

DEAL MUSIC & ARTS FESTIVAL

A CELEBRATION OF MUSIC AND THE ARTS
Welcome to the 2025 Deal Festival, an annual celebration of music, creativity, and cultural heritage in the historic coastal town of Deal. This year's programme brings together world-class performances spanning classical, jazz, folk, opera, and contemporary music, alongside theatre, visual arts, and community events. Returning favourites like Wild Arts and Chaps Choir join exciting new partnerships with Tomorrow's Warriors, the Fantasia Orchestra, and festival president Lucy Crowe. Together, they promise a vibrant and inspiring festival experience.

COASTLINES: A MUSICAL EXPLORATION
Our 2025 theme, *Coastlines*, celebrates the connection between music, place, and community between Dover and Deal. Since 2023, we have collaborated with local schools, local musicians and professionals to create a three-part *Coastlines* project, including an Oratorio at Dover Town Hall, a Community Band performance in the Town Takeover, and a jazz collaboration featuring DMA's Creative Jazz Orchestra and local jazz icon Norma Winstone. A central narrative within *Coastlines* follows fledgling herring gulls forced inland by erosion and habitat loss. Guided by their elders, they navigate new environments, overcoming challenges before returning to the sea for a poignant reunion—an allegory of migration, resilience, and the enduring connection between land and ocean.

2025 Festival AT A GLANCE

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| | <i>With approx end time</i> | <i>See full listings for venues</i> | <i>Prices include booking costs</i> |
| Thurs 3 July | 6.30-7.30pm 8.15-9.15pm | Submerged by CCCU and Anna Phoebe Submerged by CCCU and Anna Phoebe | Adult £20, under 25 £10 Adult £20, under 25 £10 |
| Fri 4 July | 10.30-11.30am 1-2pm 5.30-6.30pm 7-8.50pm | Deal's Historic Walking Tour Royal Academy of Music Bassoons Festival Launch Royal Academy of Music Winds | Adult £10, under 25 £5 Adult £15, under 25 £7.50, DMA Friend £13 Adult £10, under 25 £5 Adult £24, under 25 £12 |
| Sat 5 July | 10.30am onwards 10.30-11.15am 11am-12 noon 12 noon-1pm 3.30-4.30pm 7.30-9.15pm 11pm-1am | Town Takeover Marion Leeper (Storyteller) Salon at the home of Joanna Jones Coastlines – An Oratorio of Gulls Coastlines – A Storm (in 4 movements) Quartet Page Blanche Vinoteq, Dover | Free event, non-ticketed Adult £8, Child £6 Adult £15, under 25 £7.50 Adult £5, Child free Free event, non-ticketed Adult £25, under 25 £12.50 £5 cover charge (payable on the door) |
| Sun 6 July | 10-10.45am 11.15am-12 noon 3pm onwards 4-5.30pm 7-9.15pm | The Smeds and the Smoos The Smeds and the Smoos The Royal Marines The Manwood Singers Counterpoise: A Night with Joséphine | Adult £8, Child £6 Adult £8, Child £6 Free event, non-ticketed Adult £12.50, Student £5, Child free (from info@manwoodsingers.com) Adult £24, under 25 £12 |
| Mon 7 July | 11am-12 noon 1-2.15pm 3-3.50pm 4-5.30pm 7.30-9.20pm | Coffee Concert – Ringlemere Ensemble Nathan Williamson Nick Dear and Larushka Ivan-Zadeh Film – Eroica LEnsemble Vilnius | Free event, retiring collection Adult £15, under 25 £7.50, DMA Friend £13 Adult £13, under 25 £6.50 Adult £13, under 25 £6.50 (joint ticket for both events above £20/£10) Adult £25, under 25 £12.50 |
| Tues 8 July | 11am-1pm 1-2pm 3-4pm 5.30-7pm 7.30-9.30pm | Magic Lantern Workshop Filippo Tencisi Gavin Esler and Laurence Rees Magic Lantern Performance Changeling Theatre's Twelfth Night | Adult £15, under 25 £7.50 Adult £15, under 25 £7.50, DMA Friend £13 Adult £13, under 25 £6.50 Adult £12, under 25 £6 Adult £28, under 25 £14 |
| Wed 9 July | 10.30-11.30am 1-2pm 3-4pm 5-6.45pm 7.45-9.40pm | Deal's Historic Walking Tour Across the Channel (cello and piano) Sarah Gristwood – Secret Voices Film - A Late Quartet Spliers and Boden | Adult £10, under 25 £5 Adult £15, under 25 £7.50, DMA Friend £13 Adult £13, under 25 £6.50 Adult £13, under 25 £6.50 (includes glass of wine) Adult £26, under 25 £13 |
| Thur 10 July | 10.30am-4pm 1-2.10pm 2.30-3.30pm 3-4pm 5-6pm 5-6.30pm | Architecture Walk from Dover to Deal Charlotte Spruit and Angus Webster Black Eyed Susan Louise Doughty – A Bird in Winter Black Eyed Susan Film – Searching for Sugarman | Adult £18, under 25 £9 Adult £15, under 25 £7.50, DMA Friend £13 Adult £12, under 25 £6 Adult £13, under 25 £6.50 Adult £12, under 25 £6 Adult £13, under 25 £6.50 (includes glass of wine) |



