

Peasmarsh Chamber Music Festival - Covid Guidelines for our Audience

We are all very much looking forward to welcoming you back to the Peasmarsh Chamber Music Festival this summer. Safety for our musicians, staff, volunteers and audience are of paramount importance. We will therefore adopt the following measures and procedures and ask you to help us by following them. Thank you.

- We will leave space between our audience seating by operating our concerts at 50% capacity (as per May 2021 DCMS guidelines for arts sector reopening). Seats will be arranged predominantly in singles and pairs. Where you have purchased tickets as a group of more than two people, we will try to seat you near to one another. A few groups of three will be available for those booking in households of three.
- Any necessary queues will be arranged in such a way that distance between bubbles can be maintained.
- There will be a one-way system in operation in each church. Please follow this!
- We have arranged timed entry to our concerts. Your allocated entry time is printed on your ticket. Please help us by arriving at the concert during your allocated window and, if you are eating before the concerts in Peasmarsh, allow sufficient time for your meal. You are welcome to purchase a drink before the concert to consume in your seats while you wait.
- We WILL be issuing paper tickets, so that you have your seat numbers with you, but we WILL NOT be collecting tickets on the door, so we can maintain social distance. Instead, boxes will be available for you to post your ticket stubs into on entry to the concert venues.
- We will clean and ventilate the concert venues between concerts.
- All PCMF staff, musicians and volunteers will wear face covers, unless exempt (other than when musicians are performing on stage).
- We will maintain a detailed list of who has attended each concert (based on booking forms and ticket stubs collected) for the purpose of Track and Trace regulations.
- In the event that we are able to organise Festival parties, these will be arranged at later notice than usual.

To help us keep both you and your fellow concert-goers safe, we ask you to:

- Use hand sanitiser provided on entry to the venues
- Observe social distancing when moving around festival venues
- Follow any one way system in place.
- Minimise use of the public conveniences.
- Wear face coverings as required by Government regulations in force in June. Currently face masks should be worn when attending a cultural event, unless you are exempt.

Please don't come to the concerts if you have symptoms of Coronavirus, have been in close contact with somebody with symptoms, have returned to / arrived in the UK in the 10 days prior to the concert from somewhere where quarantine is required after your return, or have been advised by NHS Track and Trace that you need to quarantine following close contact with somebody who has Coronavirus.

Lateral flow tests are now free and readily available to everybody in the UK. PCMF supports the use of regular testing and we will be asking all artists and staff to take regular lateral flow tests during the week of the Festival.

A copy of these guidelines will be made available on our website peasmarshfestival.co.uk and updated in accordance with any significant change in government guidelines.

Thank you for your understanding.