



MANCHESTER GUITAR FESTIVAL GUIDE

Fri 20 – Sun 22 May 2022

Suitable for all ages

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WELCOME

Welcome to the first EVER Manchester Guitar Festival, a three-day celebration of the finest guitar talent, encompassing everything from flamenco and acoustic to electric, jazz and blues and even a few ukuleles!

Whether you want to sit back and enjoy incredible performances or you're an amateur player, budding professional or a session guitarist who wants to learn from the best, there's something for everyone.

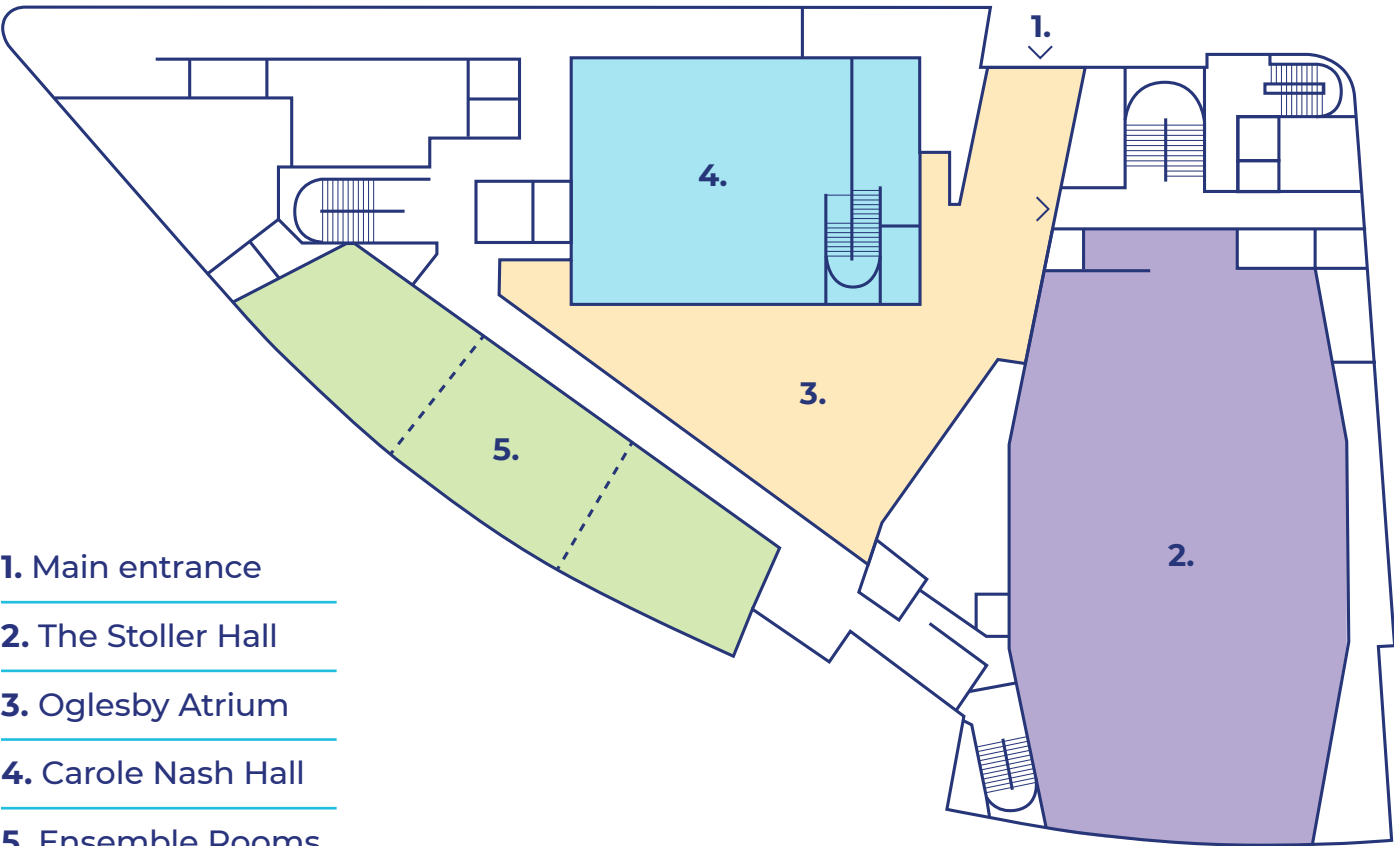
There are headline concerts from internationally acclaimed acts including Craig Ogden, Sean Shibe and Flamenco Favourite, Daniel Martinez. Running alongside the concerts are pop-up performances from a range of music genres, including lockdown legends Duo, The Ukulele Uff Trio, Becky Langan, Boo Hewerdine, Alexandra Whittingham, Gwenifer Raymond and students from the RNCM and BIMM.