ARTIST IN ASSOCIATION: HODA JAHANPOUR
In partnership with the Royal Academy of Music, we welcome Iranian-Slovak cellist, songwriter, and composer Hoda Jahanpour as our 2025 Artist in Association. Passionate about creating music that brings people together, Hoda has performed solo at the UK Parliament and with orchestras such as the BBC Philharmonic and Manchester Camerata. Catch her at the festival launch, her Salon collaboration, a lunchtime concert, and her *Sonic Postcard* of Deal.

COMPOSER IN RESIDENCE: BLASIO KAVUMA
Blasio Kavuma, our 2025 Composer in Residence, blends classical and Afro-diasporic influences. His recent work, *The Separating Line*, was commissioned by the Royal Philharmonic Society and performed by AMC Gospel Choir and Manchester Camerata. Blasio's compositions span theatre, opera, and dance, earning him the George Butterworth Prize. His music will feature throughout the festival, including new commissions and existing works.

Join us for a celebration of creativity, community, and the magic of the sea.

Luke Styles,
Festival Artistic Director

We are hugely grateful to all our funders, sponsors and Friends. A full list of our funders can be found at www.dealmusicandarts.com/festival

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FESTIVAL

3 July - 13 July 2025

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| Thur 10 July <i>continued</i> | 7.30-10pm 8-9.45pm | Donizetti's The Elixir of Love - Wild Arts Maddy Coombs Quartet | Adult Premium £75 (Front and includes glass of fizz), Adult Mid £50, Adult Back £35, under 25 half price on all tickets Adult £22, under 25 £11 |
| Fri 11 July | 1-2pm 1-2pm 3-4pm 5-6.45pm 7-8.50pm | Solis Ensemble Players of One World Orchestra John Suchet – In Search of Beethoven Launch: Anna Braithwaite – Pilgrimage Lucy Crowe with the Fantasia Orchestra | Adult £15, under 25 £7.50, DMA Friend £13 Adult £5, Child free Adult £13, under 25 £6.50 Free event, non-ticketed Adult Premium £50, Adult £35, Adult Premium Upstairs £35, Adult Upstairs £20, under 25 half-price on all tickets |
| Sat 12 July | 10am-4pm 10-10.25am 11.15am-12 noon 1-2pm 2.30-3.30pm 4-5.15pm 7-8.15pm | Anna Braithwaite – Pilgrimage Pirie Poke – Human Croquet Pirie Poke – Human Croquet (+ short workshop afterwards) Coastlines: Norma Winstone Music4Wellbeing Chaps Choir – singing workshop Chaps Choir – performance | Free event, non-ticketed Adult £8, Child £6 Adult £8, Child £6 Free event, non-ticketed Adult £17, under 25 £8.50, DMA Friend £15 Free event, non-ticketed Adult £7, under 25 £3.50 Adult £20, under 25 £10 |
| Sun 13 July | 10am-4pm 10am-2pm 3-4pm 7-8.45pm | Anna Braithwaite – Pilgrimage Captain's Garden Festival Day Young Person's Showcase Tomorrow's Warriors Big Band | Free event, non-ticketed Free event, non-ticketed Adult £5, Child free Adult £25, under 25 £12.50 |

2025 Festival BOOKING INFORMATION

General Booking opens on Tuesday 22 April
Box office – by phone or in person: The Astor Theatre, Stanhope Road, Deal, CT14 6AB. Tel: 01304 370220
Wednesday-Saturday 10am-1pm
Online booking and further information available through www.dealmusicandarts.com/festival

Tickets available (cash, card or cheque) 30 minutes before the start of each event on the door, with the exception of one or two events. Please check the website for more details to ensure the event is not sold out.

Refunds
The Astor Theatre is unable to refund or exchange tickets unless the event is cancelled. In the case of extenuating circumstances, call DMA on 07775657275. Deal Music and Arts reserves the right to change or cancel the advertised programme or artists should unavoidable and unforeseen circumstances occur. Ticket holders will be notified of any changes in advance if possible.

Venue and Access information
All events except three have disabled access, due to the nature of the buildings. Most, but not all, venues open 30 minutes prior to the event. Most evening events will have a bar prior to the performance and during the interval. Full access and venue information is available at: www.dealmusicandarts.com/festival
For further assistance please call DMA on 07775657275.

