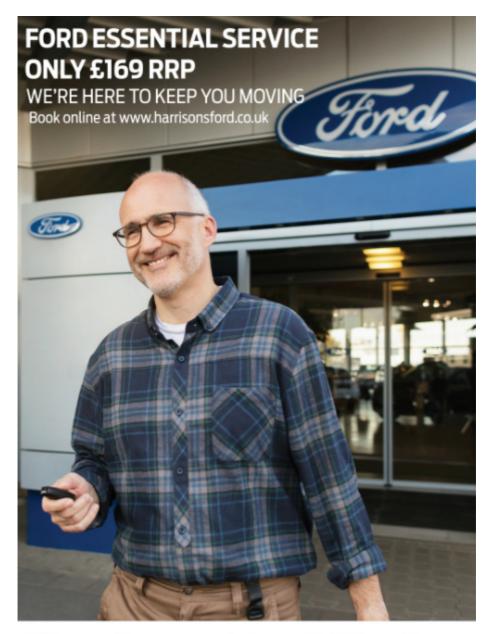


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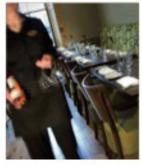
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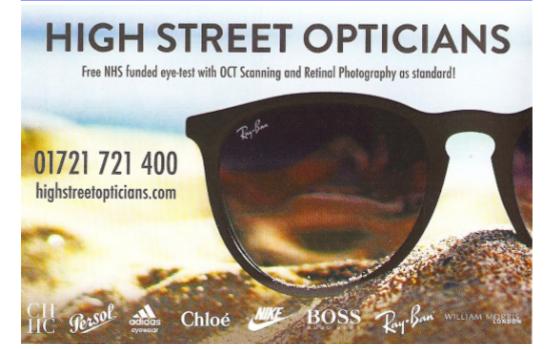
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Eastgate Theatre, Peebles Monday 13th December 2021 at 7.30 pm Supported by

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PROGRAMME

Approx. duration (minutes)

Igor Stravinsky (1882 - 1971)

Suite Italienne, for Cello & Piano (1933)

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- i. Introduzione
- ii. Serenata
- iii. Tarantella
- iv. Gavotta con due Varizioni
- v. Scherzino
- vi. Minuetto Finale

Dmitri Kabalevsky (1904 - 1987)

Sonata for Cello & Piano in B flat major, Op.71 (1962) 30

- i. Andante molto
- ii. Allegretto con moto
- iii. Allegro molto

INTERVAL (20 minutes)

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Sonata for Cello & Piano in G minor, Op. 19 (1901)

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- i. Lento Allegro moderato
- ii. Allegro scherzando
- iii. Andante
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Portrait of Stravinsky by Vasili Ivanovich Shukhaev (1933)

In 1920, Stravinsky was ensconced in Paris, basking in the gossipy friendship of Picasso, Cocteau, Poulenc et al, a beacon of sophistication and high artistic fashion. The fashion of the moment across the arts was Rapelle à l'ordre, the call to order after the disruptive modernism of pre-1914. painting, cubism, futurism and expressionism, and in music Stravinsky's own clanging dissonances in the Rite of Spring, were now seen or heard as destructive, colluding with and unapologetic for war and revolution.

Revulsion from all that suggested a new lightness, and a nostalgia for the elegancies of the eighteenth century was the rage. Watteau was back. In music, Debussy extolled Rameau, Proust's lover Reynaldo Hahn wrote neo-Handelian arias. Elsewhere, there was Fritz Kreisler passing off his own delightful neo-classics as newly discovered violin pieces by Pugnani, and T S Eliot, nobody's prankster, typing Tradition and the Individual Talent.

Stravinsky's "neo-classic" statement was the ballet *Pulcinella*, a ballet suite based on an anonymous Neapolitan play of 1700 in which Watteau characters with names like Pimpinella, Poulenza, Florindo, Farbo, Cloviello and the eponymous Pulcinella enact a drama of flirtation, jealousy, knife crime (deadly but unserious) and forgiveness (ditto) bundled up into the marriages of the three couples.