There's also a series of talks and workshops led by musicians and Chetham's School of Music guitar tutors and graduates. Pre-school children and their families can also learn about the world of guitar, with an Early Years Flamenco Workshop complete with story-telling, music and art.

Over the course of the weekend you can work alongside professional musicians to develop your playing, listening and ensemble skills, and watch outstanding professional concerts covering all genres and styles.

We hope you leave feeling entertained, inspired and with a new sense of knowledge about this incredible instrument!

Fran – Festival Director, and all the team at The Stoller Hall



FESTIVAL SCHEDULE

FRIDAY 20 MAY

Pre-concert music from RNCM students <i>Oglesby Atrium</i>	6pm
Sean Shibe <i>The Stoller Hall</i>	7.30pm
Duo: Ben Bruant and Will Cashel <i>Carole Nash Hall</i>	9.45pm

Alexandra Whittingham <i>Carole Nash Hall</i>	5.30pm
Ukulele workshop with Chris 'Uff' Hough <i>Ensemble Rooms</i>	6pm
Becky Langan <i>Oglesby Atrium</i>	6.30pm
Daniel Martinez Flamenco Company <i>The Stoller Hall</i>	7.30pm

SATURDAY 21 MAY

Whitford Rees <i>The Stoller Hall</i>	1pm
Flamenco workshop with the Daniel Martinez Flamenco Group <i>Ensemble Rooms</i>	1pm
Jazz and improvisation with Jim Faulkner <i>Ensemble Rooms</i>	1.30pm & 3.45pm

Bring your solo guitar pieces to life with Alexandra Whittingham <i>Ensemble Rooms</i>	2pm
Boo Hewerdine <i>Oglesby Atrium</i>	2.30pm
Rhythm workshop with Becky Langan <i>Ensemble Rooms</i>	4pm
Gwenifer Raymond <i>Oglesby Atrium</i>	4.30pm
Top guitar tips with Wendy Jackson <i>Ensemble Rooms</i>	4.30pm

SUNDAY 22 MAY

Live Q&A with Craig Ogden and Chetham's School of Music student showcase <i>Oglesby Atrium</i>	11.30am
Guitar ensemble workshop with Wendy Jackson and Alexandra Whittingham <i>Ensemble Rooms</i>	12.30pm
Stoller Story Sounds – The Little Green Dragon Early Years Workshop <i>Carole Nash Hall</i>	1pm & 2pm
Becky Langan <i>Oglesby Atrium</i>	1.30pm
Northern Chamber Orchestra with Craig Ogden <i>The Stoller Hall</i>	3pm

FESTIVAL HEADLINERS

SEAN SHIBE

The first guitarist to be selected for the BBC Radio 3 New Generation Artists scheme, Sean is one of the most versatile guitarists performing today. A great admirer of the masterful composers of the past, Sean is equally committed to conceiving imaginative programmes of new music and commissions. In this unmissable programme of polar opposites, he presents a first half dedicated to classical guitar, featuring JS Bach (BWV 996), before switching to electric guitar for Steve Reich's hypnotic Electric Counterpoint.



DANIEL MARTINEZ FLAMENCO COMPANY

Daniel Martinez is a flamenco guitarist and composer from Cordoba, who has been captivating audiences since the age of 7. With an array of flamenco styles, Daniel will showcase pieces from his first album as well as paying tribute to the guitarists who have had a strong influence on his career so far; Paco Serrano, Vicente Amigo, Paco de Lucia, Moraito, Sabicas, to name a few. There will also be singing, percussion and dance from some members of the Daniel Martinez Flamenco Company, for an unforgettable night of stunning music and dance.



NORTHERN CHAMBER ORCHESTRA WITH CRAIG OGDEN

Australian guitarist, Craig Ogden is one of the most exciting artists of his generation. Director of Guitar at the Royal Northern College of Music in Manchester, Craig is one of the UK's most recorded guitarists, and his Classic FM albums *The Guitarist* and *Summertime* both reached No.1 in the UK classical chart. For this Anglo-Australian concert, Craig is joined by our Orchestra in Association, The Northern Chamber Orchestra and talented students from Chetham's School of Music.



BECKY LANGAN

Born in Rochdale, Becky Langan is a percussive fingerstyle guitarist who employs a combination of extended techniques that explore the outermost reaches of the acoustic guitar. In 2016 Becky was a semi-finalist on *Guitar Star* which aired on Sky Arts - a TV show which scours the UK to discover a world class guitarist. Throughout this competition, she recorded at Abbey Road Studios with producer Tony Visconti and received mentor sessions from many iconic musicians, including; Tony Iommi, George Benson, Wilko Johnson, Jon Gomm and Preston Reed.