Full details of all performances can be found at dealmusicandarts.com/festival

3 THURSDAY
JULY

SUBMERGED
Canterbury Christ Church University
with Anna Phoebe
Nina Atkinson
movement
Andy Hurst motion graphics
Dan Herbert audio manipulation
Matt Wright artistic direction
Heledd Francis-Wright flutes
6.30pm and 8.15pm
Deal Castle

An immersive promenade performance in the atmospheric basement chambers of Deal Castle. Staff and students from Canterbury Christ Church University will create a dance-led performance in the ancient stone vaults, with mesmerising visual effects, to music from celebrated violinist and composer Anna Phoebe's album *Sea Souls*. The dancers will draw you through the chambers to a live performance by Anna on strings and electronics, with music composed for the castle and pieces from her upcoming album.

4 FRIDAY
JULY

DEAL'S HISTORIC WALKING TOUR
10.30am
Meet at Deal Pier Entrance
Join local tour guide and character George Chittenden as he plunges you into Deal's colourful history: from the arrival of the Romans, the treacherous Goodwin Sands, castles, and smuggling.
Tickets usually sell out in advance.

ROYAL ACADEMY OF MUSIC BASSOON ENSEMBLE
Fraser Gordon Conductor
1.00pm
The Astor Theatre, Deal

Marvel at the beauty of the bassoon, brought thrillingly to life in the hands of a new generation of professional musicians. Their programme of popular classical music includes Mozart's sparkling overture to *The Marriage of Figaro* and Debussy's dreamy *La fille aux cheveux de lin*.

FESTIVAL LAUNCH
Hoda Jahanpour cello and
Blasio Kavuma composer/classical DJ
5.30pm
Linden Hall Studio, Deal

Celebrate the launch of the festival at this exciting opening. Get up close to two artists whose work you'll hear throughout the festival: music from Young Artist in Association, cellist Hoda Jahanpour, and a vibrant classical mix curated by Blasio Kavuma, the festival's Composer in Residence. The launch includes an exhibition of art in response to the 2025 festival's Coastlines theme, curated by Myles Corley, and winners of the Tony Nandi ARPS Photographic Award.
In collaboration with the Royal Academy of Music

ROYAL ACADEMY OF MUSIC WIND ENSEMBLE
Fraser Gordon Conductor
Maura Marinucci Director, Gran Partita
7.00pm
St George's Church, Deal

St George's Church will suit the brilliant sound of this 15-strong wind orchestra in Mozart's lively 50-minute Serenade No.10 in B flat major, otherwise known as *Gran Partita*, and a suite of music from Richard Strauss's opera *Ariadne auf Naxos* arranged by Nigel Shore. Their programme will also feature the jazz-infused *Mvnt (in Blue)* by our Composer in Residence Blasio Kavuma.



5 SATURDAY
JULY

TOWN TAKEOVER
Starts at 10.30am
Venues around town

Watch out for pop-up music in the High Street, at the Pier, outside St George's Church, around town and later in the afternoon outside St George's Church again. Whitstable's brilliant Samba Pelo Mar will be leading the way!

The Pier will be transformed by an art exhibition of hundreds of works by local artists in conjunction with SEAS with their Art on the Pier, with a musical backdrop. Come along and join the fun!
In partnership with SEAS

MARION LEEPER - STORYTELLER
Love Stories for the Earth
10.30am
The Cleary Hall, Landmark Centre, Deal

Children will enjoy exploring Marion's amazing story mat and joining in with stories about the extraordinary world we share. *Love Stories for the Earth* lures children away from screens and into nature, having adventures and learning to love their own patch of earth. A morning of laughter and optimism.
Please see our website for more information.

A SALON – A MUSICAL MORNING IN THE HOME OF ARTIST JOANNA JONES
11.00am
Joanna's house in Dover

An unrivalled opportunity to immerse yourself in an artist's world, and experience music and literature, surrounded by art works. Internationally celebrated artist Joanna Jones will personally introduce you to her large egg tempera paintings. There will be music from our young Artist in Association, cellist Hoda Jahanpour, a reading by painter and writer Simon Bill from his new book *Dover*, and coffee.
In collaboration with Dover Arts Development
Please see our website for more information about the event.

COASTLINES - AN ORATORIO OF GULLS
Luke Styles Composer
Hazel Gould Librettist
Graham Harvey Conductor
Tim Offord Narrator
12 noon
Maison Dieu (Dover Town Hall), Dover



This oratorio celebrates the herring gull, a threatened symbol of the Kent coast, as the brave gull's story is brought to life in words and music. This world premiere by composer Luke Styles (DMA Artistic Director) and librettist Hazel Gould is performed by local favourites the White Cliffs Symphonic Winds, alongside choirs from St Edmund's and Warden House Schools and Dover young people from DMA's innovative brass project Bold As. Styles' music will soar around the newly renovated Maison Dieu, with its fabulous painted ceiling. The second half of the concert features popular favourites from the White Cliffs Symphonic Winds.

