



NORWICH SCHOOL



International Summer Music School

A solo-and chamber music course for players of the
violin, viola, cello and piano, aged 15-18
30th July-14th August 2019

Norwich School in collaboration with Pro-Am Strings



Course Information Booklet

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Welcome

From Norwich School's Head Master...

I am delighted that Norwich School is launching its International Music School, in the first instance for talented young string players from right around the world. Music has a unique ability to provide people from different backgrounds with a shared language and this course fits neatly into the school's intention to be embedded in the wider community, providing rich educational experiences which set young people up for enriching and fulfilling lives.

I have every confidence that the facilities, teaching and environment of our course will enable each delegate to improve as a performer and to grow as a person. The school is based in Cathedral Close at the heart of our ancient yet vibrant city

and I know that you will be inspired both musically and more generally by your surroundings if you should accept a place on the course.

I hope that the information in this booklet will encourage you to apply for the course and very much look forward to meeting you in Norwich during the summer of 2019.

**Steffan Griffiths
MA Oxon, Head Master**



From the Course Director...

Welcome to the International Music Summer School. The aim of this Summer School is to give talented players of the violin, viola, piano and cello the opportunity to engage in two weeks of intensive music making: firstly, to make real progress on their own instrument, secondly to engage in chamber music, together with like-minded and equally able young musicians from all over the world. The music programme is a challenging one, taught by the best musicians and teachers. This means that you are willing to work hard and make substantial progress on your instrument. The chamber music will help you focus on other important life skills: team work, leadership, communication and creativity.

You will have a lot of fun too, as in addition to the music, there will be a varied

programme of extra-curricular activities: culture and nature trips and a balanced programme of sports, games and social activities. Thirdly, this course will give you a taste of Britain – what might it be like to study at a British school.

Do come and join us! We will be excited to meet you.

**Henriette de Vrijer
DM Rotterdam Conservatoire, MA Ed (Open), Course Director**





The Course

This two-week course is held at Norwich School, located in the historic Cathedral Close in Norwich. Music lessons are held on weekdays in the newly refurbished music school, with its many practice rooms and a variety of different sized performance spaces. The music school is equipped with grand pianos and upright pianos, a keyboard and computer suite and a recording studio.

The location in Norfolk is perfect for cultural trips to London and Cambridge at weekends. Norwich is the only English city to be located in a National Park (the Norfolk Broads) and the course will include visits to the stunning countryside and local beaches. The course is a demanding one, so prepare

for intensive playing and to be challenged!

Students (except for pianists) should bring their own instrument and any music they are studying at the time. We will help you develop your playing towards your current goal, a Grade exam for instance, as well encourage you to explore new repertoire. We hope to include a concerto, a sonata as well as études and genre pieces in each lesson. We have an extensive music library from which you may borrow music, or you may buy music through us if required.

The music lessons are tailor made for each individual. You will have your own individual music teacher, a top player and expert teacher on your instrument, who will guide you

during your time here and who will teach an individual lesson each day. We will encourage good technical skills, so apart from repertoire, each lesson will most likely also involve scales and other technical exercises, and possibly aural and sight-reading skills.

You will also be allocated a place in a chamber music ensemble, where you will explore different repertoire, learn to play together and develop your ensemble playing skills. We find chamber music extremely valuable, because it develops teamwork and communication skills, as well as time management and it encourages the student to take responsibility and to take on leadership roles.

We have an extensive music library, so that

we can find suitable repertoire for everyone. The repertoire might include Haydn, Mozart, Beethoven as well as more modern pieces.

There will be plenty of time to practise, with teachers close at hand to assist and to supervise technique classes.

All of the work you do will be geared towards the end of course concert (see page 6 for more information), where you can showcase what you have learned on the course. The concert will not only stretch you on your instrument, it will also inspire you to listen to other highly able players from all over the world. The concert will be a festive celebration of the course, concluded with a prize giving and garden party.

