
ROMAN RIVER MUSIC

PRESS RELEASE

SEARCH BEGINS FOR COLCHESTER'S BEST YOUNG PIANIST

Roman River Music and Fenwick Colchester have joined forces to seek out the town's most talented young pianist. The competition launches on 1st September, with a piano in store for anyone keen to tinkle the ivories.

A celebration of Roman River Music's autumn festival and Fenwick's one year anniversary, which both take place this month, it is hoped that the competition will uncover some of Colchester's hidden stars.

Talented under 30's are encouraged to send in a one minute film of themselves performing on the piano in store, with judges from Roman River Music and Fenwicks later choosing a winner. The winner will have the opportunity to perform at Fenwick's one year anniversary event on 13th September and at a future Roman River Music concert.

Entries can be made by uploading the short film directly to Roman River Music's Facebook, Twitter and Instagram pages using #CYPianist. Entries must be received by 11th September.

For further information please see www.romanrivermusic.org.uk

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Notes to editor:

About Fenwick's Redevelopment

On Thursday 15th September 2016, Fenwick Colchester opened its doors following a major £35 million redevelopment. One year on, the store now offers a sophisticated and modern shopping experience featuring the most sought after brands in the region including Jo Malone, MAC, Michael Kors, Mulberry, Longchamp, Hugo Boss and Ralph Lauren.

Family-owned Fenwick acquired Williams & Griffin in 2008, and its redevelopment marked an important milestone in Fenwick's longstanding commitment to the re-establishment of Colchester as a major retail and leisure destination alongside its antiquity and stature as Britain's oldest town.

Roman River Music Festival '17

Saturday 9 September

11.30pm Set Sail

Sunday 10 September

10am Come and Sing

Thursday 14 September

8pm Opening Night

Friday 15 September

3 & 6pm Joseph Toonga

6pm Chiaroscuro Quartet

9pm Maya Youssef

Saturday 16 September

11am-4pm Sound Factory
Midday Street Hunt
3pm & 6pm hEARd
6pm Clip
9pm Jessica Walker

Sunday 17 September

4pm NYC Fellows
8pm Natalie Clein

Friday 22 September

8pm Clio Gould & Friends

Saturday 23 September

11am Harriet Mackenzie
2pm Trio Apaches
8pm Benjamin Grosvenor

Sunday 24 September

11am Oboe Quartets
6pm Illyria Consort

Wednesday 27 September

8pm Gwyneth Herbert & Will Duke

Thursday 28 September

8pm The King's Singers

Friday 29 September

Out of Water – watch this space!

11am & 1pm Abi's Adventure
8pm Mahler Symphony No 9

Saturday 30 September

6pm Bach Mass in B Minor

Sunday 1 October

4 pm Festival Finale

Read and download the full programme at:

<https://www.flipsnack.com/Romanrivermusic/roman-river-music-festival-17.html>

About Roman River Music

Roman River Music brings internationally renowned performers to informal and unexpected venues in Colchester and coastal Essex each year for a 3-week festival. Our festival is informal, open to everybody, with no rules. We convert disused urban buildings into performance venues because there is no concert hall in Colchester. Audiences can clap when they want, bring drinks into the concerts, and no shushing is allowed! We run bars and often serve food as well.

With our partners Dance East, the Mercury Theatre, and Colchester Arts Centre, we commission new work and collaborations, nurture emerging talent. We give artists the time and space to develop their skill and create new work among the salt marshes and wide open skies of coastal Essex.

We create opportunities for over 1,000 young people to compose, perform or listen to music and get involved in the performing and visual arts.

Active involvement in music by schoolchildren has been shown to improve concentration, self-confidence, social awareness and ability in maths and English. Giving young people the chance to listen to live music and develop their own music-making has remained at the core of our

organisation, and our dream is to give every schoolchild within reach of the festival the life-enhancing opportunity to compose, perform or listen to music.

The charity combines strong grassroots support from over 100 volunteers with a truly international quality programme. The summer festival 2017 concerts were broadcast on Radio 3.