COASTLINES - A STORM
(IN 4 MOVEMENTS)
3.30pm
In front of St George's Church, Deal

Part two of our Coastlines journey sees the DMA Community Band and composer Phil Self respond to ideas inspired by the stunning natural landscape between Dover and Deal, featuring world premieres of new music created by Phil and the Band. The concert forms the culmination of the day's Town Takeover, a joyful celebration of local music-making throughout the town of Deal.



QUARTET PAGE BLANCHE
Ravel and his masters
Joseph André violin
Flore-Anne Brosseau viola
Paul-Marie Kuzma cello
Ulysse Vigreux double bass
7.30pm
St George's Church, Deal

Quartet Page Blanche's unusual combination of violin, viola, cello and double bass is the ideal line-up for their high energy and virtuosos performance of classical and jazz works, ranging from Debussy, Ravel and Bach to arrangements of works by legendary jazz pianist Bill Evans and a new commission, *Esprit submergé*, by Luke Styles.
This concert is supported by Diaphonique.

MAX HEIGHT AND MO_MIN_TI
(Aka Paul Cheneour and Dave Robinson)
A Moment In Time – Late
11.00pm
Vinoteq Jazz Bar, Dover

Experience a late-night musical journey at this popular Dover venue featuring Max Height and Mo_Min_Ti (Paul Cheneour and Dave Robinson). Tonight's collaboration will explore the sonic possibilities of the festival's theme, Coastlines.

6 SUNDAY
JULY

THE SMEDS AND THE SMOOS
Becca Townsley Workshop Leader
Peter Cook Percussion
10.00am and 11.15am
The Astor Theatre, Deal

Children can throw themselves into this dance workshop inspired by Julia Donaldson's book *The Smeds and the Smoos*. Led by Becca Townsley of Loop Dance, whose workshop on *The Koala who Could* was a sell-out at last year's Deal Festival, this family-friendly event is sure to entertain your little dancers!
Please see our website for more information.

THE BAND OF HIS MAJESTY'S ROYAL MARINES
Principal Director of Music,
Lt Col Huw Williams Conductor
3.00pm
Deal Memorial Bandstand

Pack your picnics for the annual feast of music from this entertaining and much-loved band, part of the town's proud military history.

THE MANWOOD SINGERS
CHORAL MUSIC FOR A SUMMER'S AFTERNOON
David Smith Musical Director
4.00pm
St Mary's Arts Centre, Sandwich

Leading Sandwich choir The Manwood Singers will perform a concert of popular choral music under the baton of David Smith in the beautiful surroundings of St Mary's Arts Centre.

COUNTERPOISE - A NIGHT WITH JOSÉPHINE
Cassiopia Berkeley-Agyepong Writer/performer
Yshani Perinpanayagam Composer/arranger
Emily Ling Williams Director, Clodna Shanahan Musical Director
7.00pm
The Astor Theatre, Deal

An evening of two halves – three classic silent films from the 1920s, with newly composed scores by Jean Hasse and Luke Styles, set the scene for the extraordinary story of Josephine Baker. The evening will capture the spirit of 1920s Paris and the world of this African-American cabaret artist, who was also a civil rights activist and “the most sensational woman anyone ever saw” (Hemingway). Josephine Baker is played by Cassiopia Berkeley-Agyepong in a bravura performance including singing, dance, video and writings. The films *Ghosts Before Breakfast*, *Fall of the House of Usher* and *Entr'acte* will be accompanied by the Counterpoise live band. Supported by the Steegmann Foundation and the Vaughan Williams Foundation

7 MONDAY
JULY

COFFEE CONCERT
The Importance of Hearing Ernest
Jane Browne violin
Adrian Smith viola
Keren Starer Shaw cello
Helen Crayford piano
11.00am
St Andrew's Church, Deal

French Romantic composer Ernest Chausson's beguiling Piano Quartet in A major is the centrepiece of a recital by local favourites, The Ringlemere Ensemble.

NATHAN WILLIAMSON - PIANO
1.00pm
Trinity Church, Deal



This inventive British pianist, who composes and champions new work, gives a lunchtime concert of piano suites by Bach and Webern along with a new suite by Kent-born composer Christopher Brown and his own work *Intermezzo*. There will be a pre-concert conversation between the pianist and Christopher Brown.

NICK DEAR AND LARUSHKA IVAN-ZADEH
IN CONVERSATION
3.00pm
The Astor Theatre, Deal

Award-winning playwright and screenwriter Nick Dear, who wrote the National Theatre's hugely successful *Frankenstein*, shares insights into his career and his film about Beethoven's Third Symphony, *Eroica*, with one of the UK's most widely-read film critics, Larushka Ivan-Zadeh.

