

Life as a musician in the Royal Liverpool Philharmonic Orchestra



Royal Liverpool Philharmonic Orchestra

Find your place

Welcome to Liverpool, an international city, bursting with creativity, culture and an amazing quality of life – at its heart, an award-winning Orchestra who perform in stunning home venues and on renowned stages across the globe.

As a Royal Liverpool Philharmonic Orchestra musician you will work with conductors, guest artists and fellow musicians of the highest calibre, and a team who will support, challenge and develop you as an artist.

If you're ready for the opportunity, your place is here.





The Orchestra

At the Royal Liverpool Philharmonic Orchestra, our musicians are at the heart of everything we do. They perform at the highest level in one of the most ambitious and eclectic concert programmes of any orchestra in the UK and provide over 5,000 music education activities every year for people of all ages across the city.

As the UK's oldest continuing professional symphony orchestra, we have a rich heritage and established international reputation for excellence. This is upheld by our dynamic and forward-thinking approach to music-making in the 21st century - reflected in, and enhanced by, the diverse range of performance and music education opportunities available to our musicians.

Our multi award-winning Chief Conductor, Vasily Petrenko, is the current Gramophone Classical Music Awards 'Artist of the Year'.

We push boundaries

Along with the wide-ranging classical repertoire, the Orchestra is renowned for its ground-breaking, cross-genre collaborations with artists including Sir Paul McCartney, Elvis Costello, Orchestral Manoeuvres in the Dark, and with super-club Cream.

We are committed to commissioning new music, performing close to 150 new commissions, world and UK premieres in the last decade.

International recognition

We enjoy acclaim and awards for our recordings, which include a recent Shostakovich symphonies cycle, and for our regular appearances at the BBC Proms.

We are Classic FM's longest-serving arts partner and the popular radio station's 'Orchestra in North West of England'.

Top: Royal Liverpool Philharmonic Orchestra and Vasily Petrenko perform at the Philharmonie de Paris

Opportunities for our musicians

Making Liverpool and the Royal Liverpool Philharmonic your home gives you the chance to be part of a great symphony orchestra in a great city.

We are committed to nurturing and presenting the virtuosity of our musicians, and have a history of commissioning new works for our principal players, or programming work that gives individual Orchestra members the chance to shine.

And beyond this, there's much more to life in Royal Liverpool Philharmonic Orchestra...



Ensembles

We actively encourage our musicians to follow their own musical ambitions, and many form their own ensembles, curating and performing their own concerts across our home and local venues.

Ensemble 10/10, which turns 21 this year, is our award-winning contemporary music ensemble, offering our musicians the opportunity to showcase new music including world premieres, contemporary classics and new commissions.

Our classical season includes three different strands of ensemble opportunities – Chamber Series, Close-up Concerts and Lunchtime Concerts. Having this range of options means you can choose to explore your musicianship with different performance styles, showcase your skills in composition and arrangement, or collaborate with fellow musicians and visiting artists.





Music Education and Learning

Work with young talent

We nurture the next generation of young talent and bring the thrill of live music to young people across all age groups.

Our musicians in the Orchestra are central to the delivery of this, and you would have the opportunity to develop your skills and share your expertise through:

- Coaching, mentoring and delivering workshops with young musicians in Liverpool Philharmonic Youth Company
- Projects supporting young composers
- Wide-ranging higher education partnerships
- The schools concerts series – established by Sir Malcolm Sargent in the 1940s and now attended by over 18,000 children and young people from over 250 local schools every year
- Our hugely-popular Family Concerts, as well as workshops and smaller concerts for children aged five and under
- In Harmony Liverpool - our long term, life-changing programme inspired by El Sistema, which uses orchestral music-making to improve the education and aspirations of over 900 children and young people every week in Everton



Work with the community

Our mission is to enhance and transform lives through music. Orchestra members have the chance to play a part in the educational, health and economic regeneration of Liverpool through various music programmes for children and adults.

These include our pioneering music and mental health programme - a partnership with Mersey Care NHS Foundation Trust, benefiting over 10,000 people since 2008. Royal Liverpool Philharmonic Orchestra players deliver sessions that bring live music performance, practical music making and composition to adults aged 18-80, who are living with mental illness.

Musicians' Performance and Wellbeing

Enhancing performance and the health and wellbeing of our players is of central importance to us, which is why the Royal Liverpool Philharmonic Orchestra runs a unique Musicians' Performance and Wellbeing programme, recognising the technical, artistic, physical and psychological demands of consistently playing at the highest level.

The programme includes performance enhancement, early intervention and preventative measures such as fast track referral to physiotherapy, weekly sports massage, tour massage, injury prevention screening, audiology and hearing protection, and performance psychology coaching available to all musicians free of charge. It also focuses on investment in our musicians' training and development through personal training budgets for every musician and access to a range of external expertise such as pain free string specialist, Sophie Till.





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Our Venues

Great music needs to be experienced in a great space, and we have a range of stunning performance venues in Liverpool that we are proud to call home.



Liverpool Philharmonic Hall

Our stunning Grade II listed Art Deco home, Liverpool Philharmonic Hall – located on Hope Street, in the city's Georgian Quarter.

