

WATER CITY BAND



“THE ORCHESTRA WAS FANTASTIC AND MOVING” ICE

THE WATER CITY BAND is a group of top professional players who perform together as the hub of the Water City Festival, under the direction of the well-known violinist Michael Bochmann. Its home ground is East London but it has been asked to play at many key venues across London including the Institute of Civil Engineering at Westminster. The group takes many forms from orchestra to small ensemble to mirror the diverse venues where it performs.

East London is home to a diverse community of some 12,000 artists. The five Olympic host boroughs are home to the largest cultural quarter in Europe. A new Water City is growing around the rivers, canals, and docks that were neglected after the closure of the docks and the industrial decline of the 1970s.

The ambition of the Water City Festival is to create an international festival in East London with a reputation and longevity comparable to the Edinburgh Festival as one piece of the long term legacy of the 2012 Cultural physical changes taking place in East London. The Festival will allow residents, school pupils and those who live and work in East London to experience making music and creating art as a part of the new metropolitan city emerging around them.

The Water City Band is a key piece in the jigsaw that makes up the Water City Festival. The group comprises of internationally renowned musicians whose high quality performances offer a unique musical experience.

Lord Mawson OBE Chairman: Water City Festival



Some examples of performances the WCB can offer.

1. String Orchestra of 12 players and voice.

Sample programme:

Purcell Chaconne

Handel Suite from the Water Music

Warlock Capriol Suite

Bach Concerto in D minor for two violins

Raga and Bangladeshi Patriotic songs sung by

Akash Sottar Bengali vocalist

Telemann Concerto for four violins alone

Bazzini Dance of the Elves

Bartok Rumanian Folk Dances

2. String quartet, harp and Bengali Vocalist

Massenet Meditation from Thais

Selection of the Songs of Bengal and Bangladesh

with Akash Sottar

Harp solos

Mozart String quartet

Lighter music

3. String Quartets and smaller groups suitable for the individual occasion.

String quartet concerts
music for events

4. History of the violin and its connections with East and Central London.

With Michael Bochmann and his protégés from Trinity college of Music.

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Comments from recent performances:
"Excellent musicianship in a magnificent setting on a great London summer's evening."
"Fantastic eclectic choice of programme mixing the familiar with the less familiar.
It was great to see such good young musicians as well."
"Amazing, the music was outstanding and made even more enjoyable by Michael Bochmann's commentary"