FILM – EROICA
4.00pm
The Astor Theatre, Deal

Eroica, “the day that changed music forever”, is a ground-breaking BBC television film dramatising the first performance of Beethoven's Third Symphony, the *Eroica*. The film is written by Nick Dear, directed by Simon Cellan Jones and stars Ian Hart, Tim Pigott-Smith, Anton Lesser and Frank Finlay, with music performed by the Orchestre Révolutionnaire et Romantique.

LENSEMBLE VILNIUS
Rusnė Mataitytė violin
Ulijona Pugačiukaitė-Mažeikienė violin
Dovilė Juozapaitienė viola
Edmundas Kulikauskas cello
Albina Šikšniūtė piano
7.30pm
Trinity Church, Deal

This lively Lithuanian chamber ensemble, comprising some of the best solo and chamber musicians in the Baltic, presents a full-length programme that includes Beethoven's Trio in B flat major, Op. 11, Elgar's intense, late-Romantic Piano Quintet and exciting new music from Lithuania.
This concert is supported by the Lithuanian Council for Culture



8 TUESDAY
JULY

MAGIC LANTERN WORKSHOP
11.00am

Kent Museum of the Moving Image, Deal
A two-hour workshop for adults discovering the beginnings of cinema as pioneered by the Victorians with early film “projectors”, part of the collection at the museum known as Kent MOMI. This workshop gives a unique opportunity to get hands-on experience with a traditional magic lantern machine under the expert guidance of Joss Marsh and David Francis.

FILIPPO TENISCI - PIANO
1.00pm

Deal Town Hall



Award-winning Italian pianist Filippo Tenisci takes time out from recording a double album of Wagner and Liszt transcriptions, to play some of these thrilling pieces in a lunchtime concert. He skips forward to the 21st century with a piece by our Composer in Residence, Blasio Kavuma. *Supported by the Keyboard Trust*

THE NAZI MIND

Laurence Rees in conversation with Gavin Esler
3.00pm
The Astor Theatre, Deal
Broadcaster and author Gavin Esler interviews historian and Bafta-winning film-maker and former Head of BBC TV History programmes, Laurence Rees about his book *The Nazi Mind – 12 Warnings from History*. This ground-breaking narrative history explores the motivations and mentalities behind the Nazis and their supporters to help answer some of the most perplexing questions surrounding the Second World War and the Holocaust.

MAGIC LANTERN PERFORMANCE
5.30pm

Kent Museum of the Moving Image, Deal
This performance thrillingly brings to life the early cinema as pioneered by the Victorians with early film “projectors”. It will be enjoyed by audiences of all ages. Kent MOMI is the passion project of two international film historians and collectors, Joss Marsh and David Francis.

SHAKESPEARE'S TWELFTH NIGHT

Changeling Theatre
Rob Forknall Director
7.30pm (gates open 6.30pm)
St George's Church Gardens, Deal



Join us for ever-popular Changeling Theatre's *Twelfth Night*, Shakespeare's bittersweet romantic comedy where no one is quite who they seem. Confusion, misdemeanour and farce abound in this fast-paced comedy, with new music performed by Changeling's talented and versatile cast. **Please see our website for practical information. In the event of rain, the performance will be inside St George's Church.**

9 WEDNESDAY
JULY

DEAL'S HISTORIC WALKING TOUR
10.30am

Meet at Deal Pier Entrance
Join local tour guide and character George Chittenden as he plunges you into Deal's colourful history: from the arrival of the Romans, the treacherous Goodwin Sands, castles, and smuggling.

Tickets usually sell out in advance.

ACROSS THE CHANNEL

Hoda Jahanpour cello, DMA Young Artist in Association
Vitas Li piano
1.00pm
Trinity Church, Deal



Join our Young Artist in Association, Hoda Jahanpour, as she partners with her friend, the pianist Vitas Li. This imaginative programme of music for cello and piano will include early 20th century composers Debussy, Boulanger and Bridge along with an exciting folk-music-inspired commission by Owen Spafford. *In collaboration with the Royal Academy of Music*

SECRET VOICES

Sarah Gristwood
3.00pm
The Astor Theatre, Deal
Journalist, author and broadcaster Sarah Gristwood's latest book – an anthology of diary entries by women throughout history – is filled with unexpected twists and turns. From a diarist “frittering her day away” in 1848 to Emma Thompson's swearing about her frock during the filming of *Sense and Sensibility* in 1995, Sarah shares with us the secret lives of women in her “sizzling and addictive” book.

FILM - A LATE QUARTET
5.00pm (doors open and wine at 4.30pm)

Linden Hall Studio, Deal
Directed by Yaron Silberman and starring Christopher Walken and Philip Seymour Hoffman, this 2012 film about a world-renowned string quartet is inspired by and structured around Beethoven's Quartet, Opus 131. The film follows the fictional New York-based Fugue String Quartet after its cellist Peter Mitchell (Walken) is diagnosed with Parkinson's disease.