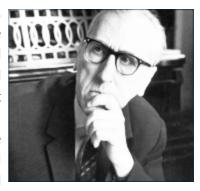
The impresario Diaghilev had asked Stravinsky to arrange music by Pergolesi (1710 - 1736) for this ballet. Stravinsky did more than arrange; by elongating and truncating notes here and there, by introducing discontinuities, irregularities, angularities and anomalies, he created an ultramodern confection.

Always ready to cash in on success, he further streamlined and souped up his eighteenth century template and called it *Suite Italienne*.

Dmitri Kabalevsky (1904 - 1987) Sonata for Cello & Piano in B flat major, Op.71 (1962)

- i. Andante molto
- ii. Allegretto con moto
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Kabalevski lived his life geographically, socially and politically at the heart of the Soviet Union, steering successfully (and unshot) through the Stalin era, and through political difficulties that compromised Shostakovich and Prokofiev. Like them, he was a product of the westernised conservatoire regime (a pupil of Myaskovsky) and like them he added



film music to the full range of classical genres, from *A Petersburg Night* (1934) to *The Sisters* (1957), some of which is played as concert music.

His reputation in the West has survived the shadow of Soviet compliance, and its prizes and honours, but not so in contemporary Russia where, according to the musicologist Marina Raku, the conservatories that nourished him have been abandoned by the state, and Kabalevsky has been dropped from the canon of worthy Soviet-era composers. His work for the musical education of children, composing children's music of the highest quality, of which nothing comparable exists in the west, was praised by Ronald Stevenson.

Some of his later music set out to be popular, bland and successful, but the Cello Sonata is a work of gritty integrity. Piano and cello retain distinct respective characters throughout, rather than the interplay and mutuality of the classical Viennese Haydn-to-Schubert school; the cello's lyrical and rhetorical voice, the piano weighty, chordal, sometimes scurrying, sometimes percussive.

This duality is marked from the growling solemnity that launches the sonata, producing outbreaks of stormy weather on the way. The second movement has ferocious pizzicato passages which dance and slash across all four strings; challenges that engaged the virtuosity of Rostropovich for whom this sonata was a favourite vehicle. The finale builds on the continuous feeling of urgency, a legacy of Beethoven's "Kreutzer" violin sonata, but a Rachmaninov element emerges in those turbulent extended melodies, long declamations that seem to go on for page after page. Perhaps this anticipation can be relished in the Rachmaninov sonata which follows.

Music is, of course, unspecific in its reference, but we may feel an inclination to hear in the cello's almost-human nearness to speech a personal and private endurance, a will to transcend anything collective or regimented.

INTERVAL (20 minutes)

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- i. Lento Allegro moderato
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A metaphor, maybe a mixed metaphor, of awakening seems to apply to this and other Rachmaninov works. The first tentative stirrings, the looking around, the tentative feeling our way, then the rush into action to which the Rach fans inhale deeply "Ahhh, here we go!"



Rachmaninov photographed in 1901

With an outstanding natural talent as a pianist, he graduated from the Moscow Conservatoire in 1892. His emergence as a composer was delayed by bad luck, bad advice (composition was a waste of promising pianist's time) the discouragement following the poor performance and reception of his first symphony, and his own tendency to depression. Hypersensitive, he devastated in 1897 by the unexpected death of his hero, Tchaikovsky. With psychiatric help and the strong support of the cellist Anatoly Brandukov, two

works were premiered in 1901, the second piano concerto, which became his signature work, and this cello sonata which the composer and Brandukov performed a month later. Thereafter, Rachmaninov was on his way.

The sonata is symphonic in its scope and ambition, perhaps as an outlet for the frustrations in the circumstances of his first orchestral symphony. The energy of the main theme is balanced by a complementary melody of touching simplicity. There is a whirling scherzo, demanding a cellist's maximum agility in bowing, and a slow andante which is a moonlit song of great warmth and nostalgia. The finale is a fully developed sonata form movement, again with that Tchaikovskian contrast of big-hearted main theme and tender second subject, arguably the masculine-feminine antithesis-synthesis that runs through the whole work, from the awakening to the robust, invigorating coda.

