

CSO's 2025-26 Season

Welcome to CSO's 24-25 Season. The Orchestra returns to the Tung Auditorium for our first concert this season, featuring Brahms' monumental *4th Symphony*. We couple this with two 'inheritors' of Brahms' tradition: his mentees Dame Ethel Smyth's *The Wreckers Overture* and Richard Strauss' *Death and Transfiguration*. We will be playing this under the baton of conductor James Gillett who will be making his debut with CSO.

We will also perform in the Tung in our final concert of the season, featuring music inspired by jazz: Ravel's Piano Concerto and Shostakovich's *Suite for Variety Orchestra* universally known as *Jazz Suite No 2*. These are coupled with two journeys into unknown places: Gershwin's *American in Paris* and Borodin's *Polovtsian Dances*.

In February, youth meets experience: alongside conducting students from the RNCM we welcome our youngest soloist Leo Behrend in Mendelssohn's beautiful *Violin Concerto* at St Faith's, coupled with Mendelssohn *Fair Melusine* (overture) and Beethoven's *Symphony No. 7* – the 'apotheosis of the dance', according to Wagner.

In April, our very own Jeff Rimmer and Maxine Molin will be soloists the jewel-like Mozart *Concerto for Flute and Harp*; the orchestra responds with a concerto of its own – Bartók's vibrant, virtuosic *Concerto for Orchestra*.

I do hope your interest is piqued and that you will join us for these concerts.

The Venue

St Faith's Church

44 Crosby Road North
Waterloo Liverpool L22 4QH



Ticket Prices

St Faith's Sunday evening concerts:-

£15, £5 u16 and Full-time students.

The Tung Auditorium Liverpool:-

£18, £9 u16 and Full-time students.

Prices and programmes correct at publication

Dates for your diary:

Sunday 16 November 2025 – The Tung Auditorium 2.30pm The Brahms Connection

Sunday 1 February 2026 – St Faiths 7.30pm Mendelssohn & Beethoven

Sunday 19 April 2026 – St Faiths 7.30pm Concertos for Orchestra

Sunday 28 June 2026 – The Tung Auditorium 2.30pm American Inspirations

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Crosby Symphony Orchestra Concerts 2025-26

Sunday 16 November 2025

The Brahms Connection

The Tung Auditorium 2.30pm

Smyth *The Wreckers Overture*

Strauss *Death and Transfiguration*

Brahms *Symphony No.4*

Conductor **James Gillett**

Sunday 19 April 2026

Concertos for Orchestra

St Faiths Church Crosby 7.30pm

Suppe *Light Cavalry Overture*

Mozart *Flute & Harp Concerto*
(soloists Jeff Rimmer & Maxine Molin)

Bartok *Concerto for Orchestra*

Conductor **Juan Ortuño**

Sunday 1 February 2026

Mendelssohn & Beethoven

St Faiths Church Crosby 7.30pm

Mendelssohn *Fair Melusine*

Mendelssohn *Violin Concerto*
(soloist Leo Behrend)

Beethoven *Symphony No.7*

Conductors **RNCM students**

Sunday 28 June 2026

American Inspirations

The Tung Auditorium 2.30pm

Gershwin *American in Paris*

Ravel *Piano Concerto in G*
(soloist Will Bracken)

Shostakovich *Jazz Suite No.2*
(Suite for Variety Orchestra)

Borodin *Polovtsian Dances*

Conductor **Juan Ortuño**