ALEXANDRA WHITTINGHAM

After studying classical guitar, piano, jazz guitar and composition at Chetham's School of Music for seven years, Alexandra Whittingham gained a scholarship to study at the Royal Academy of Music in London. In May 2021 Alexandra released her debut studio album *My European Journey*, which explores the guitar's great coming of age in nineteenth-century Europe. The album reached No.1 on the iTunes Classical Chart as well as taking first place on The Presto Chart solely through pre-orders before its release. *My European Journey* sees Alexandra's passion for nineteenth-century music combine with a love of discovering lesser-known composers and bringing them into the spotlight. Alexandra has gained over 200,000 subscribers on YouTube during the last five years, where videos of her performances have collectively surpassed 30 million views.



WHITFORD REES

Rees studied classical guitar and composition at Chetham's School of Music and is currently preparing to read Music at Kings College, University of Cambridge. A fresh face in a new generation of guitarists, Whitford Rees presents a wide programme of pieces, stretching from early musicians such as Madurra and Dowland through to newly commissioned guitar works from emerging composers.



DUO

Ben Bruant and Will Cashel are Duo. They fuse together flamenco, pop and classical music to play songs you probably know in ways you've never heard before. In March 2020 when the UK lockdown began, Duo began live streaming gigs which evolved into free weekly performances in the gardens of nominated key and frontline workers to thank them for their amazing work during the pandemic. These *Gigs In Your Garden* became a huge hit and were featured on BBC Breakfast, Sky News, Jeremy Vine on 5 and in The Times. *Gig In Your Garden* the album, inspired by the music played at these events and was released on Demon Records in 2021, and the gigs now take place monthly.



UKULELE UFF TRIO

"Have seen these guys twice now and both times they didn't just get a standing ovation, they got a standing-on-chairs ovation" - Matt Warnes editor of Uke Magazine. The Ukulele Uff Trio is comprised of Chris Hough on ukulele, Dave Searson on guitar and 'Brother' Bill Leach on Hawaiian guitar. After teaching ukulele classes in Liverpool and inspiring players around the world - especially after appearing on the cover of Uke Magazine - the Ukulele Uff Trio have been impressing audiences with their brilliantly arranged renditions of obscure and wonderful 1920s/30s jazz, Tin Pan Alley classics and traditional Hawaiian music, performed with a skill and authenticity that is rare today.



BOO HEWERDINE

For over 30 years Boo Hewerdine has been considered one of the UK's finest singer-songwriters. His last album *Before* was recorded with supreme Danish multi-instrumentalist Gustaf Ljunggren and garnered multiple five star reviews. Since then he has released a lockdown EP, *Singularities* and 2022 sees a brand new album released on Reveal Records. On this tour he will be singing songs from his new album and his extraordinary back catalogue. A naturally gifted raconteur his gigs are always a total joy.

GWENIFER RAYMOND

Influenced by the landscape of her home in Wales – think tall, black, spooky trees, set against the grey skies and cold air, Gwenifer Raymond has a unique sound. The Welsh fingerstylist's rich, powerful, acoustic music embraces the label with which her hypnotic and often unsettling brand of acoustic fingerstyle guitar has been stamped.

JIM FAULKNER AND WENDY JACKSON

Jim Faulkner is an extremely accomplished guitarist and can be heard in genres as diverse as straight ahead jazz, world music, contemporary classical music and progressive rock. He performs internationally and is a busy educator, holding teaching positions at LIPA and Chetham's School of Music.

From the moment Wendy Jackson picked up a beautiful classical guitar at the age of nine she was enchanted. Strumming across its open strings is now an integral part of her life and today, Wendy enjoys passing on her enthusiasm to students of all levels and ages as a tutor at Chetham's School of Music, Junior RNCM and the University of Manchester.

FOOD & DRINK

Why not make the most of your visit and join us in our Atrium Bar for drinks and snacks and a look at our new Jeremy Haworth Gallery Wall.

Our well-stocked bar offers a variety of tasty beers, wines, spirits, teas and coffees and there's plenty of sandwiches and homemade cakes to choose from too. We consciously work with local brands including Cheshire Farm Ice Cream and Manchester Three Rivers Gin. And as part of our sustainability objectives, we're also actively removing single use plastics from our bar and swapping for recyclable alternatives.



FAMILY WORKSHOPS

STOLLER STORY SOUNDS

Stoller Story Sounds is our new series of workshops aimed to inspire and tickle pre-schoolers' imagination through storytelling, drawing, dancing and of course music!

Suitable for ages 3 – 5

THE LITTLE GREEN DRAGON – EARLY YEARS WORKSHOPS

Can you help Little Dragon, scared to breathe fire, find his courage and his treasure? What is the sound of fire, and of courage? Come along and join our artists on this interactive adventure with special guests Espíritu Flamenco. It is sure to be a toe-tapping and magical experience.

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Hania Rani
Tuesday 31 May

Orchestra for the Earth
Sunday 5 June

Down for the Count plays the
Great American Songbook
Monday 6 June

Battle of the Elements – Family Concert
Saturday 18 June

The Comedy Store at The Stoller Hall
Sunday 19 June

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