Sample Timetable - Week 1

Sample Timetable - Week 2

Class Size

The maximum number of students on the course will be 18. Each student will have an individual instrumental lesson each day.

Depending on the instruments the applicants play, we will allocate each player a place in a chamber music ensemble. Ensemble sizes vary and may be trios, quartets or larger ensembles, depending on the age and ability of the players on the course and the repertoire available to challenge them.

The size of the group lessons will vary, due to the nature of the instruments. String players may expect groups of 4-5, but for pianists, generally the group will consist of 2, max 3 players.



End of Course Concert, Prizes, Certificates, Reports

At the end of the course, there will be a formal concert, where every student, solo or in an ensemble, can showcase his or her achievements during the course. This will be a festive event to which we will invite local students and staff from Norwich School. If the opportunity arises, we may also invite some of our advanced local musicians to join in, playing together with the international students. The concert will be held in our beautifully intimate new chamber music concert venue.

We expect all performers to wear evening dresses/black tie, to reflect the progress that everyone will have made during the course.

At the end of the concert, there will be a prize giving ceremony. There will be a Certificate of Completion for every student and we will also award a 1st, 2nd and 3rd prize as well as a special prize. In addition, each student will receive a written report. After the award ceremony, we intend to have a garden party in proper English tradition.

We will invite local students from Norwich School's photography department to create a video impression of the course, and we hope that we may be able to make a recording of your playing to take home with you as a memento as well.

Extra-curricular Activities and Leisure Programme

Each day between 5-6pm there will be a programme of sport and games for everyone. We think it is important that musicians learn to look after their health and fitness and therefore you are encouraged to engage in physical activity after playing your instrument.

In the evenings, there will be a varied programme of social activities, which may include a city walk, drama activities, a fashion show, speed chatting, ten pin bowling, rock climbing and/or board games.

We have a special team of Student Hosts who look after you after lessons finish. Our Student Hosts also eat dinner with you and look after you during the evenings and weekends. Their job is to be your friend. They are kind and friendly young people, mostly students at top universities and many of them are great at sports, drama or music. They will help you and chat with you, so you have an opportunity to speak English as much as you like!

During each weekend, there will be cultural trips to London and Cambridge.



Holkham Beach

The first weekend, we will go to Cambridge, which is about 1 ½ hours away. We will explore the city, visit King's College and watch the punting. The next day, we will visit one of the local Norfolk beaches where there is potential to see some of the seals which live around the Norfolk coast. You will have the opportunity to play typical beach games and generally rest and soak up the sun.

The second weekend, we will visit London (about 2 hours' drive away by coach) and one of the famous museums there. Depending on the student's interests, this may be the National Gallery, the Science Museum or the Victoria and Albert Museum. We will walk along the banks of the river Thames and visit the Tower of London. The next day, we visit the Norfolk Broads nature reserve. You will learn about the origins of the Broads, do some birdwatching and perhaps climb the tower of Ranworth Church, with its stunning views of Ranworth Broad.

If the weather prevents us from visiting the beach or the Broads, we may instead visit Blickling Hall, a beautiful stately home close to Norwich.



Blickling Hall

Accommodation

You will stay in local accommodation a short walk away from the music school. The accommodation is university style; students will be in groups of 5 – 8 and will have their own bedroom and bathroom and will share a communal space. Boys and girls live in separate units.

Bed linen and towels will be provided.

There will be male and female house staff on duty, all of whom are police checked and suitably qualified and compassionate members of the Norwich School community.

Food

All meals will be provided in the Norwich School refectory, by the in-house catering team.

We will provide good quality meals with a choice of healthy options, including a salad bar. For day trips, students will be provided with a packed lunch.

Students will be given a drink and snack during the morning and afternoon breaks, as well as in the evenings before bed time.

Please note that we can cater for most common diets, but we cannot accept certain

more special diets such as for instance an extreme vegan diet.



