



## Newsletter – Spring 2026

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**January concert thoughts:** It was lovely to welcome so many people to our January concert, a recent record which is really good news. The 'news on the street' from audience members as they left the concert, was that they had had a thoroughly enjoyable evening; so many comments about the on-going quality of engaging programming. Thanks Chris, David and Adrian in this regard.

In May we welcome Rustam Khanmurzin to play Mendelssohn's Piano Concerto No. 1 in G minor & Finzi's Eclogue (see details page 2).

Unusually, this concert features a female composer, Louise Farrenc. Farrenc was a French composer, pianist and teacher. She was born in 1804 in Paris and grew up surrounded by sculptors, painters and artistic women. She studied piano from a young age. After becoming interested in composing she applied for the prestigious Paris Conservatory, aged 15.

After completing her studies, Farrenc started her career as a concert pianist. In 1842 she became the only woman to be appointed to the position of professor at the Paris Conservatory. She stayed at the conservatory for 30 years, over which time she became one of the greatest piano professors in Europe.

She was a contemporary of Mendelssohn and Schumann and composed in a similar kind of dramatic style.

From October 2026, our 49<sup>th</sup> Concert Season will be held at the Marina Theatre, Lowestoft. Yes – all three concerts are to be held at the theatre. More details are given on page 2.

**Michael Taylor, Chair**

### Some sad news

*It is with sadness and gratitude that we acknowledge the passing of Chris Greenhill; long serving player and member of the WS family, who made immeasurable contributions in so many ways.*

*Our best wishes and condolences go out to his widow, Sally, and their children and extended family.*

*The May concert will be dedicated to his memory.*

**Michael Taylor, Chair**



**Next Concert: St. Margaret's Church, Lowestoft**  
**Saturday 2nd May 2026, 7.30pm.**

**Cimarosa** - Overture 'The Secret Marriage'  
**Delius** – 'La Calinda'

**Mendelssohn** - Piano Concerto No. 1 in G minor  
**Finzi** – Eclogue

*soloist: Rustam Khanmurzin (pictured)*

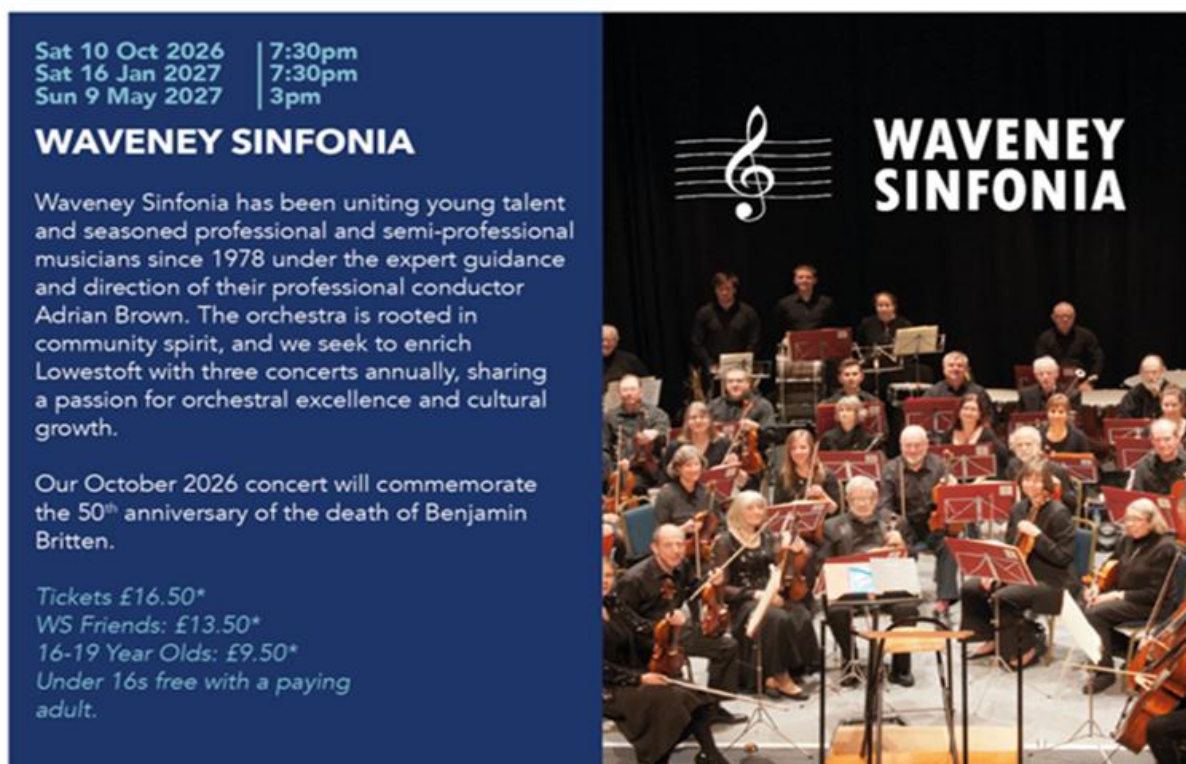
**Louise Farrenc** – Symphony No. 3



**Tickets: Adults £15, Friends £12, U19s £8, U16s accompanied by an adult, free**

**Waveney Sinfonia's 49<sup>th</sup> Concert Season**

The committee met after the January concert and, having previously discussed venue options, agreed that we would trial the three concerts of our 49<sup>th</sup> Season at the Marina Theatre, Lowestoft. The below advertisement is how it will appear in the Marina Theatre's "What's On" programme that has a wide circulation and is available in reception at all events.



Sat 10 Oct 2026 7:30pm  
Sat 16 Jan 2027 7:30pm  
Sun 9 May 2027 3pm

**WAVENEY SINFONIA**

Waveney Sinfonia has been uniting young talent and seasoned professional and semi-professional musicians since 1978 under the expert guidance and direction of their professional conductor Adrian Brown. The orchestra is rooted in community spirit, and we seek to enrich Lowestoft with three concerts annually, sharing a passion for orchestral excellence and cultural growth.

Our October 2026 concert will commemorate the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the death of Benjamin Britten.

Tickets £16.50\*  
WS Friends: £13.50\*  
16-19 Year Olds: £9.50\*  
Under 16s free with a paying adult.

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**Please note that the May '27 concert is on a Sunday and starts at 3pm**

(Ticket prices include a booking fee)

**Patrons and Friends ticket discount – 'Promo Code'**

We have negotiated with the Marina management that Patrons and Friends should use a Promo code to access the priority booking and to access their discounted price. This can be done either in the box office or through the Marina website. The code will be notified nearer to the time of the concerts via the Friends' Secretary of the society.