

THE  
TUNNELL  
TRUST  
FOR YOUNG MUSICIANS

**Supporting the UK's most talented  
young chamber musicians**



**2023 Review**

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The Tunnell Trust for Young Musicians was established following the merger of the John Tunnell Trust and the Young Musicians' Trust in 1999.

The John Tunnell Trust was formed in 1988 by family members, colleagues and friends of the late John Tunnell, OBE, the founder leader of the Scottish Chamber Orchestra. The Trust was established in order to support young musicians and chamber groups in particular. The aim of all our work is to help bridge the difficult gap between the student and professional worlds for our Young Musicians, where recognition and experience can only be gained from quality performing opportunities.

In 1993 Wendy, John's widow, set up the Young Musicians' Trust wishing to do even more to promote young musicians. She ran the Trust until her untimely death in 1998. The Young Musicians' Trust promoted its own series of concerts in country houses, schools and other venues and staged an annual study and performance week at Strathgarry in Perthshire, Scotland whilst winning extraordinary support from many high profile sponsors.

The Trust's Awards Scheme has assisted some 126 young chamber music ensembles (480 individual musicians) and 86 different Scottish Music Clubs in 773 concerts. The Trust pays the fees of outstanding young groups to play at Music Clubs all over Scotland with an emphasis on helping Clubs in small and remote places as well as in the major centres. Young groups are selected annually at auditions held in London.

In addition the Trust promotes its own annual summer study & performance week on the Isle of Coll in the Inner Hebrides - *Music Coll*. This ten day event gives up to five young groups the chance to work together for an intensive period of time without distraction. There is time to rehearse, receive inspiring tuition and to perform in our three public recitals. The Trust has enjoyed outstanding success. We have been able to provide much needed learning and performing opportunities for Young Musicians at the outset of their careers and vital support for local arts and educational organisations often situated within isolated communities.

As a working Trust, there is a need to raise funds annually in support of the Awards Scheme which enters its 34<sup>th</sup> season. After a highly successful move to the Isle of Coll nine years ago, our study and performance week is also a focal point for much needed fund raising. The Course now enters its 30<sup>th</sup> year. Much of our work is funded by large national charities, commercial sponsors and many generous individuals. We are extremely grateful to all those who make our work possible. The Trust is under the Artistic Directorship of John and Wendy's eldest son, Jonathan, a professional cellist.

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Jonathan Tunnell

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## Introduction from the Artistic Director

I am delighted to present the Annual Review of activities for our 2022/23 season.

Our [Music Club Awards Scheme](#) auditions for 2022 took place in September. 14 chamber ensembles were chosen for audition following applications from 43 groups. We chose to award 22 concerts to a record breaking total of six groups such was the talent on show for the 2023/2024 season: A full list of forthcoming concerts can be seen on the next page.

The [Music Club Awards Scheme](#) concerts that had been postponed during the pandemic were all completed during the previous season, thus signalling that the Trust was back to business as usual.

We were delighted to host our tenth [Music Coll](#) study & performance week in June/July 2023. We were delighted to welcome 13 young musicians and a not quite back to full capacity audience to An Cridhe on Coll.

**Fundraising in 2022/23** saw many of our regular funders continuing to support our young musicians generously as well as two wonderful new supporting charities. We received support from the Thriplow Trust, Albert & Eugenie Frost Music Trust, Marchus Trust, D'Oyly Carte Trust and the Marigold Whittome Memorial Trust. [Music Coll 2023](#) was made possible through generous donations from the Headley Trust, Cruden Foundation, PF Charitable Trust and the Albert & Eugenie Frost Music Trust.

Our **2023 Auditions** for the [Music Club Awards Scheme](#) took place on 20th September in London. We chose to award 22 concerts to four groups for the 2024/2025 season: Asaka Quartet (string quartet), Kyan Quartet (string quartet), Piano Phase Project (4 hands piano duo) & Trio Arisonto (violin, horn & piano), .

