



Gala Concert at Allington Castle

This was our first concert – a very exciting time for all those involved. It was held on 17 March in the Great Hall of Allington Castle – a beautiful, historic venue where Henry VIII and Anne Boleyn dined with Sir Thomas Wyatt around 1530. Huge thanks to the owner, Sir Robert Worcester, for his generosity in letting us use his home.



Hosting the concert were the Trust's patron, HM Lord-Lieutenant of Kent, The Lady Colgrain, and Nancy Litten, Chair of the Trustees.

Three of the Trust's awardees performed, Marie Harris, Christian Hoddinott and Oliver Moh. Another, Ricky Taing, spoke of how the trust has helped to launch him in his career by paying for some of his training.



The Maidstone Singers, conducted by Kathryn Ridgeway, treated us to a selection of songs of different styles but all with words by Shakespeare.

We were very lucky that professional musicians gave their services for free, including Rachael Lloyd, from the Royal Opera House, and Robin Ashwell, violist of the Sacconi Quartet.



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Supported and enjoyed by 120 people including several prominent Kent officials.

Provided a great performance opportunity for our Young Musicians.

Raised significant funds to support more youngsters.

Widely publicised, both before and after, with the help of [Radio Kent](#) and the [Kent Messenger Group](#)

Concert Quotes:

“We have an opportunity here, by supporting this wonderful Trust, to help some young people to have the joy of playing an instrument. I will be signing up tomorrow morning!”

Robin Ashwell, Viola player of the Sacconi Quartet.

“The talent that has been shown by our young performers this evening was just incredible and shows now important it is that we nurture such talent in the future.”

The Lady Colgrain, Patron and Lord Lieutenant of Kent

“The standard of music making was superb”

Nancy Litten, Chair of the Trustees