounds made by strings, mighty prettily; and told me that having come to a certain number of vibrations proper to make any tone, he is able to tell how many strokes a fly makes with her wings (those flies that hum in their flying) by the note that it answers to in musique during their flying.

Samuel Pepys, London: Wednesday 8 August 1666

Nearly 200 years ago, Paganini took London by storm after arriving from Genoa. Experience the same magic during a fortnight of concerts, talks, and workshops. Discover the beauty of the City and its architecture brought to life by music. There's something for everyone to enjoy.

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