Arrival and Departure

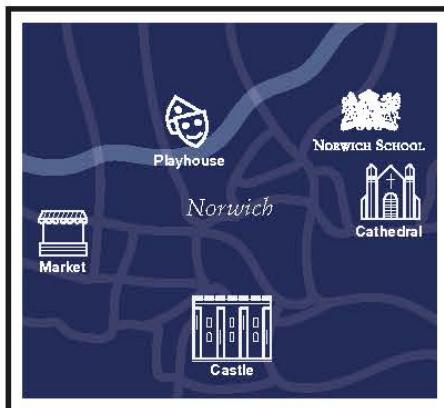
Students are expected to arrange their own flights and visas and should aim to arrive at Heathrow airport between the hours of 12noon and 5pm on the first day. Airport transfers by coach will be arranged by Norwich School and are included in the course fees. If you arrive at other times or at different airports, we can arrange transport for you at additional cost.

On the day of departure, students should aim to book flights that leave London Heathrow between 2pm and 6pm.

Students not arriving via Heathrow are expected to arrive at Norwich School at 8pm on the 30th July.

Please let us know your travel plans well in advance, so we can make individual arrangements if necessary. We can in exceptional circumstances provide individual pick up from or drop off at different locations at additional cost.

Where is Norwich School?



Frequently Asked Questions

How old are the students?

The students are between 14-18 years old.

What level if English is necessary?

Students on the course will need a good understanding of English. We suggest a command of English similar to level B1/IELTS 4.0. We don't require any level of written English or any certificates, but students will only benefit from our courses if they can understand their teachers.

What clothes should I bring?

We don't have a uniform for the course. You will need casual clothes for use during the day and in the evenings, as well as sports clothes. You will need comfortable shoes and a rain coat for our city trips, as well as beachwear. You will also need a formal outfit for the end of course concert, so boys will need a suit and tie if possible and girls will need a formal dress or a more formal summer dress.

What happens if a student is sick?

Many of our staff have first aid qualifications. If students have a minor problem, our staff will look after them. If we have any concerns, we will take the student to a local medical centre or the Norfolk and Norwich University Hospital. We strongly advise that all students have comprehensive private insurance including medical cover.

What about Laundry?

A basic laundry service for machine washable clothes will be available once during the course. Students should ensure that they bring enough clothes and all items

of clothing must be clearly labelled with the student's name.

Course Fees

Registration fee: £200

Acceptance fee: £300 (refundable at the end of the course)

Course fee: £3499

What is Included in the fees?

We try to make sure that everything is included in the course fees, other than visa costs, air tickets and pocket money.

Here is a summary on what is included:

- All teaching, sports coaching and leisure activities, including entry fees to museums.
- Arrival and departure transfers to and from London Heathrow airport. There are time restrictions on the transfer, so please check times carefully.
- All accommodation, all meals and snacks and a weekly laundry.

Not included in the fees:

- Flights to London Heathrow
- Transfers to and from other airports or other places of arrival
- Visas
- Music books
- Comprehensive travel insurance and medical insurance
- Any shopping for personal use

How to Apply

You will need to have passed Grade 5 or higher on your chosen instrument to benefit from this course. Fill in the application form and include evidence of your playing level by submitting a copy of your certificate. You don't need to have taken a Grade, but if you have not, we will interview you by Skype or similar to check your playing level. You will also need to submit a personal statement, although this will not need to be very long - 100 words will suffice.

The application deadline is the 1st April 2019.

Once you have been accepted on the course, we will send you our Terms and Conditions, which will include information about how to pay and also details of our refunds and cancellation policy.



The information in this brochure has been prepared carefully and in good faith. However, our course is flexible, and we may reserve the right to make changes at any time. We reserve the right to change trip destinations due to weather, traffic or security concerns. Therefore, this information does not in whole or in part constitute a contract between Pro-Am Strings, Norwich School and students, parents, guardians or agents. Please refer to our Terms and Conditions.

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