

The Charnwood Orchestra

Music Director Nic Fallowfield
Patron Thomas Bowes
Est. 1973

Tickets:

- **The Orchestra website**
- **tickets @charnwoodorchestra.org.uk**
- **Taylor's Florist,**
17 High Street, Barrow upon Soar, LE12 8PY
(Barrow concerts only)
- **Members of the Orchestra**
- **At the door, cash and card payments**
£16.00 (£14.00 concessions)
£5.00 - 18s and under or NUS members

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Late Summer Classics

Saturday 28th September 2024 at 7:30pm
Holy Trinity Church, Church Street,
Barrow upon Soar LE12 8HP

Rossini La Cambiale di Matrimonio Overture

Mendelssohn Intermezzo and Nocturne
from 'A Midsummer Night's Dream'

Kodály Summer Evening

Bartók Romanian Folk Dances

Richard Strauss Serenade for 13 Wind Instruments

Mozart Symphony No.25

Conductor Nic Fallowfield

Romance and Intrigue

Saturday 30th November 2024 at 7:30pm
Emmanuel Church, Forest Road,
Loughborough LE11 3NW

Glinka

Russlan and Ludmilla Overture

Glazunov

Concert Waltz No.2

Tchaikovsky

Rococo Variations

Rimsky-Korsakov Scheherazade

Conductor Nic Fallowfield

Cello Danushka Edirisinghe



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Happy Birthday Strauss

Saturday 11th January 2025 at 7:30pm
Humphrey Perkins Community Centre,
Cotes Road, Barrow upon Soar LE12 8JU

We celebrate this year's bicentenary of the birth of Johann Strauss II with a selection of the Waltz King's most popular works, including *Die Fledermaus Overture*, *Tales from the Vienna Woods*, *Emperor Waltz* and *Blue Danube Waltz*.

The programme also features a selection of orchestral favourites including Mendelssohn's Wedding March from *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, Schubert's Entr'acte No.3 from *Rosamunde*, and Beethoven's Romance No.2 for violin.

Conductor and violin Nic Fallowfield

Romantic Carnival

Saturday 22nd March 2025 at 7:30pm
Emmanuel Church, Forest Road,
Loughborough LE11 3NW

Dvořák Carnival Overture

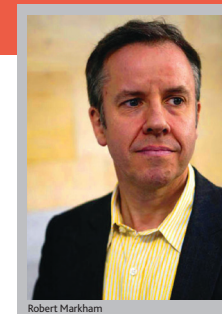
Rachmaninov

Rhapsody on a
Theme of Paganini

Brahms Symphony No.4

Conductor Nic Fallowfield

Piano Robert Markham



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Titans

Saturday 5th July 2025 at 7:30pm
Church of St. James the Greater,
London Road, Leicester LE2 1NE

Rossini

Barber of Seville Overture

Paganini Violin Concerto No.2

Mahler Symphony No.1 'Titan'

Conductor Nic Fallowfield

Violin Thomas Bowes



Thomas Bowes



The Charnwood Orchestra was founded as the Quorn Orchestra by Joseph O'Reilly, Director of Music at Rawlins College in Quorn, whose aim was to harness 'abandoned talent' – those leaving the Schools Symphony Orchestra who did not take up musical careers, as well as local adults – and give them the chance to play in an orchestra. Its first rehearsal, on 16th October 1973, and first concert, on 4th April 1974, both took place at Rawlins. Now based at Emmanuel Church in Loughborough and under the direction since 1998 of Nic Fallowfield, the Orchestra performs at venues around Leicestershire and has undertaken tours within the UK and beyond.

Our first concert opens with one of Rossini's lesser-known overtures. The spotlight is then turned on the Orchestra's wind section in Richard Strauss' early masterpiece – his Serenade for 13 Wind Instruments. Following his wonderful performance of Elgar's cello concerto in 2021, we are delighted to welcome back Danushka Edirisinghe in November to perform Tchaikovsky's Rococo Variations. The concert also includes the Charnwood Orchestra's first ever performance of Rimsky-Korsakov's great orchestral showpiece Scheherazade, featuring our leader Jon Barwell as violin soloist. January's concert is our customary blend of popular classics and Viennese favourites, this year focussing on the works of Johann Strauss II as we mark the bicentenary, on 25th October 2025, of his birth. In March, Robert Markham returns to perform Rachmaninov's ever-popular Rhapsody on a Theme of Paganini. The programme also includes Brahms' dramatic fourth symphony. July's concert features the welcome return of our patron Thomas Bowes as soloist in Paganini's second violin concerto. The concert concludes with another first performance for the Orchestra – Mahler's monumental first symphony.

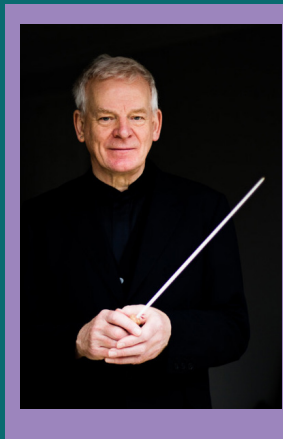
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**Music Director
 Nic Fallowfield**

Nic Fallowfield has had a long and distinguished career as violinist, teacher and conductor. He has played in principal positions in many of the UK's foremost chamber orchestras and for thirty years taught the violin at the Royal Birmingham Conservatoire, where he is an Honorary Fellow.

He has been principal conductor of the Charnwood Orchestra since 1998 and of the Beauchamp Sinfonietta since 1993. He is a frequent guest conductor of orchestras around the country and enjoys regular work with youth orchestras.

His playing is now exclusively as first violin of the Tedesca Quartet which performs for music societies throughout the UK. They regularly give a concert series at Benslow Music in Hitchin and at Knuston Hall in Northamptonshire, where their playing is much admired. In both venues their coaching is highly successful and much valued by the participants, many of whom return in subsequent years.



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**2024/25
 Concert Season**

Enjoy the familiar:

- Rimsky-Korsakov – Scheherazade*
- Rachmaninov –*
- Rhapsody on a Theme of Paganini*
- Brahms – Symphony No.4*

while discovering some less well-known masterpieces including:

- Paganini – Violin Concerto No.2*
- Bartók – Romanian Folk Dances*