



CHAMBER MUSIC IN CHAFFCOMBE: 27-30 August 2021

APPLICATION FORM

At the time of opening applications, the Berkeley Ensemble hope that the easing of restrictions relating to the Covid-19 pandemic will enable the course to take place. Viability of this will depend on logistical and financial ramifications of any regulations in force over the duration of the course. Our priority will be ensuring that we can operate in a Covid-secure environment and this will be continually assessed as the course date approaches.

A deposit payment will be due on application (see below) with the balance due before the application deadline of 16 July. At this point, we will assess viability of the course against any predicted regulations (in addition to ensuring that we are able to group participants in suitable instrumental ensembles according to instrumentation and levels of ability). If, at any point after this date, the Berkeley Ensemble is unable to run the course, all monies will be refunded in full. However, if individual participants are subsequently unable to attend (due to matters relating to Covid-19 or otherwise), the Berkeley Ensemble cannot guarantee that refunds can be given.

As regulations evolve, we will update applicants with the precautions that will be in place to ensure safety. These will include the request that all participants can provide proof of vaccination against Covid-19, or else take a Lateral Flow test in advance of the start of the course. For further details about this, please email annabel@berkeleyensemble.co.uk. Rest assured, the course will only run if we are confident in being able to operate a course that not only adheres to all necessary safety regulations but retains the spirit and ethos of the ensemble's activities; providing a friendly, supportive and sociable environment for music making.

Applicant Name:

Address:

Postcode:

Email:

All correspondence will be via e-mail unless you specify otherwise.

Telephone / Mobile:

Age: under 18 18 - 24 25 - 40 41 - 60 over 60

This course is primarily intended for adults; we are happy to accommodate under-18s but are not able to act in loco parentis; please contact us at the address or email below to agree appropriate arrangements.

I am attending as: an individual a pre-formed ensemble member

Individual players must also fill in Part 2 of this Application Form (below) to enable course tutors to ascertain approximate level of ability and experience prior to a place being confirmed. In the unlikely event that we are unable to place individual players of similar ability into chamber ensemble combinations with suitable repertoire then the deposit will be refunded in full.

Pre-formed ensemble members are not required to fill in Part 2 but should email annabel@berkeleyensemble.co.uk to discuss the current playing standard of the ensemble and repertoire to be worked on.

Instrument(s):

Ensemble name (if applicable):

Accommodation: host family in Chaffcombe arrange own accommodation

If you wish to arrange your own accommodation please email chambercourse@berkeleyensemble.co.uk for a list of places to stay near The Old Rectory.

Will you have use of a car during the course? Yes / No (please delete as appropriate)

Please give details of any allergies and/or dietary requirements:

Due to the location of the course there are short walks between venues. Please let us know if you have mobility difficulties. Unfortunately, we do not yet have wheelchair access to all course venues.

How did you hear about Chamber Music in Chaffcombe?

Please send completed form by email to annabel@berkeleyensemble.co.uk. The deadline for applications is **16 July 2021** but please note that participants will be allocated to suitable groups as applications are received. As places are limited it is advised to apply well in advance of the closing date.

Payment: A non-refundable deposit of £125 is due on application. However, in the unlikely event that we are unable to place individual players of similar ability into chamber ensemble combinations with suitable repertoire and/or the course is unable to run due to matters relating to the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic, then the deposit will be refunded in full. The balance of £265 is due by 16 July 2021.

Our preferred method of payment is by bank transfer: The Berkeley Ensemble; sort code 08-92-99, account no, 65330728. Please put your surname and 'CMC' as a reference and e-mail annabel@berkeleyensemble.co.uk to notify us that a transfer has been made. Please get in touch if you wish to make payment by an alternative method.

PART TWO (Individual Applicants Only)

Please complete this form as accurately as possible to help us place you in an ensemble with participants of similar ability and experience.

Instrument(s):

Approximate standard (please tick): Intermediate 1 Intermediate 2 Advanced 1 Advanced 2

Intermediate 1 - Grade 6-7 standard or equivalent; Intermediate 2 - Grade 8 standard or equivalent; Advanced 1 - Post-Grade 8 / DipABRSM standard or equivalent; Advanced 2 - LRSM standard, music college student, semi-professional or equivalent

Please tell us about your studies and training, e.g., how long have you been playing your instrument, whether you have regular lessons, whether you studied formally, whether you have taken grades or diplomas, and anything else that may be helpful to us:

Please tell us about your chamber music experience, e.g., whether you play regularly in ensembles, whether you have ever played chamber music before, and anything else that may be helpful to us.

Do you have any particular types of repertoire that you would like to play on the course (composers, styles, instrumental combinations etc)? Or perhaps you have an all-time favourite chamber work that you are dying to play? Owing to the small nature of the course we cannot accommodate all requests, but we will do what we can.

The course culminates with an informal performance to a small audience of hosts, friends and people living locally in Chaffcombe. Please get in touch if you have any questions about this.
