
ROMAN RIVER MUSIC

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Endellion String Quartet

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With an annual festival going from strength to strength, Roman River Music is one of Essex's best cultural assets, enchanting local audiences and inspiring a growing number of visitors – not just music lovers, but those who enjoy a good night out with friends, an engaging performance or simply an opportunity to escape the rush and relax for an hour or two.

If you can't wait 'til the festivities return in September, one of the world's finest string quartets is coming to Colchester on 6 February, with an engaging programme from classical giants plus a trademark Roman River Music surprise woven in to launch their 2018 concert series Roman River Music @ the Mercury.

The Endellion's unique "uniformity of thought and instinct" (Gramophone, 2013) has earned them a well-deserved place in the history of the genre, their playing at times intensely intimate then suddenly transfixingly ebullient – this will be an exclusive night in Colchester not to be missed.

Roman River Music can be an allusive organisation, popping up in unexpected venues in Colchester – did you know there was a disused meeting hall behind Fenwick's, or an old theatre on the site of the Queen Street bus depot? – and filling beautiful but often remote country churches in Essex and Suffolk with uplifting music from some of the most sought-after performers on the world stage.

But this series, presented with the Mercury Theatre, brings this most ambitious of local charities to centre stage, and some big names to Colchester. Previous concerts have sold out and the last Roman River Music Festival reached a record audience of over 5,000 people so you're advised to book early, or perhaps treat a friend or loved one to tickets as a Christmas present.

Programme –

Beethoven String Quartet No.2, Op.18 No.2

Mozart String Quartet No.15 in D minor, K.421

Webern Six Bagatelles for String Quartet, Op.9

Tchaikovsky String Quartet No.3 in E-flat minor, Op.30

Tickets – www.mercurytheatre.co.uk/event/roman-river-festival-the-endellion-quartet