We look forward to another year of outstanding music making from all our young musicians in 2024.

We would also like to thank all of you again for continuing to support our work.

A handwritten signature in white ink, appearing to read 'Jonathan Tunnell', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Jonathan Tunnell *artistic director*

# Principal Music Club Scheme Award Winners 1990 to 2024

1990/91	Techinski Quartet	String Quartet	2009/10 contd.	Higham/Lane Duo	Cello & Piano
	Apollo Saxophone Quartet	Saxophone Quartet		Hoot	Flute & Harp Duo
	Regent Wind Quintet	Wind Quintet		Liquid Architecture	Mixed Octet
1991/92	Gould Piano Trio	Piano Trio	2010/11	Idomeneo Quartet	String Quartet
	Chione Trio	Oboe Trio		Piatti Quartet	String Quartet
	Nielsen Wind Consort	Wind Quintet		Klouda/Middleton Duo	Cello & Piano
1992/93	London Cantilena Quintet	Wind Quintet	2011/12	Nephele Flute Quartet	Flute & Strings
	Parnassus Ensemble	String Sextet		Fournier Trio	Piano Trio
	Florilegium	Baroque Ensemble		Greenwich Trio	Piano Trio
1993/94	Emperor String Quartet	String Quartet	2012/13	Nemtsov Duo	Cello & Piano Duo
	Plane, Dukes, Rahman Trio	Viola/Clarinet/Piano		Renard Ensemble	Wind Trio
1994/95	Knight/Procter Duo	Cello & Piano Duo		Castalian Quartet	String Quartet
	Adelphi Saxophone Quartet	Saxophone Quartet	2013/14	Gildas Quartet	String Quartet
	Bishop/Hastings Duo	Piano Duo		Andrews/Massey Duo	Flute & Guitar Duo
1995/96	Zanfonia	Violin/Viola, Piano & Clarinet Trio		Ueda/Rinaldo Duo	Violin & Piano Duo
	Triptych	Oboe/Bassoon/Piano Trio	2014/15	Busch Ensemble	Piano Trio
	Nosseck String Quartet	String Quartet		Jaquin Trio	Clarinet, Viola & Piano Trio
1996/97	Gilliver/Janes Duo	Cello & Piano Duo		Marylebone Wind Quintet	Wind Quintet
	Leopold String Trio	String Trio	2015/16	Y-Squared	Cello & Piano
	Hogarth String Quartet	String Quartet		Ishizuka Ji Duo	Violin & Piano Duo
1997/98	Passacaglia	Baroque Ensemble		Kaleidoscope Saxophone Quartet	Saxophone Quartet
	Quartz Saxophone Quartet	Saxophone Quartet	2016/17	Total Brass	Brass Quintet
	Belcea String Quartet	String Quartet		Atea Wind Quintet	Wind Quintet
1998/99	Owen/Gowers Duo	Violin & Piano Duo		Ferio Saxophone Quartet	Saxophone Quartet
	Power/Crawford-Phillips Duo	Viola & Piano Duo	2017/18	Attard Zerafa Duo	Saxophone & Piano Duo
	Chinook Clarinet Quartet	Clarinet Quartet		Icaria Duo	Flute & Harp Duo
1999/00	Onyx Brass	Brass Quintet		Maxwell Quartet	String Quartet
	Micallef/Inanga Duo	Two Piano Duo	2018/19	Ridout Ma Duo	Viola & Piano Duo
