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ABOUT THE ESO

The Worcestershire-based English Symphony Orchestra (ESO) is a charity and an ensemble which, in recent years, has become synonymous with artistic excellence, innovative and visionary programming, distinctive commissioning, groundbreaking recording, a welcoming and immersive concert experience, transformative youth programmes and service to the community.

Since the appointment of Kenneth Woods as the Artistic Director and Principal Conductor the orchestra has re-emerged as a major force in British musical life.

Recent highlights include the ESO's 21st Century Symphony project, the launch of ESO Digital - the orchestra's online platform - and the enchanting 'Art of Storytelling' series: works for narrator and orchestra for families to enjoy.

The orchestra has always been able to work with some of the finest contemporary musicians. Past guest performers have included Nicola Benedetti, Isata and Sheku Kanneh-Mason. The ESO is also delighted to be affiliated with the talented soprano, April Fredrick, who is a regular contributor to the orchestra's annual programmes.



KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

500+

Children and young people reached via ESO Youth

350+

Care home residents viewing ESO
Care Homes and Hospices concerts

72K+

Online views of ESO Digital's work

ESO YOUTH

Each year the ESO Youth programme works with around five hundred young musicians offering workshops, courses and residential with bursaries available for many of its initiatives. The primary aim of every course is to develop musicianship and confidence, but there are also fringe benefits. Feedback from course participants reveals that taking part in ESO Youth's activities can help with self-expression, reduce feelings of loneliness, help young people grow their social circles and bring real joy in the mastery of a musical instrument.



***'If you need a place to express your music feelings,
ESO Youth is that place.'*** Eddie (violin)



CONCERTS IN CARE HOMES AND HOSPICES

Since 2007 the ESO has been taking music into care homes and hospices in the West Midlands and further afield; and has performed to thousands of senior citizens, many living with dementia. Some concerts have also been intergenerational. Staff and care homes residents frequently speak of the powerful effect that hearing ESO musicians playing live has on their mood and sense of well-being.

'You have bucked me up no end... What you've done in my last days... I couldn't have dreamed of anything better or more wonderful.' A care home resident

HOW YOU CAN SUPPORT THE ESO

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