

Onwards and Upwards!

After the tremendous success of our Centenary season (which included, among other delights, the world premiere of a clarinet quintet specially commissioned by ICMS from the composer Sebastian Black, and a Gala Concert featuring an unforgettable performance of Mendelssohn's Octet), we move on with renewed vigour and a great deal of optimism for the future of our distinguished Society.

This season we are celebrating the music of Bartók – the 80th anniversary of whose death falls in 2025 – with two of his string quartets (25 Oct & 17 Jan). There is also a fair amount of French music in the mix, with familiar and not-so-familiar works by Debussy, d'Indy, LeClair, Milhaud, Poulenc and Ravel, while our second all-Baroque concert (14 Mar) promises to blow our socks off with its dazzling programme of concertos including J. Bach's incomparable Brandenburg No. 5.

As usual, all these concerts take place in the ideal acoustics of Great School (the main hall) at Ipswich School. Audience members are welcome to park for free in the school grounds – see overleaf for a map and directions – but please note that the number of spaces is limited, so you need to arrive in good time if you want to take advantage of this facility. We encourage people to join the Society by buying season tickets, which continue to offer excellent value for money, and we also have a Friends scheme for those who wish to support ICMS financially.

Ticket Prices

Single Tickets

Adult: £20
Student (19+): £5
18 & under: Free

Season Tickets

Adult: £70
Student (19+): £15

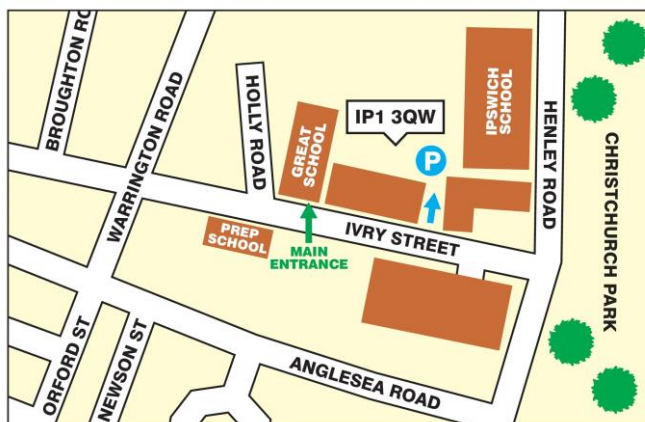
Single tickets are available on the door only. To buy season tickets in advance, please visit our website and click on 'Tickets & Venue'. All seats are unreserved.

Friends of ICMS

To become a Friend of Ipswich Chamber Music Society, please buy a season ticket and add a minimum donation of £25 to your remittance. The Friends play a vital role in helping us keep ticket prices as low as possible, and are individually acknowledged in our concert programmes unless otherwise requested.

How to find us

Great School is located on the corner of Ivory Street and Holly Road, Ipswich IP1 3QW. For free parking in the grounds of Ipswich School and/or step-free access to Great School, please use the vehicle entrance indicated in blue on the map below.



www.ipswichchambermusic.org.uk



Cover photo:
Béla Bartók
(1881-1945)



101st Season 2025-26

Fitzroy Quartet • New London Chamber Ensemble
Marmen Quartet • Rossetti Ensemble
London Handel Players



Great School, Ipswich School
Saturdays at 7.30pm

THIS SEASON'S CONCERTS



25 October 2025 at 7.30pm

Fitzroy Quartet

Haydn String Quartet in C major, Op. 76/3 ('Emperor')

Bartók String Quartet No. 3

Jessie Montgomery Strum

Debussy String Quartet



15 November 2025 at 7.30pm

New London Chamber Ensemble

Michael Dussek *piano*

Milhaud La Cheminée du roi René

Nielsen Fantasies

Beethoven Quintet for Piano & Winds, Op. 29

Nielsen Canto Serioso & Wind Quintet

Poulenc Sextet

17 January 2026 at 7.30pm

Marmen Quartet

Haydn String Quartet in B flat major, Op. 76/4 ('Sunrise')

Bartók String Quartet No. 2

Cassandra Miller Leaving

Beethoven String Quartet in F major, Op. 135



21 February 2026 at 7.30pm

Rossetti Ensemble

Mozart Piano Quartet in G minor, K. 478

Ravel Mother Goose Suite (arr. John Lenehan)

d'Indy Piano Quartet



14 March 2026 at 7.30pm

London Handel Players

Telemann Concerto for Recorder & Viola da Gamba

Leclair Violin Concerto in F major, Op. 7/4

J. S. Bach Concerto for 3 Violins, BWV 1064R

Telemann Viola Concerto

Vivaldi Concerto for Sopranino Recorder, RV 443

J. S. Bach Brandenburg Concerto No. 5, BWV 1050

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