



# INTERMEDIATE & SENIOR COURSES

19th-21st April 2025

National Strings Easter Course 2025 will be held at Wells Cathedral School, one of the UK's five specialist music schools. The course will combine solo performance opportunities, daily individual lessons, masterclasses with leading teachers and playing chamber music with other students.

## Professors

### Violin:

**Vanessa David** - Principal 1st violin at Royal Ballet Sinfonia, teaches at Junior Guildhall School of Music and Drama, Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama and visiting orchestral coaching at Royal Academy of Music and Royal Birmingham Conservatoire.

**Simon Smith** - Head of Strings at Wells Cathedral School, and previously professor at Royal Birmingham Conservatoire, Royal Northern College of Music, Trinity Laban and Junior Royal College of Music.

### Viola:

**Alex Thorndike** - Assistant Principal Viola of BBC National Orchestra of Wales, teaches at Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama and Wells Cathedral School.

### Cello:

**Jo Cole (+Performance Class for all strings)** - teaches at Royal Academy of Music where she was formerly Head of Strings and trustee of the Tillet Trust.

**Ben Davies** - Principal Cello at English Touring Opera, teaches at Junior Royal Academy of Music, Royal Birmingham Conservatoire and the Purcell School.

**Harriet Wiltshire** - Modern and Baroque cellist, teaches at Wells Cathedral School and coaches National Children's Orchestra and the Benedetti Foundation.

### Piano/Accompaniment:

**Rebecca Selley** - Teaches at Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama, and is accompanist for BBC National Orchestra of Wales and Welsh National Opera.

## Senior Course

The senior course is suitable for conservatoire students/recent graduates or younger students of an advanced standard who play violin, viola, cello, double bass or piano. To apply email us with your CV/Biography and two contrasting video recordings by 19th March

## Intermediate Course

The Intermediate Course is suitable for string players grade 8+ and students may stay residential age 12+. To apply email with the participants name, age, instrument and one recent recording by 19th March.

Find our more about our Junior non-residential Easter Course on our website

## Fees

Residential - £395

Non-residential - £355

## CONTACT US



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