



Your guide to music ensembles and societies

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studying at Surrey, there are an
array of musical opportunities
for all students



Welcome to the University of Surrey

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The department of music and media

The Department of Music and Media run a symphony orchestra, choir and chamber choir under the expert direction of conductor Russell Keable.

University of Surrey Orchestra

The University of Surrey Orchestra is a hugely successful and talented orchestra delivering outstanding performances to the audiences of Guildford.

We are open to students, staff and members of the local community.

Entrance to the orchestra is by audition, players will be selected to form a high-quality ensemble performing a wide ranging repertoire our members find highly rewarding.

We rehearse most Monday evenings during each semester to perform three concerts a year. Recent repertoire has included symphonies by Beethoven, Brahms, Tchaikovsky, and Shostakovich, and film music by Danny Elfman and John Williams. This year we'll be working on Borodin's glowing and exhilarating Second Symphony together with the fresh colours of Aaron Copland's masterpiece *Appalachian Spring*. We will also be holding more of the University's highly popular Orchestra Days, where local musicians join students for a day of rehearsals, culminating in informal afternoon performances.

The Orchestra will host regular members' social events providing an opportunity for all members to meet outside of rehearsals.

Players are generally expected to have reached Grade 7 or above in their instrument.

For further information please email:
orchestra@surrey.ac.uk

Facebook: /SurreyOrchestra

Student Union Music Societies

University Choir

The University Choir is a lively and fun Choir open to all University staff and students.

A basic level of sight reading, an ability to hold a tune and enthusiasm is all we ask for; no audition is required.

We rehearse every Wednesday evening from 6pm to 8pm and perform several times a year at Holy Trinity Church and Guildford Cathedral.

We have performed with the University Orchestra on a range of challenging works including Brahms *Ein Deutsches Requiem*, Orff *Carmina Burana* and Bernstein *Chichester Psalms*. This year's music will include Mozart's *Requiem Mass* and 'O magnum mysterium' by Lauridsen.

For further information please email: orchestra@surrey.ac.uk

University Chamber Choir

The University Chamber Choir is open to all students via a short, friendly audition.

We rehearse each Tuesday lunchtime from 1pm – 2:30pm and perform at a wide range of events throughout the year, both on and off campus, including the highly regarded University Carol Service at Guildford Cathedral. Our repertoire includes work from Purcell and Parry to new music by student composers.

Auditions take place at the start of October and singers are requested to bring a short piece to sing, for example, a hymn tune or carol.

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“Chamber Choir offers an amazing opportunity to perform and rehearse at what feels like a professional level. Russell Keable inspires the best in all of us and I've loved working with such talented, supportive and hardworking singers.”

Izzy Watkins

There are a range of student-led music societies open to singers, performers or those just seeking to mix with social, musically-minded students!



String Orchestra

It doesn't matter what subject you study at Surrey, the Surrey String Orchestra is open to everyone and requires no audition. We pride ourselves on our social ethos, and a broad repertoire, primarily performing in music department ensemble concerts, recording sessions and concerts in Guildford. In the past we have performed film scores, arrangements and pop songs in addition to the standard classical repertoire. We work closely with student conductors, soloists and composers, offering a platform for new compositions to be performed.

Rehearsals are on Tuesday evenings between 6.30pm and 8pm in the PATS building.

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University of Surrey Big Band

Big Band are Surrey's award-winning premier jazz ensemble. We are a professional calibre 21-piece big band comprising of saxes, trombones, trumpets, rhythm and two vocalists.

Our varied repertoire includes a diverse range of genres such as swing, latin, samba and funk making our live shows hugely atmospheric and entertaining.

We audition for members annually to form a first-class band which rehearses weekly to prepare for functions taking place both within Surrey and outside the county. We participate in competitions, perform at sell-out headline gigs and hold an exciting annual tour.

Members benefit from regular social events to which friends of the band are always welcome

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University Jazz Orchestra

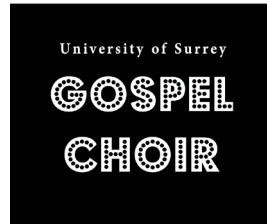
The University Jazz Orchestra are an open and welcoming group playing all types of jazz music in a relaxed setting from *Sing! Sing! Sing!* to *Chameleon* and *Reptile*.

