

Season 2023-24 Concert 5

The Thistle Trio



7:30pm 18 February 2024 Viewfield Baptist Church

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Enthusiastic, friendly, passionate and approachable musicians, Laura, Gaynor and Pawel have played together over the last seven years in a variety of orchestral and chamber music settings. All three were trained in the UK (Royal Conservatoire of Scotland, Edinburgh Napier, Trinity College) and abroad (France, Poland, Germany). They all regularly freelance across Scotland with the professional orchestras (RSNO, Scottish Ballet, Scottish Opera, SCO, London Concertante, Scottish Concert Orchestra) and are also guests internationally with orchestras (Italy, Malta, Russia, Spain).

Outside their performing activities, Laura, Gaynor and Pawel are all passionate and dedicated tutors, teaching across various schools in the Borders, Edinburgh City, Angus, Glasgow City and in England, as well as with Sistema Scotland coaching hundreds of young people to develop their musical talents.

Originally from Malta, **Laura Cioffi** has performed all over the UK, from the back of a trailer van in the Highlands to the O2 Arena. Equally at ease improvising alongside Deep House Producers and performing on baroque flute, she studied at Trinity Laban and Edinburgh Napier University. She performs regularly with Scottish Opera, English Classical Players and Malta Philharmonic Orchestra and has appeared behind famous names like Andrea Bocelli, Bryn Terfel, Hans Zimmer and Billie Eilish. Her flutey sounds have been heard on BBC Radio 3, on vinyl B-sides and on Bandcamp.

Gaynor Gowman is an enthusiastic performer and teacher. She is now based in the Scottish central belt after travelling throughout Europe for her studies graduating from the Haute Ecole de Musique de Lausanne, the Paris Conservatoire and the Royal Conservatoire of Scotland with first class diplomas. Former winner of all Scottish orchestras apprenticeship schemes, she now freelances regularly with the Royal Scottish National Orchestra as well as with the Scottish Ballet, the London Concertante and the Scottish Concert Orchestra. Gaynor was regularly performing as a guest before the Covid Pandemic on international festivals in Italy, Spain, the UK and Russia.

Gaynor now shares her passion on a daily basis teaching woodwinds across the City of Edinburgh, as a regular visiting teacher with Sistema Scotland and as an oboe lecturer at the Royal Conservatoire of Scotland. She also has a small private oboe class teaching anyone age 8 to over 70.

Pawel Jaworski is a Polish clarinettist and music tutor. Pawel graduated from the Royal Conservatoire of Scotland where he achieved a Bachelor of Music degree with Honours (2017) and Masters of Music Performance degree (2019). He was awarded an RCS Trust Postgraduate Scholarship to commence his Master of Music degree. He also won a Help Musicians UK Postgraduate Award. He is currently the clarinet and piano tutor at the Scott Lygate School of Music. He is also the clarinet tutor at the Portobello Music School. As a soloist, Pawel has performed with the RCS Symphony as winner of the Classical Concerto Competition. He also currently plays with the Scottish Chamber Orchestra as well as other major orchestras in Scotland and is a member of The Silver Keys clarinet quartet, Tropps Ensemble and Thistle Trio.

PROGRAMME

The Thistle Song Scottish music arr. Gaynor Gowman

Trio in C Major Op.87 Ludwig van Beethoven arr. M. Orriss

Allegro Adagio Menuetto Scherzo Rondo Presto

'Morning Mood' from Peer Gynt Suite No. 1

Edvard Grieg arr. Gaynor Gowman

Terzetto for flute, oboe and clarinet (1925) Gustav Holst (1874–1934)

Allegretto – Andante Un poco vivace

Divertimento for wind trio Op 37 (1952) Malcolm Arnold (1921–2006) Allegro energico Languido Vivace Andantino Maestoso Piacevole

Harry Potter film music, Hedwig's theme

John Williams, arr. Gaynor Gowman

15-minute INTERVAL

Coffee/tea will be available during the interval You will find toilets at the top of the entrance staircase (disabled and ladies) and the bottom of the staircase (men)

Loch Lomond Scottish music arr. Thomas Graf

The Skye Boat Song Scottish music arr. Gaynor Gowman

Trifolium (1987) Keith Amos (b.1939)

Star Wars film music John Williams, arr. Gaynor Gowman

Aubade (1906) Paul de Wailly (1854–1933)

Variations on 'La ci darem la mano' (1795) Ludwig van Beethoven

arr. Tom van der Grinten

Indiana Jones film music: John Williams

The Trout (Lied) Franz Schubert, arr. Gaynor Gowman

Music from Carmen Georges Bizet, arr. A. Cooper

Toreador song Habanera Les dragons d'Alcala