Programme note by Philip Hutton

KWON-LIM DUO

Waynne Kwon (cello) & Victor Lim (piano)

Born in South Korea in 1995, cellist Waynne Kwon and pianist Victor Lim met at the Royal Northern College of Music in Manchester while studying for Postgraduate Diplomas in Advanced Studies. They formed the Kwon-Lim Duo and became the worthy recipients of a Tunnell Trust Award to perform as part of a Scotland tour in 2021-22.

Writing of their duo partnership, Waynne and Victor say:



"After many years of playing together, we are confident that our partnership will be a long term one. What we want to show by forming and playing as a serious duo, is what a committed duo playing can sound like.

"Like any other forms of chamber music ensemble, a duo also needs the time and the effort to understand each other's musical style and sound. The ability to go with or against one another, to match or to differentiate the sound, is part of the art of duo playing that is not often heard nowadays. There is so much of 'accompanist' playing or entire 'soloistic' playing and as a duo we want to show the audience what a duo of equal musical partners can achieve in a performance."

Kwon-Lim Duo Tunnell Trust Tour Dates

Saturday 11th December 2021 Perth Chamber Music

Sunday 12th December 2021 Haddington Concert Society

Monday 13th December 2021 Music in Peebles

Tuesday 14th December 2021 Dundee Chamber Music

Friday 11th November 2022 Music in West Kilbride

Saturday 12th November 2022 Music Arran

Described as a cellist with "an absolute mastery of technique" with "a sensitive and expressive musicianship" (Blue Mountains Gazette), **Waynne Kwon** has established himself as one of the outstanding cellists of his generation.

Having won numerous prestigious awards and competitions, Waynne has



gone on to perform concertos with leading orchestras in prestigious venues around the world such as the Sydney Opera House, Angel Place City Recital Hall, Seoul Arts Centre, Wigmore Hall, Bridgewater Hall, Verbrugghen Hall and St.John Smith's Square.

Waynne has been invited to numerous festivals and Masterclass courses such as the Piatigorsky International Cello Festival in LA, IMS Prussia Cove, European Chamber Music Association Masterclasses, Qingdao Cello Festival and the Kronberg Cello Festival.

Along with his solo career, Waynne is a keen chamber musician where he performs regularly with duo partner pianist Victor Lim. As winners of the Tunnell Trust Music Awards Scheme, they will both have a tour of Scotland in December 2021 and 2022. He was also a founding member of the Louko Piano Trio who went on to win all the chamber music prizes at the RNCM, along with the Manchester Mid-day Concert Series and Beethoven Piano Society of Europe Chamber Music Competition.

Waynne has also performed as an orchestral musician under the baton of Juanjo Mena, John Wilson and Simone Young and was on the Professional Engagements Scheme with the BBC Philharmonic. He is also currently a member of Sinfonia Cymru.

Waynne is currently studying with Hannah Roberts at the RNCM on the PGDipAS (Performance) course. He also received his Bachelor of Music (Honours) First Class and Master of Music (distinction) at the RNCM with Hannah. During his time at the RNCM, Waynne was awarded the Sir John Barbirolli Cello Prize, RNCM Concerto Competition, Leonard Rose Award for the best final recital and the RNCM Gold Medal — the college's most prestigious award. He is extremely thankful for the support of the Haworth Trust, the John Hosier & Biddy Baxter Scholarship, Countess of Munster Musical Trust, Help Musicians UK, Australian Elizabethan Theatre Trust, Australian Music Foundation and the Tait Memorial Trust.

Described as a pianist with 'with great possibilities of nuance and perfect flexibility' (Revista Arta), **Victor Lim** is establishing himself as one of the most versatile and creative musicians of his generation. Following his first public appearance in the BBC Young Musician of the Year in 2012, Victor has performed around the world in UK, France, Germany, Austria, Norway, Denmark, Romania, China, Singapore and South Korea. In 2020, Victor performed Beethoven's 'Emperor'



Concerto with NMH Symphony Orchestra under the baton of Eivind Aadland and will release his first professional solo recording in 2022.

