

A Music Quiz

with a difference...

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Herstmonceux Village Hall





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Classical music on your doorstep



OUR JOURNEY

Music Box Wealden was founded in 2022 by local pianist William Hancox as a Community Interest Company (CIC), which exists to provide benefits for its community, rather than serving private shareholders.

After a long career of performing, recording, and teaching music around the world, William wanted to create a model that would make it easier to connect musicians and concert goers within their own communities

WHO WE ARE

Music Box Wealden currently has four directors all of whom have strong backgrounds in music making in East Sussex.

WILLIAM HANCOX is a pianist with a varied career which has taken him all over the world. He has been based in Wealden for twenty-five years and now plays an active role in many local musical projects.

NOA LACHMAN is a soprano who lives locally and has given many performances in the area, as well as having a background in arts fundraising.

JOZIK KOTZ is a distinguished bass baritone who has also worked as an educator and as Musical Director for many local choirs including Hailsham Choral Society.

ROSIE PAGE is a Sussex based singer, with a degree in Music Theatre who is deeply involved in community music in the area.

JOIN US

Join a vibrant, friendly and sustainable community of music lovers. Members gain free access to all our concerts in exchange for one monthly subscription.

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Tonight is a friendly, informal, and wide-ranging musical quiz night with an extra twist – some of the clues will be performed live!

We hope you enjoy pitting your wits against questions on general musical knowledge, shows, classical and film music.

But it's not just your average music quiz! This is a fundraising event to help us purchase a piano for Music Box, and your participation helps us get closer to our goal.

We are delighted you're here to support our mission of bringing live classical music to venues across the Wealden area.

QUIZ MASTER Rosie Page

PERFORMERS

Noa Lachman, soprano Rosie Page, mezzo William Hancox, piano

QUIZ ROUNDS

- 1. General Knowledge
 - 2. Performance
 - 3. Music in Sussex

INTERVAL

- 4. Mystery round
- 5. Musical or Opera
 - 6. Table round

RAFFLE

Presentation of cheque for purchase of piano from Vitality Villages.

CHALK CLIFF TRUST

We are grateful for the generous support of the Chalk Cliff Trust, which has made a major contribution towards this evening's fundraising goal - chalkclifftrust.org



MISSION AND VISION

Music Box Wealden is an innovative social enterprise creating a partnership between local music lovers and local musicians within the rural Wealden area of East Sussex.

Our aim is to enrich the cultural life of the local community by bringing high quality accessible classical music right into the heart of rural Wealden.

WHAT WE DO

- CONCERTS: We offer a varied programme of classical music concerts in local venues.
- LOCAL TALENT FOCUS: We provide a platform for established local musicians, and for young emerging professionals.
- MEMBERSHIP SCHEME: Though tickets are available to all, the membership scheme enables subscribers to pay a monthly fee and gain access to our programme without further payment.
- ACCESSIBILITY: All Music Box Wealden concerts are free for under 18s.
- COMMUNITY BUILDING: We enable our community to actively support its own musicians and by choosing smaller venues we allow for more personal experiences.

- SUSTAINABILITY: By focusing on local performers and venues, we reduce the need for long-distance travel, cutting "culture miles" and contributing to a more sustainable local economy.
- LOCALISM: Our vision brings music closer to people's doorsteps, contributing to strong, circular local economies by providing a varied programme of classical music in local venues.
- A MUSICALLY HEALTHY SOCIETY: By breaking down barriers to classical music, we make it more accessible and a vital part of a cooperative community of listeners, learners, and performers.



WEALDEN

KEY ACHIEVEMENTS & MILESTONES

- FORMATION as a Community Interest Company (CIC) in February 2022.
- LAUNCH OF MEMBERSHIP SCHEME: Subscribers pay a monthly fee for free access to concerts and musical events.
- SUCCESSFUL PROGRAMME OF CONCERTS:
 In our first three seasons, we've presented a wide variety of music, from solo vocalists through small chamber groups, to large choral performances.

 2026 will see our 50th concert!
- FOCUS ON LOCAL VENUES:
 Concerts take place in a variety of
 venues including Windmill Hill Windmill,
 Michelham Priory, Pevensey Castle, local
 pubs and churches.