SPIERS & BODEN

7.45pm
St George's Church, Deal



Described by The Guardian as “the finest instrumental duo on the traditional scene”, Spiers & Boden first rocketed onto the music scene in 2001, quickly winning a clutch of BBC Radio 2 Folk Awards and going on to form and front the extraordinarily successful folk big band Belowhead. The duo reformed in 2021, arriving with a new album *Fallow Ground* which was a Mojo top 10 folk album of the year. One of the most loved duos on the folk scene, their infectious, uplifting music is set to raise the roof of St George's Church.

10 THURSDAY
JULY

HIDING IN PLAIN SIGHT:
AN ARCHITECTURAL WALK FROM DOVER TO DEAL
10.30am

Meet in front of the Royal Cinque Ports Yacht Club, Dover
A gorgeous full-day ramble over the White Cliffs, this architecture walk from Dover to Deal is led by architect and writer Charles Holland. It includes some of the nine 21st century structures of CHALKUP21 as well as other buildings of interest along the route and will address issues of local history, art and the environment. **Please see our website for important access and practical information.**

CHARLOTTE SPRUIT - VIOLIN

ANGUS WEBSTER - PIANO
1.00pm
Trinity Church, Deal
Winner of the Young Classical Artists Trust International Auditions in 2023, Charlotte was named Classic FM rising star in 2024 and performs today with British conductor and pianist Angus Webster. Their uplifting lunchtime concert pairs sonatas by two giants of the Romantic tradition, Beethoven and Schumann, with a work from our Composer in Residence, Blasio Kavuma. *Supported by the Countess of Munster Musical Trust*

BLACK EYED SUSAN
by Douglas Jerrold
2.30pm and 5.00pm

Kent Museum of the Moving Image, Deal



Robert Poulter's ingenious new model theatre is the setting for this classic play, capturing the Deal coastline and its landmarks and using music from Jonathan Blewitt's 1829 score. Robert's new model theatre extends the medium of the Toy Theatre by creating shows with movement, lighting effects and changes of scenery. He is a regular performer in the USA, Germany and France, described as a “rare talent and performer and internationally regarded”.

A BIRD IN WINTER

Louise Doughty in conversation with Christopher Cook
3.00pm
The Astor Theatre, Deal



Louise Doughty talks to culture writer and broadcaster Christopher Cook about her most recent novel *A Bird in Winter*. Best-known for her atmospheric London thriller *Apple Tree Yard*, which was adapted as a hit mini-series for BBC One, Louise's other novels include *Whatever You Love*, nominated for the Costa Novel Award and the Women's Prize for fiction and *Platform Seven*, filmed for ITVX.

FILM - SEARCHING FOR SUGAR MAN
5.00pm (doors open and wine at 4.30pm)

Linden Hall Studio, Deal
Searching for Sugar Man, is a 2012 documentary about two fans in South Africa tracing the fate of a legendary American musician, Sixto Rodriguez, who had vanished from view. The film won the BAFTA Award for Best Documentary and the Oscar for Best Documentary Feature that year.



THE ELIXIR OF LOVE
by Gaetano Donizetti
Wild Arts
7.30pm

St Mary's Arts Centre, Sandwich
After a hugely successful *Magic Flute* in 2024's festival, this inspiring young company will return with Donizetti's sun-kissed comedy *The Elixir of Love*. They offer a world-class cast and a sparkling new orchestration specially made for the fine chamber musicians of the Wild Arts Ensemble. This fully staged production is directed by Guido Martin-Brandis and conducted by Wild Arts' Artistic Director Orlando Jopling. Book early for a night to rival Glyndebourne in the beautiful setting of St Mary's Arts Centre.

MADDY COOMBS QUARTET

Maddy Coombs sax
Jordan Hadfield drums
Menelik Claffey double bass
Finn Carter piano
8.00pm
The Lighthouse, Walmer, Deal



Tipped as a rising talent by *Jazz Wise*, Maddy Coombs is one of the most exciting young musicians to have emerged from leading jazz educators Tomorrow's Warriors. An ambassador for the tenor saxophone, she has played alongside Soweto Kinch and Mark Kavuma. Leading her own line-up, she has performed at jazz events including at Pizza Express Soho and at London's iconic Jazz Café. Maddy's quartet will perform her own music, which draws inspiration from many artists including Joe Henderson and John Coltrane.

Warriors Rise is a PRS Foundation Talent Development Network Partner initiative supported by PPL.