	Mitchell/Kulek Duo	Violin & Piano Duo		Ruisi Quartet	String Quartet
2000/01	Atholl String Trio	String Trio		Ter-Berg Nicholson Duo	Flute & Piano
	Ovid Ensemble	Oboe Quartet with Piano	2019/20	Cavendish Winds	Wind Quintet
	Newbold Piano Quartet	Piano Quartet		The Hermes Experiment	Clarinet,Bass,Harp & Voice
2001/02	Fiona McNaught/Daniel Tong	Violin & Piano Duo		Solem Quartet	String Quartet
	Daniel Bell/Hugh Watkins	Violin & Piano Duo	2020/21	A4 Brass	Brass Quartet
	Duo Lang	Violin & Piano Duo		Grier Uttley Duo	Violin & Piano
2002/03	Harper Ensemble	Brass Quintet		Magnard Ensemble	Wind Quintet
	Octopia Wind Octet	Wind Octet	2021/22	Pelléas Ensemble	Flute, Viola & Harp
	Benjamin Nabarro/Philip Moore	Violin & Piano Duo		Fitzroy Quartet	String Quartet
2003/04	Kintamarni Saxophone Quartet	Saxophone Quartet		Maharaj Degavino Duo	Flute & Piano Duo
	Gliondar Ensemble	Wind Quintet	2022/23	Palisander	Recorder Consort
	Con Tempo	String Quartet		Radford Kornas Duo	Saxophone & Piano Duo
2004/05	Fidelio Piano Quartet	Piano Quartet		Alkyona Quartet	String Quartet
	Trio Belle Époque	Piano Trio	2023/24	Bowker Myslek Duo	Flute & Piano Duo
	Pavão Quartet	String Quartet		Broen Ensemble	String Ensemble
2005/06	Bronte String Quartet	String Quartet		Prodanova Ritivoiu Duo	Cello & Piano Duo
	O Duo	Percussion Duo	2024/25	Bone-afide	Trombone Quartet
	Fell Clarinet Quartet	Clarinet Quartet		Freeman String Quartet	String Quartet
2006/07	Callino Quartet	String Quartet		Kapoor Leung Duo	Violin & Piano Duo
	Aquarelle Guitar Quartet	Guitar Quartet	2025/26	Kwon Lim Duo Duo	Cello & Piano Duo
	Sacconi quartet	String Quartet		Apollo's Cabinet	Baroque Ensemble
2007/08	Veya Saxophone Quartet	Saxophone Quartet		Ensemble Renard	Wind Quintet
	Mara Ensemble	Piano Quartet	2026/27	Perseus Duo	Violin & Piano Duo
	McLeod/Sturfalt Duo	Cello & Piano Duo		Kleio Quartet	String Quartet
2008/09	Thistle Brass	Brass Quintet		Salomé Quartet	String Quartet
	Yamada/Kynoch Duo	Violin & Piano Duo	2027/28	Stroud Zhang Duo	Violin & Piano Duo
	Heath Quartet	String Quartet		Scholfield Clark Duo	Saxophone & Piano Duo
2009/10	Lancier Brass	Brass Quintet		Trio Havisham	Piano Trio
	Navarra Quartet	String Quartet	2028/29	Lumas Winds	Wind Quintet
	Barbirolli Quartet	String Quartet		Asaka Quartet	String Quartet
2010/11	Illuminati	Wind Quartet		Kyan Quartet	String Quartet
	Rhodes Trio	Piano Trio	2029/30	Piano Phase Project	4 hands Piano Duo
	Zephirus	Saxophone Quartet		Trio Arisonto	Violin, Horn & Piano Trio
2011/12	Bozza Trio	Reed Trio			
	Dyad	Percussion Duo			
	Finzi Quartet	String Quartet			



