

THE
TUNNELL
TRUST
FOR YOUNG MUSICIANS

Music Coll
2025



A Review



C.A.T.I.L Quintet



Telyn Quartet



Trio Archai

For 10 days all three groups rehearsed and received tuition from our four tutors for at least six hours each day. At the end of the event we hosted three public recitals at An Cridhe on Coll.

The Tutors

It is clear from the reports submitted to the Trust after Music Coll and published later in this review that our nurturing tutors are greatly appreciated by the young musicians. A huge thank you must go to them for all their hard work.

Timothy Brown *french horn*, **Michael Dussek** *piano*, **Ralph de Souza** *violin*, **Scott Dickinson** *viola*, **Jonathan Tunnell** *cello*

Funding

During 32 years we have attracted funding from many wonderful sources for this important event. In total, four charities supported Music Coll in 2025: **Misses Barrie Charitable Trust, CMS Charitable Trust, Cruden Foundation, Albert & Eugenie Frost Music Trust, Headley Trust, PF Charitable Trust and the Marigold Whittome Memorial Trust** kindly donated funds to the Trust in support of these wonderful musicians.

We are extremely grateful to these charities and all the generous individuals who make our work possible.

Thank you!



CATIL Quintet with Timothy Brown

The Venue



The staff at An Cridhe are always incredibly supportive and the venue provides us with perfect facilities for the event.

Our delicious food was provided by Tasha and her team and was delicious. Thank you so much!

We are so lucky with all our wonderful friends on this fabulous Island who do so much to make the event very special indeed.



The Audience

Audience numbers increased by almost 8% in 2025 representing an increase of over 30% in the past two years.

As ever our audience base consists of regular supporters who are resident on Coll and many who make a special trip from the mainland to enjoy the concert weekend. One regular visitor has now been attending our study & performance week for over 25 years.

Our Young Musicians

Our musicians in 2025 were some of the most hard working we have ever hosted. We always try to leave the musicians to plan their own schedule and to give them the support they really require whilst they are with us on Coll.

Trio Archai were preparing for an international competition (which they won shortly after visiting Coll...) so needed very specific preparation.

The Telyn Quartet were concentrating on some new repertoire as well as a couple of works they knew well and wanted further insight.

The CATIL Quintet just revelled in spending proper time together, time growing together that wind groups rarely seem to get.

Our tutors were as wonderfully supportive as ever, giving the musicians time and space to explore their own ideas whilst introducing them to new musical and technical approaches.



Words from the CATIL Quintet on their visit to Coll in 2025

CATIL Quintet

"Thank you so much for the incredible opportunity to take part in this year's Tunnell Trust Music Coll course. We're truly grateful to the Trust, and the funders for supporting such a visionary course for young ensembles.

The week was both inspiring and transformative. The expert coaching challenged us artistically and helped us grow as a unified ensemble. We especially appreciated the focused, distraction-free environment. It gave us the space to deepen our partnership and refine our musical ideas.

It was also a rare privilege to receive insights from non-wind coaches, which offered valuable perspectives, especially as we often work with arrangements. Conversations with fellow musicians and performing in such a supportive setting were equally enriching.

We leave the course with renewed energy and a clearer artistic direction. Please do pass on our heartfelt thanks to the funders, their support makes a real and lasting impact."

Alex, Charis, Lily, Thais & Isabella

[The Music Coll Blog](#)

If you have not yet read our Blog from the event please click here to access some lovely messages from the Young Musicians!



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Our musicians swapped disciplines one evening and joined in with a local Ceilidh!



Music Coll Film

The film gives a full insight into the work of the Trust. Click on the play button in the picture below to enjoy!



We look forward to a return to Coll in 2026 from 27th June to 5th July when we feel sure that the fantastic support from the Island, our funders and our super audience will be in place once again.

Do come and join us for some more wonderful music making!