11 FRIDAY
JULY

SOLIS ENSEMBLE

1.00pm
St George's Church, Deal
Fiona Winning viola
Tristan Gurney violin
Tim Gill cello
Three of the UK's most outstanding orchestral, chamber and solo musicians have come together as Solis Ensemble. End your week with their inspiring lunchtime string trio programme of Romantic works by Schubert, Beethoven, Sibelius and a piece by Composer in Residence Blasio Kavuma. *Supported by a legacy from Jenny Davis and Esperanza Syndicate*

Learning & Participation projects happen across the year in the local community. For more information, please contact **charlie@dealmusicandarts.com**

PLAYERS OF ONE WORLD ORCHESTRA

1.00pm
Charlton Church, Dover
Join musicians from One World Orchestra, a ground-breaking professional ensemble drawing its players from diverse musical traditions and performing music and songs from around the world. This interactive concert comes with plenty of opportunities to be involved in music-making, or to simply sit back and enjoy the music.



IN SEARCH OF BEETHOVEN

John Suchet
3.00pm
The Astor Theatre, Deal
Hear John Suchet talk about his new book *In Search of Beethoven*, a deeply personal account of Suchet's relationship with the great composer. Suchet charts a journey from Beethoven's early years in Bonn to his life in Vienna, interweaving the composer's story with his own, along with insights into Beethoven's heritage, health struggles and his interactions with Mozart.

PILGRIMAGE - SOUND INSTALLATION

Anna Braithwaite
Doors open 5.00pm, artist's introduction 5.30pm
Hollingworth Hall, Landmark Centre, Deal
Experience the myriad, and unexpected, sounds of a wild walk along the coast path from Deal to Dover as captured by Folkestone-based sound artist Anna Braithwaite. Pilgrimage is an immersive 360° sound installation which uses field recordings and improvised vocal music, recorded en route in St Margaret of Antioch church, to capture the experience of the modern pilgrim. Anna will introduce her installation, followed by a Q & A with the audience. The 18-minute piece will be played on a continuous loop and listeners can choose how long to stay. *This project has been developed with support from Screen South's Arts Council England NPO Artist Showcase Programme.*

BIRDSONG

Lucy Crowe Soprano
and **Fantasia Orchestra**
Tom Featherstonhaugh Conductor
7.00pm
St George's Church, Deal
The festival is delighted to welcome its President, leading British soprano Lucy Crowe OBE, with the brilliant young Fantasia Orchestra, in an evening inspired by the beauty of birdsong. Together they present a ravishing programme of songs, arias and orchestral works including Haydn's *Symphony No. 83 'The Hen'*, Handel's *As when the dove laments her love*, one of Strauss's *Four Last Songs*, Gershwin's *Summertime* and Mozart's *Dove Sono* from *The Marriage of Figaro*. Lucy and the players of Fantasia fly between styles, allowing Berg to perch next to Price, and Vivaldi to soar side-by-side with a world premiere by Blasio Kavuma. Join us for a magical evening in the beautiful surroundings of St George's Church.



12 SATURDAY
JULY

PILGRIMAGE - SOUND INSTALLATION
Anna Braithwaite
10.00am – 4.00pm
Hollingworth Hall, Landmark Centre, Deal

PIRIE POKE - HUMAN CROQUET

Ira Oinonen and Jere Virta from Ilmatila
Ilona Jäntti Director
10.00am (performance) and 11.15am (performance and workshop)
Walmer Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club, Walmer, Deal



A breathtaking performance by this Czech circus duo who transform their bodies into a game of human croquet, complete with mallets and balls. Their astonishing acrobatics are set to the mesmerising music of Britten's *Six Metamorphoses after Ovid*, as they bend themselves into unfeasible shapes and angles. This is a playful show suitable for everyone, especially children! A short skills demonstration workshop follows the second performance.

COASTLINES - SEA STORIES

Norma Winstone Trio
and **DMA Creative Jazz Orchestra**
Norma Winstone voice
Nikki Iles piano
Mark Lockheart saxophones
Joe Browne Director, DMA Creative Jazz Orchestra
1.00pm
The Astor Theatre, Deal



For our third and final new performance created specifically around the festival theme of Coastlines, we're delighted to present a lunchtime performance by the hugely popular jazz singer Norma Winstone and her trio, with DMA's Creative Jazz Orchestra, showcasing new music created collaboratively between the two sets of musicians. This piece will take up the themes of sea and shore to complete the Coastlines cycle. In the second half of the concert, Winstone's internationally acclaimed trio perform a set including standard jazz classics and original music echoing the Coastlines theme.

MUSIC4WELLBEING: SINGUNITED

Trish Vella-Burrows Project Director
2.30pm
St George's Church, Deal
Enjoy an uplifting, interactive performance of a unique co-created musical piece that represents living in Deal and its surrounding areas, celebrating the area's coastline. It is facilitated by professional musicians and involves intergenerational community groups, including Music4Wellbeing's singing-for-wellbeing groups Deal-based Skylarkers and the Astor Choir together with Melody Makers Collective, Sky's the Limit and members of the Manwood Singers. Come along to listen and sing!