Liverpool Philharmonic Music Room

Our more intimate space, Music Room, built specifically to showcase smaller ensemble and solo performances, including our Close up and Lunchtime concert series'.

St George's Hall Concert Room

St George's Hall Concert Room provides the perfect space for our Chamber music series.

And beyond...

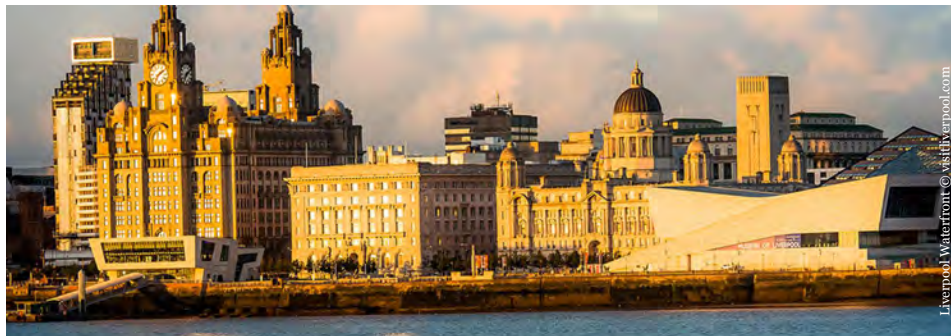
The Orchestra makes regular appearances in venues and at festivals across the UK, including touring bespoke productions such as the hugely successful *It Was 50 Years Ago Today: Celebrating Sgt Pepper* UK tour in 2017, when the Orchestra and the nation's premier Beatle group *The Bootleg Beatles* collaborated to perform this iconic album live in its entirety, fifty years after its original release.

On the world stage

While we maintain a busy schedule of work in Liverpool and across the UK, the Orchestra is also an ambassador for the city on the world stage. Recent tours have included Spain, Romania, Italy, China, Germany, Switzerland, and Japan – where we return in May 2018.

Life in Liverpool

Unique attractions, unrivalled music and culture, exciting events and festivals, world-class sport, spectacular retail districts offering international and local brands, and a guaranteed warm welcome are just some of the reasons to make Liverpool your home.



Stay connected

A globally-minded, family friendly city, Liverpool is well connected to the rest of the world, with Liverpool John Lennon Airport only 9 miles from the city centre, and Manchester Airport just 45 minutes up the road for long-haul flights.

Liverpool Lime Street station ensures travel around the UK is quick and accessible, and London is just over two hours away by direct high-speed train.

From the world-famous UNESCO

World Heritage waterfront with its stunning ‘Three Graces’ and Grade I Listed Albert Dock, to the handsome historic cityscape around the Hope Street quarter where Liverpool Philharmonic Hall is located, Liverpool is a city filled with beauty.

Generations of artists, writers, poets, inventors, pioneers, sportsmen and - of course - musicians, have been drawn to, and inspired by, Liverpool’s surroundings, energy and spirit.

UNESCO City of Music

There’s no better place to make music than in Liverpool, UNESCO City of Music and official World Capital of Pop!

Culture

Our collection of museums and galleries, including Tate Liverpool and the Walker - dubbed the ‘National Gallery of the North’ - is unparalleled outside London, and most are free to visit.

We also host a range of fantastic annual festivals, including Africa Oyé and Liverpool International Music Festival (LIMF).

Nightlife

The busy music scene is just one part of a vibrant nightlife which attracts people from all over the country. We also have some great theatre, from the Liverpool Empire, to the famous Everyman, stand-up comedy nights and the annual Liverpool Comedy Festival, and a range of cinema options, including FACT.

Foodies also find plenty to enjoy, whether it’s eating your way around the globe, from Peru to Lebanon via Italy, Morocco and Vietnam, in cosmopolitan Bold Street, to fine dining in the streets around Liverpool Philharmonic Hall, to the bars, restaurants and food markets in the independent Baltic Quarter and Cains Brewery Village.

A breath of fresh air

Parkland covers 2,500 acres of the city, including the splendid Sefton Park, and being on the coast, we also have some amazing beaches within a 30-minute drive, including the Wirral peninsula, Crosby – where Antony Gormley’s 100 ‘iron men’ gaze out to sea – and the sweeping sands of Formby beach with its dunes and red squirrel sanctuary.

Slightly further afield, Liverpool is in easy travelling distance from spectacular scenery in Cheshire, North Wales and the Lake District – perfect for day trips or short breaks.

Sport

Liverpool welcomes many sports fans to the city, whether it be to enjoy Premiership football, stunning golf courses worthy of the area’s reputation as ‘England’s Golf Coast’, the annual International Tennis Tournament or the world’s greatest steeplechase, The Grand National.



The heartbeat of the city

Liverpool Philharmonic has always played a central role in Liverpool life – and the pride in the organisation stretches beyond Liverpool Philharmonic audiences, to encompass the whole city.

Wherever we go in the world, it's an honour to represent a city that loves music as much as we do.

‘A triumphant celebration of ten years since Petrenko became the youngest ever principal conductor in the Liverpool ensemble’s history, and an affirmation of a brilliant musical partnership. An exceptional achievement – technically brilliant, passionate and utterly beautiful. It amply shows why the RLPO is a world-class musical force to be reckoned with.’

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