We're always open to song suggestions as well as student compositions and arrangements.

We rehearse every Thursday evening from 6:30pm — 8:30pm with a break halfway so you have plenty of time to mingle with the rest of the band.

No audition is required, just come along to our rehearsals. Membership is free and everyone is welcome.

Facebook: /USSUJazzOrchestra



University of Surrey Gospel Choir

If you are looking to join a choir and meet a group of great people then the University of Surrey Gospel Choir is for you.

We rehearse on Friday evenings from 6pm — 8pm and perform both on and off campus.

We performed at the Royal Albert Hall for the first BBC Gospel Proms, and were a part of the X Factor backing choir. We showcase our own repertoire at our annual end-of-year event including both traditional Gospel music as well as popular songs.

There are no auditions; everyone is welcome. If you are thinking about joining come along to our next event.

Facebook: /GospelChoir



BandSoc

BandSoc is a community for all students who love music of any style or genre. Even if you are not a musician you are still welcome to join us. Whether you're a keen indie fan, jazz soloist or guitar shredder, everyone is welcome at BandSoc, we have membership options to suit all. We regularly host social events and gigs for all music lovers.

In addition to this, musicians can book our rehearsal facilities and equipment and receive help and advice in forming and developing bands. If you are in a band already we can provide opportunities to play in gigs and concerts arranged by the committee to showcase your talent.

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Concert Band

Concert Band are one of those bands that has no limits; we play anything and everything. We play music from show tunes, classical suites to film scores. If there's a piece of music you would really like to play let us know, we are always open to suggestions. We welcome any wind, brass or percussion players who would like to join us.

There are no auditions, no minimum standard and no fees to join.

We rehearse every Tuesday evening from 6:30pm — 8:30pm.

Facebook: /ussuconcertband



I joined BandSoc as a way of getting to know more people, and as I've always loved music I figured BandSoc was the perfect society for me. It is way more than just a place for musicians to find band mates, the social side means that even if you're not a musician you can still get involved in the regular socials and gigs.

I met some people who liked similar music to me and we set up a casual band that played at the BandSoc Festival. I would say if you enjoy music and want get involved, do!



Dan Cooke



Musical Theatre Society

Musical Theatre (MT) is a great society for those who love to sing, dance and act.

We meet twice a week, on Monday and Thursday, where we rehearse for the two Musical Theatre showcase performances held in November and June each year.

You can also audition and rehearse for our showcase performance that takes place in March of each year.

Our committee organise movie nights, trips to the theatre and social events throughout the year.

If you would like to meet people who share a love for all things musical theatre then look no further.

Facebook: /UssuMusicalTheatre
Twitter: @ussu_mtsoc



No Wave

No Wave, the University's oldest, continuously running society, is the home for alternative music. Hosting our own gigs and concerts we welcome all.

We meet every Tuesday from 7pm – 11pm at Wates House for general socialising.

Facebook: /NoWaveSurreyUni
Twitter: @no_wave



As a fresher, I thought that I was done with singing and dancing as they never were my strengths, even though I enjoyed them. However, I was convinced to try a taster session and instantly fell back in love with musical theatre! The people are lovely and welcoming and I've made some amazing friends. It's a great way to deal with stress and helps me so much with my work-life balance - which is really important, especially as a fresher.



Julia Herritty



Presha

Presha is a monthly underground dance music event showcasing a collective of upcoming and established DJs.

We work to push the boundaries of sound and bring cutting-edge music to the dance floors of Guildford.

We pride ourselves on diversity, freedom and non-limitation. You can expect to hear a wide range of sounds including house, techno, disco, dubstep, garage, grime and more.

If you're interested in DJing for Presha please send your mix to: preshabass@gmail.com

