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Menuhin Hall Summer Festival

19 June 2025



Programme of Events

Summer Solos

Friday 13 June and Friday 20 June – Grounds open 5.30pm, Concert at 6.30pm
Sunday 15 June and Sunday 22 June – Grounds open 1.30pm, Concert at 2.30pm
This four-part series highlights the individual talents and musical progress of the Yehudi Menuhin School pupils. Audiences will hear a broad repertoire including Brahms's Hungarian Dances, Tchaikovsky's Valse Scherzo, Lutosławski's Subito, and Chen Gang's *Sunshine Over Tashkurgan*. There will be a 60-minute interval for refreshments and picnicking in the beautiful school grounds.

Seven Sayings: Triumph

Saturday 28 June – Grounds open 4pm, Concert at 5pm
An inspiring evening featuring Beethoven's Symphony No. 5, described by E.T.A. Hoffmann as "one of the most important works of the time", performed alongside Korngold's Suite for Left Hand Piano and Strings Op. 23.

Family Day: Pictures at an Exhibition

Sunday 29 June – Activities and food from 1pm, Family Concert at 3pm
Family Day offers a chance for children and their families to explore music in a playful and accessible way. The afternoon includes outdoor games, arts and crafts, and refreshments. A special interactive performance of Mussorgsky's *Pictures at an Exhibition*, led by broadcaster and pianist Keelan Carew and ten young pianists, will take the audience on a journey through whimsical musical scenes, from enchanted castles to Baba Yaga's forest hut. The concert is particularly suitable for children aged 3 to 9, though all are welcome.

Spotlight Concert: Piano Gala

Tuesday 1 July – Concert at 7.30pm
The final Spotlight event of the year showcases the school's finest young pianists performing a programme of Chopin, Debussy, Ravel, Berg and Schubert. Highlights include Debussy's *Suite Bergamasque*, Ravel's *Sonatine*, and Chopin's ballades, recently featured in the Oscar-nominated film *A Real Pain*.

Leavers' Picnic

Wednesday 2 July – Grounds open 5pm, Concert at 6.30pm
This special occasion marks the final performance by the school's leavers. Works by Ravel, Schumann, Liszt and Kodály will be performed, with a symbolic presentation of musical scores to those moving on. The evening includes a 60-minute interval for refreshments.

Seven Sayings: Reunion – The Festival Finale

Friday 4 July – Grounds open 5pm, Concert at 6.30pm
The festival concludes with an emotionally powerful programme featuring James MacMillan's *Seven Last Words from the Cross*, performed by the Senior Orchestra, Chamber Choir, conductor Jonathan Bloxham, and the award-winning vocal collective SANSARA. The second half includes Arvo Pärt's *Fratres* and Tchaikovsky's *Serenade for Strings*, performed by current pupils and alumni.

Ticket Information

Tickets range from £10 to £28.50, with half-price concessions for under-30s.
To book, visit www.menuhinhall.co.uk or contact the Box Office on 01932 559400 / boxoffice@menuhinschool.co.uk.

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