## Music Club Awards Scheme Concerts 2022/2023

Awards Scheme Music Club Concerts by our 2021 Award Winners

### **Apollo's Cabinet** baroque ensemble



Friday 17th March 2023  
Saturday 18th March 2023  
Sunday 19th March 2023  
Tuesday 21st March 2023  
Wednesday 22nd March 2023  
Thursday 23rd March 2023

Music in Dumfries  
Georgian Concert Society, Edinburgh  
Music in Aberfoyle  
Orkney Arts Society  
Cromarty Arts Trust  
Inverurie Music

### **Ensemble Renard** wind quintet



Friday 7th October 2022  
Saturday 8th October 2022  
Sunday 9th October 2022  
Friday 3rd February 2023  
Saturday 4th February 2023  
Sunday 5th February 2023

Bute Arts Society  
Oban Music Society  
Dunfermline Arts Guild  
Melrose Music Society  
Helensburgh Music Society  
Newton Stewart & District Music Club

### **Perseus Duo** violin & piano



Tuesday 24th January 2023  
Wednesday 25th January 2023  
Thursday 26th January 2023  
Friday 27th January 2023  
Saturday 28th January 2023  
Sunday 29th January 2023

Dundee Chamber Music  
Strathearn Music Club  
Music Inverness  
Kelso Music Society  
Music in Lanark  
Haddington Concert Society

## Music Club Awards Scheme Concerts 2023/2024

Awards Scheme Music Club Concerts by our 2022 Award Winners

### **Kleio Quartet** string quartet



7th March 2024 Music in Lanark  
8th March 2024 Melrose Music Society  
9th March 2024 Hawick Music Club  
10th March 2024 Dunblane Cathedral Arts Society

### **Salomé Quartet** string quartet



15th February 2024 Music in Dumfries  
16th February 2024 Bute Arts Society  
17th February 2024 Linlithgow Arts Guild  
18th February 2024 Cowal Music Club

### **Stroud Zhang Duo** violin & piano



22nd February 2024 Skye Chamber Music  
23rd February 2024 Music Nairn  
24th February 2024 Perth Chamber Music Society  
25th February 2024 Penicuik Community Arts

### **Scholfield Clark Duo** saxophone & piano



9th February 2024 Inverurie Music  
10th February 2024 Ayr Music Club  
11th February 2024 Helensburgh Music Society

### **Trio Havisham** piano trio



4th October 2023 Orkney Arts Society (workshop)  
5th October 2023 Orkney Arts Society  
6th October 2023 Lyth Arts  
7th October 2023 Cromarty Arts

### **Lumas Winds** wind quintet



21st February 2024 Dundee Chamber Music  
22nd February 2024 Moffat Music Society  
23rd February 2024 Music in West Kilbride



## Music Club Awards Scheme Concerts 2024/2025

Awards Scheme Music Club Concerts by our 2023 Award Winners

### **Asaka Quartet** string quartet



19th February 2025	Westbourne Music
20th & 21st February 2025	Islay Arts Association
22nd February 2025	Music in Dollar
23rd February 2025	Dunfermline Arts Guild
24th February 2025	Perth Chamber Music Society
25th February 2025	Osprey Music Society

### **Piano Phase Project** 4 hands piano duo



25th February 2025	Dundee Chamber Music
26th February 2025	Strathearn Music Society
27th February 2025	Music in Lanark
28th February 2025	Inverurie Music
1st March 2025	Penicuik Community Arts
2nd March 2025	Dunblane Cathedral Arts Guild

### **Kyan Quartet** string quartet



26th February 2025	Kircaldy Music Club
27th February 2025	Hawick Music Club
28th February 2025	Melrose Music Society
1st March 2025	Lochaber Music for All

### **Trio Arisonto** violin, horn & piano trio



19th November 2025	Gatehouse of Fleet Music Club
20th November 2025	Biggar Music Club
21st November 2025	Lockerbie Music Society
22nd November 2025	Music in West Kilbride
23rd November 2025	Music Arran
24th November 2025	Helensburgh Music Society

# Reviews and Comments from the Music Club Concerts in 2023

## Perseus Duo

Strathearn Music Society, 25th January 2023

*"Two young men at the outset of what by rights should be a stellar career, violinist Anthony Poon and pianist Galin Ganchev, are worthy winners of a Tunnell Trust Award which is currently enabling them to undertake a Scottish tour as the Perseus Duo."*

*"..... the players gradually eased the intensity of their earlier efforts into a lighter mood where sheer virtuosity and delight in (slightly) simpler things inevitably led to two encores – and lots of smiles all round – leaving a delightful impression of modest, unassuming but impeccable musicianship and immense skill and artistry, lightly worn. In short, this was a fabulous concert."*

