

# **STRING CHAMBER MUSIC COURSES IN 2020**

**AT**

## **HEADINGTON SCHOOL, OXFORD**

coached by

### **THE MAGGINI QUARTET**

#### **Course Dates**

1. Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> April to Friday 10<sup>th</sup> April
2. Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> August 2020 to Friday 28<sup>th</sup> August
3. Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> August to Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> September

All courses run from tea at 4pm on the first day to tea on the last

**Fees per person per course: Resident £480, Non-Resident £385**

**Further details can be found on our website  
[www.stringquartetcourses.uk](http://www.stringquartetcourses.uk)**

**Course participants must usually be 18 years or over.**

We may be prepared to accept applications from under 18s only if they are non-resident and are in a group of at least two adults who are prepared to accept responsibility for them.

**Applications are preferred from pre-formed string quartets.** Depending on circumstances, we may be able to accept applications from string trios, quintets or sextets, or small groups containing other instruments such as piano or a woodwind instrument.

Individuals may apply but their application will only be accepted if it possible to incorporate them into a group. This may only be possible if a pre-formed group needs to replace a member at short notice.

During the course, each group will get four coaching sessions, one from each member of the Maggini Quartet. The remaining playing sessions give you time to prepare your chosen pieces, consolidate what you have been taught during the coaching sessions, or to explore other repertoire. The course fee includes an evening concert by the Maggini Quartet.

The courses are popular and fill up quickly. You are advised to apply early to avoid disappointment.

A provisional reservation will be made on receipt of a completed application form **and** a deposit of £30 from at least one member of the group. The reservation will be confirmed when forms and deposits have been received from **all** members of the group. Once the reservation has been confirmed, the deposit is non-refundable unless we can fill the place with another group.

The balance of the fee must be received six weeks before the start of the course. After that time, if you cancel your reservation, a partial refund may be given (at the discretion of the organisers). Any cancellation in the two weeks prior to the start of the course is not eligible for a refund.

In case you have to cancel through illness or other unforeseen circumstances, we suggest you take out insurance. One company that seems to offer this is Guest First ([www.guestfirst.co.uk/](http://www.guestfirst.co.uk/)).

If the organisers have to cancel the course, your deposit and fee will be refunded in full.

Please note that although the site as a whole is reasonably accessible, and all playing rooms are either on the ground floor or accessible by lift, all bedrooms are at first or second floor level, with no lift access. Some hotels in Oxford offer accessible accommodation.

For those opting to be residential, accommodation is in single bedrooms in the School's boarding houses, with common rooms and kitchens. There are no tea/coffee making facilities in any of the bedrooms. One or two rooms have en-suite facilities but most do not. Most bathroom facilities are in single-sex blocks off the landings adjacent to the bedroom corridors. If you **need** to be close to a bathroom, please let us know and we will try to allocate you a suitable room. Please bring your own towel and toiletries; bedding is provided.

Meals are provided by the School's catering staff and served in the School dining hall. They cater for us very well and can cater for most dietary requirements. Please state any dietary requirements at the time of booking.

You are responsible for ensuring your belongings, including your instruments, are adequately insured.

A separate application form for each individual, even if part of a pre-formed group, together with a deposit of £30 per person per course should be sent to the Treasurer, preferably in electronic form:

**Alan Goodwin  
2 North Street, Oxford OX2 0AY  
Tel: 07765 034918  
Email: [alan@hilcot.demon.co.uk](mailto:alan@hilcot.demon.co.uk)**

**Please note, we cannot accept credit cards; payments must be by cheque or bank transfer.**

Cheques: Please make cheques payable to Chamber Music Weekends.

Bank transfer direct to our account:

Sort Code: 30-11-27 Account number: 00011094 Account name: Chamber Music Weekend

Please put your name as the reference so we can work out who has paid. It would also be helpful if you could send an email to [alan@hilcot.demon.co.uk](mailto:alan@hilcot.demon.co.uk) to confirm that you have paid by this method.

In order to keep down costs and reduce the admin workload, future correspondence will be by email where possible and receipts will not be issued unless specially requested. Please assist us with this and let us know your current email address. However, we appreciate that not everyone uses email, so postal correspondence will still operate for those without an email address.

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