CHAPS CHOIR - WORKSHOP

Dom Stichbury Director
4.00pm
Trinity Church, Deal
After their sell-out Deal performance in 2024, this joyful gang of singers returns with a community singing workshop open to all. Shower singers, football fans, anyone who likes a good sing, should come along for a relaxed afternoon of music-making. Participants will learn simple songs by ear from the Chaps Choir repertoire of pop songs and ballads – no experience necessary!

CHAPS CHOIR - PERFORMANCE

Dom Stichbury Director
7.00pm
St Mary's Parish Church, Walmer, Deal
Welcome back to Chaps Choir, a male voice choir like no other. Their joy-inducing, heart-string-pulling repertoire has been delighting audiences around the UK since 2013. Under their inspirational conductor Dom Stichbury, they've appeared on national TV, at the Royal Festival Hall and they've popped up at festivals around the country, receiving a rapturous reception at Deal last summer. Prepare for pop song re-hashes, sea shanties and heartfelt ballads including their versions of songs by the Beatles and Kate Bush.



13 SUNDAY
JULY

PILGRIMAGE - SOUND INSTALLATION

Anna Braithwaite
10.00am-4.00pm
Hollingworth Hall, Landmark Centre, Deal
See left

FESTIVAL DAY AT THE CAPTAIN'S GARDEN

Opposite Deal Castle
10- 11am - art workshop for children aged 4-11
11am - 1pm - music from local groups and artists
1-2pm - a poetry open mic session hosted by Phil Welton
Discover the secrets of Deal's community garden where a summery feast of art, poetry and music will take place. The fun starts with a free art workshop for children and their families. The music kicks off with a performance of a new piece by Blasio Kavuma given by the DMA Saxophone Saturday group, followed by a host of local musicians playing mellow music including the Scratch Band, the Landmark Choir and more. To end the event, Phil Welton hosts a poetry open mic session under the beautiful tree at the end of the garden. Bring your deckchairs and picnic rugs and while away the hours – you're welcome to come for as much or as little of the day as you wish.



PODCAST: SONIC POSTCARD

Hoda Jahanpour cello and **DMA Young Artist in Association**
Radio broadcasts during the festival, times to be confirmed
See Deal Radio schedule
Deal Radio will be broadcasting a sonic postcard of some of Deal's favourite natural spaces – including Deal Beach and the Captain's Garden – capturing the town's beauty, ecological significance, and ongoing conservation efforts in sound. It's hosted by Hoda Jahanpour, DMA's Young Artist in Association, who will play music at every location. It will also feature conversations between Hoda and local people around the music, natural sounds and environmental issues that run through the show. *A collaboration between Deal Radio, Deal Music and Arts and Steve Wakeford from DealWithIt*

FESTIVAL EXHIBITION

After its opening at the festival launch, this group exhibition of selected artists invited to respond to the 2025 festival's Coastlines theme will be on show throughout the festival at Linden Hall Studio. Curated by Myles Corley, it will feature works by leading artists from around the UK. It's also a chance to discover and explore this contemporary and independent gallery, housed in an old and beautiful converted chapel.

DEAL PRIDE

Deal Music and Arts Festival is delighted to share its final weekend with Deal Pride, now in its third year. There'll be a day of celebratory events to enjoy on Saturday 12 July including Pride on Walmer Green from 12-5pm and a fabulous party at the Astor Theatre, with doors opening at 7.30pm and the main act on at 8.30pm. For more details, go to **www.dealpride.co.uk**

YOUNG PERSON'S SHOWCASE

Presented by Peter Cook
Director of DMA Learning and Participation
3.00pm
The Astor Theatre, Deal
Young musicians from our learning projects and bursaries perform a range of pieces of their choice inspired by the festival's Coastlines theme, showcasing their talent and commitment to music. The afternoon will include the presentation to the winners of the Tony Nandi ARPS Photographic Award.

TOMORROW'S WARRIORS BIG BAND

Axel Kaner-Lidstrom Band Leader
7.00pm
St George's Church, Deal



The festival goes out with a bang! The Tomorrow's Warriors' Big Band goes back to the golden era of swing, when band leaders like Duke Ellington and Louis Armstrong packed the dance floors of venues such as the Savoy Ballroom and the Cotton Club. The Harlem Renaissance gave a voice to the experiences of Black Americans. The Big Band consists of outstanding 14-25 year olds who made their debut at the Southbank in summer of 2024. Tomorrow's Warriors has nurtured the talent and early careers of so many of the most exciting UK artists on the international jazz scene, including Mercury Prize 2023 winners Ezra Collective, Moses Boyd and Nubya Garcia.