## Ensemble Renard

Bute Arts Society, 7th October 2022

*"The Renard Ensemble were superlative musicians and we all took them to our hearts. The Renard are without doubt the best group of young musicians we have had on the island in the last few years. They provided a mixed repertoire Wind Quintet programme which charmed everyone whether the music was familiar or not!"*

*"I trust the Tunnell Trust realises just how much your support means to all of us on the island of Bute. You are bringing us wonderful young musicians we could never normally afford or hear of unless through the work of your charitable organisation."*

## Apollo's Cabinet

Orkney Arts Society, 21st March 2023

*"A fresh and youthful approach to an old story can light up an audience on any occasion. Apollo's Cabinet at Stromness Town Hall last week swept away the dusty cobwebs of 18th century music with the story of Kitty Clive, London's leading lady of Drury Lane Theatre in the 1740s."*

*Complete with harpsichord, recorders, a massive theorbo (big brother of the Elizabethan lute) and seven stringed viol da gamba, the five young musicians of the Tunnell Trust Awards Scheme entertained a large turnout at Orkney Arts Society with a galaxy of bright vocal and instrumental sound."*

*The Town Hall is just magic for this music; the ideal setting for baroque with its high roof and rich wooden reflections: it delighted us with the clarity of Ella Bodeker's light, bright soprano voice and Teresa Wrann's superb virtuosic recorder playing. So also the thinly balanced sound of authentic period stringed instruments - small harpsichord, theorbo, guitar and gamba shone out from the rafters. St Magnus Festival take note!"*





## Music Coll 2023



The 29th Annual Chamber Music Study & Performance Week took place from 24th June to 3rd July 2023 at An Cridhe on the Isle of Coll for the tenth time. The exciting groups of Young Musicians attending benefitted from coaching sessions from our inspirational tutors, time to rehearse and learn new repertoire as well as much needed performance experience in our three public concerts. All our Young Musicians took full advantage of the unique opportunity to develop at their own pace whilst being guided by nurturing staff in an extraordinary setting free from the pressures of everyday life in the music profession.



**Asaka Quartet**



**Aquilae Quartet**



**Haizea Ensemble**

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## A Review of their visit to Music Coll 2023 by the Asaka Quartet



“We were absolutely delighted to be able to attend Tunnell Trust’s Music Coll course in summer 2023. After also attending in summer 2022, we looked forward to the 2023 course all year!

The course was the perfect opportunity for us to collect and focus on refining our music making together. We brought a new piece to work on as well as 2 pieces which we had learned earlier in the year. It was brilliant to be able to really hone in on the finest of details which is usually just not possible whilst rehearsing and balancing other work and life during the rest of the year.

We are also grateful to have worked with and formed great relationships with the tutors on the course, several of whom continue to support us and mentor us for which we are very grateful. And for all of this to take place in such an idyllic place as the Isle of Coll, it really is the cherry on the cake!”

*Iona, Eriol, Susie, Jonathan*

**Check out our Film about all our work with Young Musicians here:**



**or at our website: [www.tunnelltrust.org.uk/whoweare](http://www.tunnelltrust.org.uk/whoweare)**

During **Music Coll 2023** we held 3 public recitals which were all well attended. Throughout the week we were lucky to enjoy superb facilities at the community centre An Cridhe. The Hall acoustics are perfect for chamber music and the accommodation facilities in the adjacent Bunk House proved ideal for everyone. Our team of local chefs did a superb job in looking after us all at the Coll Café.

As ever, support from so many local people helped to ensure that the event went extremely well.

## The Financial Year

The Trust's spending on charitable activities for Young Musicians amounted to £61,020 (2022 - £67,914). The Income of the Trust during the year was £47,302 (2022 - £48,721). The Trust's main investments consist of fixed interest British Government Stocks and other Equities, managed on the advice of its Brokers. Net assets at the end of the year were £332,945 (2022 - £347,486).

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