

A graphic on the left side of the poster features a blue bracket on the left edge of a four-staff musical score. The staves contain a treble clef, a treble clef, an alto clef, and a bass clef. Lines from the first and second staves extend to the right, framing the word 'The'. Lines from the third and fourth staves extend to the right, framing the word 'Quartet'.

The  
Endellion  
String  
Quartet

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**40th ANNIVERSARY SEASON**

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## The Endellion String Quartet

Andrew Watkinson violin

Ralph de Souza violin

Garfield Jackson viola

David Waterman cello

**Friday, 26 October 2018**

Mendelssohn String Quartet in D major Op.44 No.1

Britten String Quartet No.3 Op.94

Beethoven String Quartet in E minor Op.59 No.2 ('Razumovsky')

This concert begins the Endellions' series which celebrates their 40th season as a string quartet. Three of the players are founder members and Ralph de Souza joined them in 1986. In 2013, *Gramophone* stated 'There's always a feeling when listening to the Endellion Quartet that you're listening to the Urtext method of quartet playing.' The Mendelssohn quartet is a joyous and celebratory piece to open the series. Britten's quartet, nearly his final utterance, is darkly introspective and the Endellions have championed it throughout their career, recording it for EMI and then again for Warner. Beethoven's tremendous second 'Razumovsky' is another riveting mainstay of their repertoire.

**Sunday, 20 January 2019 (40th Anniversary Concert)**

Haydn String Quartet in G minor Op.74 No.3 ('Rider')

Bartók String Quartet No.2 Op.17

Beethoven String Quartet in C sharp minor Op.131

20 January 1979 was the date of the Endellion String Quartet's first rehearsal. All the pieces in this programme were eagerly taken into their repertoire in the first years. Haydn's 'Rider' quartet is one of his greatest and contains a sublime slow movement. The Bartók includes some of his most melodious and also some of his wildest music and is highly expressive and accessible. Beethoven's extraordinary Op.131 was his own favourite and it is widely regarded as one of the pinnacles of all music.

**Wednesday, 29 May 2019**

Beethoven String Quartet in F major Op.18 No.1

Short pieces by Sally Beamish, Prach Boondiskulchok, Jonathan Dove and Giles Swayne

**(40th Anniversary Commissions)**

Schubert String Quartet in D minor ('Death and the Maiden')

The concert starts with Beethoven's masterly Op.18 No.1 whose heartfelt slow movement was inspired by *Romeo and Juliet*. The series ends with Schubert's 'Death and the Maiden' whose intensity and lyricism have profoundly touched listeners from the moment it was first performed. In between, for their 40th Anniversary, the quartet present a series of several short pieces newly commissioned and generously supported by Lark Music, Turner Sims Southampton and Brompton's Auctioneers.

All concerts start at 7.30 p.m. and end at approximately 9.30 p.m.

**How to Book**

**Tickets:** £40, £35, £30, £25, £18.

Group discount: 10% for 12 or more people.

**In person:**

7 days a week: **10am – 8.30pm**; days without an evening concert:

**10am – 5pm**. No advance booking in the half hour prior to a concert.

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