

PRESS RELEASE

International Cellist Performs for Care Home Residents

The residents of Stanway Green Lodge Residential Care Home in Colchester have been treated to a world-class performance of classical music by cellist Juliet Farnes, thanks to Roman River Music's "Living Room Live" project.

On Wednesday 4 October, residents settled down to enjoy an afternoon of classical music, including Bach and Wilde and finishing with "Top of the World" by the Carpenters.

Juliet Farnes can normally be found performing with the St Martin in the Fields Orchestra in London, but has recently been taking part in Roman River Music's Festival '17 and agreed to play at the care home in a special, one-off performance.

Roman River Music's Living Room Live project has been running for three years, with the intention of bringing live music into the homes of those that are no longer able to enjoy music in a public venue. In 2015 and 2016, the project visited individuals in their private homes, but this year Stanway Green Lodge was chosen, enabling over 25 residents to enjoy the music.

Victoria Steinitz, general manager at Roman River Music, said, "Stanway Green Lodge is such a friendly, family-orientated home and it was lovely to introduce something new to their afternoon. One lady was particularly touched by the performance as her niece plays the cello. Everyone's enjoyment was demonstrated as Juliet finished the pop song, Top of the World, by the Carpenters, and the whole room joined in to sing."

Roman River Music has been running its festival since 2000, with this being its eighteenth year. The dates for 2018 have already been announced as 20 - 30 September, with two additional performances in the pipeline, the Endellion Quartet in February and Imogen Cooper in May, at the Mercury theatre in Colchester.

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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.