

# Sandbach concert series

## Information for Head Teachers, Music Teachers and Schools

Sandbach Concert Series is a **non-profit arts organisation** run entirely by volunteers. It was started in 2010 and has been very successful and well attended. We have eight concerts a year at St Mary's Church Hall with a deliberately early start and finish time, as well as reasonable ticket prices to encourage more families and younger people to attend classical music concerts.

The structure of every concert is the same with a half hour Spotlight concert by young musicians, followed by a half hour interval with an art exhibition by a local artist as well as a raffle to support a local good cause, and then a one hour concert by top class professional musicians. This Concert Series is **unique in the UK** and has been well received by musicians and the local community alike.

**VIP representatives** from the local councils often attend and sometimes the local MP when her schedule permits. As well as ticket entry, the Series is **funded** by Sandbach Town Council, the Arts Council; and the voluntary work of the hard working volunteers.

Please use the Concert Series to **showcase** the art and music of **your students**. Look at our website to see the forthcoming professional musicians that have been booked as we usually try to schedule Spotlight musicians with similar instruments or sound. Our Spotlight Director (Kevin Birch [spotlight@sandbach-concert-series.co.uk](mailto:spotlight@sandbach-concert-series.co.uk)) co-ordinates the Spotlight concerts whilst our Art Curator (Nell Johnson [art@sandbach-concert-series.co.uk](mailto:art@sandbach-concert-series.co.uk)) co-ordinates the Art displays.

The eight concerts each series are on the **last Wednesday of the month** in September, October, November, February, March, April, May and June. Doors open at 6.30pm and each event ends by 9pm. Spotlight Rehearsals are from 5.30pm to 6.30pm. Art displays are also set up in this time.

**Music teachers** providing Spotlight participants, and **Artists**, have complimentary entry and are encouraged to stay and enjoy the whole concert. From Series 4, for fire and safety reasons, all participants, volunteers, music teachers, artists and Charity Display people need to sign in on arrival at front desk and to sign out on exit.

**Please share** news of Sandbach Concert Series in your publications to parents, especially if you your students are taking part. After all, the aim of the Concert Series is to bring classical music to a younger audience. Concert information is kept on our website:

[www.sandbach-concert-series.co.uk](http://www.sandbach-concert-series.co.uk)

### Ticket prices

£8.50 Adult  
£7.00 Concessions  
£3.00 School Children  
£20 Family (2 adults & 2 Children)  
£3.00 The first parent or guardian of each Spotlight musician **or** £14.50 for Spotlight Family ticket

**Photographs** of the Art Displays, and also of Spotlight performers are taken with the professional musicians and any VIPs. We have policies in place to protect young people's online privacy.

5.30pm to 6.30pm	Rehearsal in the venue for Spotlight artists
6.30pm to 7pm	Doors Open and audience comes in. Bar usually open.
7pm to 7.30pm	Spotlight Concert
7.30pm to 8pm	Interval (Art exhibition, drawing of Charity Raffle, Bar)
8pm to 9pm	Main Concert with prompt finish at 9pm

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