Liverpool Viola Day

10 am - 5 pm on 6 March 2027

Hosted by the University of Liverpool at the Tung Auditorium

Sponsored by the Tertis Aronowitz International Viola Competitions

Guest Artist: Bryony Gibson-Cornish, *Viola player in the Marmen Quartet, Professor at the Royal College of Music, and international soloist*

Hosts:

- Gwendolyn Cawdron, *Associate Principal Viola, Royal Liverpool Philharmonic Orchestra*
- Dr Ruth Minton, *Senior Lecturer in Performance at the University of Liverpool*
- Ian Fair, *Tutti Viola, Royal Liverpool Philharmonic Orchestra*
- Sarah Upjohn, *Chartered Physiotherapist, Researcher and Educator*

Timetable:

10 - 10:25 am - Group Welcome and Physical Warm Up

- *Bryony, Gwen, and Sarah lead*
- *Main auditorium*

10:30 - 11:15 - Back to Basics: groups split off into Grades 1 - 5 and 6 - 8+. Appropriate techniques given (Gwen leads Grades 1-5 and Bryony leads Grades 6+)

- *Main auditorium*
- *Dressing Room*

Viola for Violinists: this happens at the same time as the Back to Basics, in a separate room

- *Led by Ian*
- *Dressing Room*

11.15 - 11 25 - Comfort break

11:25 - 12:40 pm - Masterclass: Bryony leads

- *Students selected in advance from the different demographics present*

- *Piano accompanists provided through the University of Liverpool*
- *Main auditorium*

12:40 - 13:30 - Lunch and Luthier Exhibition

13:30 - 14:30 - Composition Element
- *Bryony and Gwen perform the viola duet Bryony composed*
- *Bryony speaks about composing for viola*
- *Selected pieces will be performed and discussed*
- *Main auditorium*

Masterclass no.2: this is a more informal masterclass which happens at the same time as the composition element, in a different room
- *Ian leads, Gwen supports*
- *Participants selected in advance (piano accompaniment unavailable)*
- *Dressing Room*

14:30 - 14:40 - Comfort break

14:40 - 15:20 - Injury Prevention/ Body Awareness/Body Mapping
- *Gwen, Ruth and Sarah to lead*
- *Main auditorium*

15:20 - 15:30 - Comfort break and ensemble set up

15:30 - 16:50 - Group Ensemble, arranged for all levels
- *Bryony to lead*
- *Rehearsal, comfort break, and performance included*
- *Main auditorium*

16:50 - 17:00 - Group Physical Cool Down, Thanks, Goodbyes
- *Bryony, Gwen, Sarah and Ruth to lead*