As a musician with tireless curiosity for all genres of music, Victor's repertoire ranges from Rameau to Kapustin and his interest in new music has led to recent collaborations with Graham Fitkin and Stephen Hough. Victor's affinity with the music of Beethoven has been recognised by two awards from the Beethoven Piano Society of Europe, whilst he is known to have a great personal passion for the works of Robert Schumann.

Victor combines his solo career with his great enthusiasm for chamber music. He currently enjoys close duo partnerships with cellists Sandra Lied Haga, Waynne Kwon and soprano Teng Xiang Ting. Victor was the founding member of the Louko Piano Trio who went on to win all of the chamber music prizes during their time at the Royal Northern College of Music.

An ardent advocate of community music Victor is the Senior Creative Coordinator for Fingertips ASBL and has played a key role in the running of several projects including 'Tune-in Nepal' and 'Goldberg by 32 pianists'. An experienced educator, Victor is an Associate Artist of International Young Musicians Academy, Leverhulme Fellow of Pro Corda, and a former coordinator of the Classical Music Academy at Millfield Summer School.

Victor trained at Wells Cathedral School with John Byrne and Richard Ormrod, then at the RNCM with Graham Scott, Jeremy Young and Murray McLachlan as an ABRSM scholar. Awards from Help Musicians UK and the Countess of Munster Musical Trust enabled Victor to continue his studies at the Royal Academy of Music with Michael Dussek, where he graduated with a Dip.RAM and was awarded the Christian Carpenter Prize for the best final recital. After pursuing the Artist Diploma programme at the Norwegian Academy of Music, Victor now continues his studies with Kathryn Stott at the RNCM where he is kindly supported by the Leverhulme Scholarship.

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Tuesday 1 March at 7.30pm LEON McCAWLEY

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Tuesday 12 April at 7.30pm STRATHCLYDE UNIVERSITY CHAMBER CHOIR

We move to the splendour of Peebles Old Parish Church for our closing concert in which this superb choir will perform Stainer's 'Crucifixion' for soloists, chorus and organ.



The John Tunnell Trust was formed in 1988 by family members, colleagues and friends of the late John Tunnell, OBE, the founder leader of the Scottish Chamber Orchestra.



The Trust has assisted young professional chamber music ensembles and Scottish Music Clubs by running its Music Club Awards Scheme whereby the Trust pays the fees of outstanding young groups to play at Music Clubs all over Scotland with an emphasis on helping Clubs in small and remote places as well as in the major centres. By the end of the next season the Tunnell Trust will have assisted 107 groups and sponsored 668 concerts in 82 different music club venues. Young groups are selected annually at auditions held in London.

In 1993 Wendy, John's widow, set up the Young Musicians' Trust wishing to do even more to promote young musicians. She ran the Trust almost single handed until her untimely death in 1998. In 1999 the two trusts merged to become the Tunnell Trust.

The Young Musicians' Trust founded its own series of concerts in country houses, schools and other venues and staged an annual study and performance week at Strathgarry in Perthshire, Scotland whilst winning extraordinary support from many high profile sponsors. More recently the course moved to Blair Atholl and in 2013 it found a new home on the stunning Isle of Coll in the Inner Hebrides. Music Coll 2019, our 7th visit to Coll, took place from 29th June to 7th July.

We have been able to provide much needed performing opportunities for Young Musicians at the outset of their careers and vital support for local arts and educational organisations, often situated within isolated communities. By combining the resources of the two former Trusts it has been possible to extend the work of the Tunnell Trust to become an even more important force in the musical life of this country.

The Trust is under the Artistic Directorship of John and Wendy's eldest son, Jonathan, a professional cellist.



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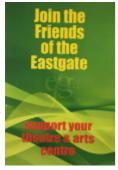
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