- SUPPORT FOR LOCAL MUSICIANS AND YOUNG TALENT: So far we've hosted over 100 local artists, providing a platform for young professionals as well as experienced musicians.
- BUILDING A COMMUNITY: With a growing membership and over 3,000 seats filled to date, we are progressing in our aim of creating a supportive musical community in Wealden.
- PARTNERSHIPS WITH LOCAL
 ORGANISATIONS: Collaborations with
 organisations like English Heritage,
 Hailsham Pavilion, Hailsham Festival,
 Laughton Village Choir and Sussex Past.
- ENGAGING LOCAL MEDIA: We have given regular interviews for Hailsham FM and Ashdown Radio.



THANK YOU...

Music Box would like to thank the following local businesses who have generously supported tonight's event with a raffle prize.



GEO'S COFFEE HOUSE

Delighted to support



JENNY HOOK

Happy to support a local music organisation.



THE VILLAGE

Proud to serve the local community with pet supplies.



FLOWERS GREET

Happy to support this project



THE LITTLE

Happy to support



HAILSHAM

Supporting live music in Wealden



THE WINDMILL AT

A fully restored post mill which is delighted to help this project.

SUPPORT LIVE MUSIC

We've been overwhelmed by the enthusiasm for our concerts and encouraged by the many people asking how they can support Music Box.

Every contribution helps us cover the real costs of live music – from the cups of tea to the performer fees – and ensures we can continue to welcome audiences of all ages and backgrounds. If you'd like to help us continue presenting inspiring performances in intimate and welcoming settings, here are some simple and meaningful ways to get involved.

SPONSOR OUR CONCERTS

Looking for a more personal way to support us? Choose something meaningful to you:

- THE REFRESHMENTS £50 We provide FREE refreshments to our audiences at all our concerts
- PROGRAMME PRINTING £100 Our programmes are free to our audiences. Help us cover print costs and we'll feature your business or cause prominently on the cover plus a full page ad on a feature page.
- THE VENUE £250

 Help us with our location costs so that we can go on supporting and bringing concerts to venues around Wealden
- PERFORMER FEES £350 Support live music, support local musicians, and help us develop our community culture.
- THE GRAND PIANO £800 Moving a ton of delicate wood and metal is an expensive and difficult process...

GIFT-IN-KIND SUPPORT

Do you have time, skills or resources you could offer?

We welcome practical help or professional expertise in any form - from setting up venues and greeting guests to offering lifts, baking cakes, or providing items like flowers or tableware.

If you have time or resources to share, we'd love to hear from you.

HOST A MUSIC BOX CONCERT

Do you live in a home or venue that could host a concert?

We're always looking for atmospheric, friendly spaces to present performances. Let's talk.

SPREAD THE WORD

Invite a friend. Share our events online.

Leave a review. Your voice helps us reach new audiences and grow our community.

Thank you. We will be sure to acknowledge you in our programme and online – or we can keep your support anonymous if you prefer.

With your help, we can keep the music playing in Wealden for both audiences and performers – intimate, inspiring, and open to all.

THANK YOU



ONF-OFF DONATIONS

Every contribution, large or small, makes a difference.

Make a quick card payment today or use this QR code to visit our website to donate online



EASY FUNDRAISING

You can help us for FREE by signing up for Easy Fundraising. Every time you shop online from your favourite online stores, use this QR code to go via our page on the Easy Fundraising website and retailers will send a donation to Music Box at no cost to you.

FUTURE ASPIRATIONS

- To bring inspiring Music Box concerts and workshops to schools and colleges in Wealden
- To reach out to social care settings like care homes and community day centres.
- To expand our reach to all parts of the Wealden area.
- To develop innovative programmes which champion local composers and performers.
- To improve our visibility, engaging with social and traditional media outlets.
- To programme large-scale works involving young performers and local professionals.
- To improve the financial stability and resilience of Music Box Wealden.
- To plan for succession, identifying and developing future leaders.



NEXT EVENTS

5 October 2025, 5.30pm PAUL GREGORY - GUITAR RECITAL at Michelham Priory BN27 3QS

> 1 November 2025, 7.30pm THE WEALDEN TRIO at Michelham Priory BN27 3QS