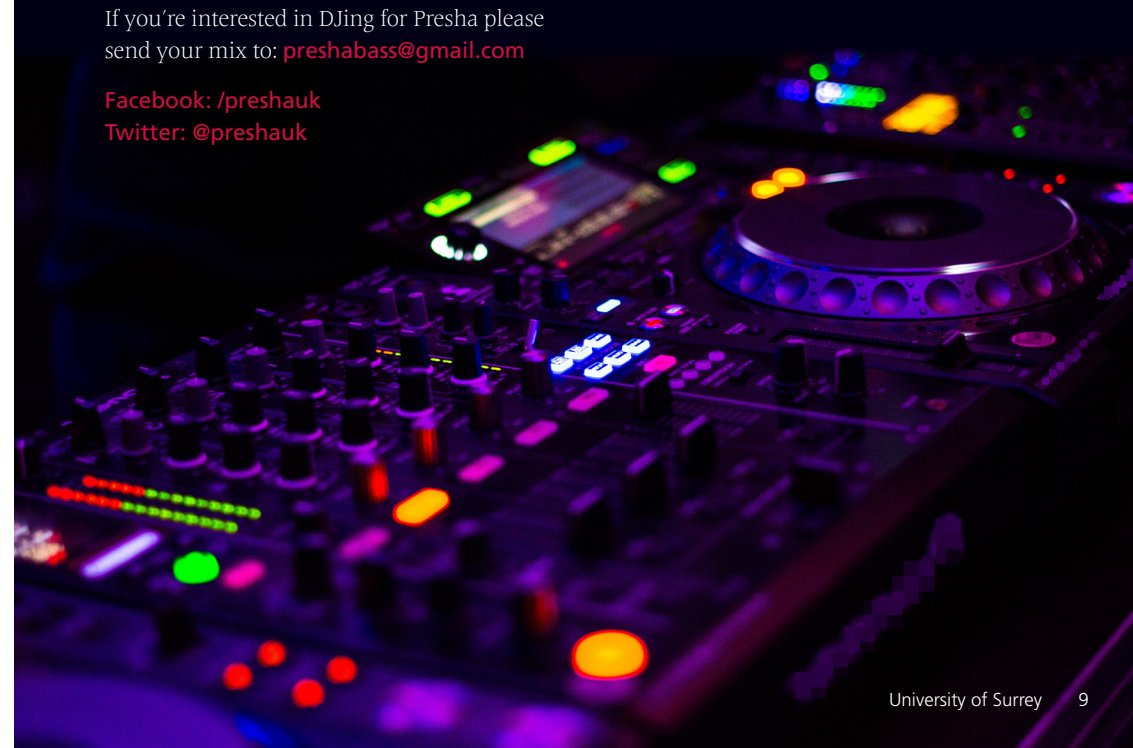
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I love being part of Presha, we create something with our events that is truly unique to the University and Guildford. We pride ourselves on carrying the same vibe and ethos into all of our nights regardless of the venue. I'd highly encourage coming down and getting involved with our nights!



Connor Giltrap



Surrey arts

To find out more about arts events taking place at the University of Surrey visit our dedicated arts website. You can discover and book tickets online to a range of exciting music, theatre and arts events taking place throughout the year.

Live at the Ivy / Live at University Hall

Anything can happen! Several times a year, the students from the Department of Music and Media host "Live at" concerts featuring a range of student bands of all genres.

From folk music to jazz, to rock to rap the

repertoire is extensive and entertaining. The standard is extraordinarily high and if you love great music you are guaranteed a fantastic night out.

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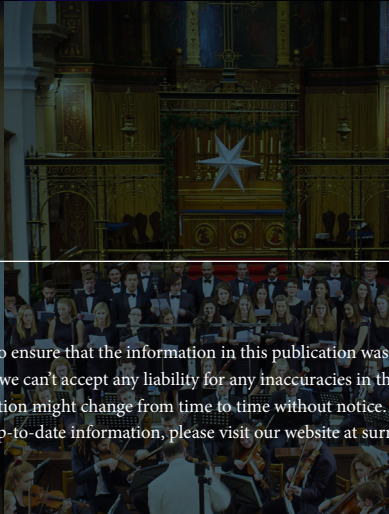
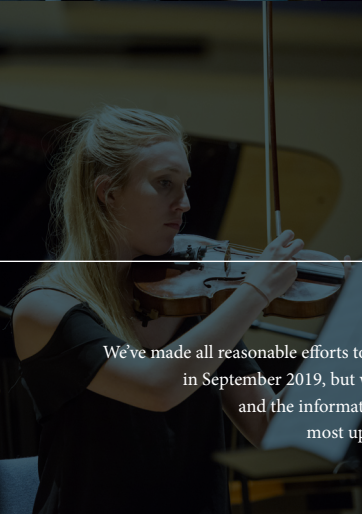
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