***MUSIC AT WESLEY***

**TUESDAY LUNCHTIME CONCERT**

Wesley Church Centre, St John St, Chester CH1 1DA

**Chester Festival of Performing Arts: Winners Concert**

**7th October 2025, 12.45pm**

**Grace McQuillan – Soprano                                                                            Simon Bate - Piano**

Après un rêve                                                                                                                    Gabriel Fauré

Ich hab' ein glühend Messer                                                                                          Gustav Mahler

Mon cœur s'ouvre à ta voix                                                                                           Saint-Saëns

Grace McQuillan has been singing she was four years old and is now a student at Chetham’s School of Music, having been there since she was 13.  She enjoys singing a varied repertoire and has performed in numerous public concerts. Grace is a member of the Chetham’s Chamber Choir.

**Sammi Zhong – Piano**

Toccata                                                                                                                                    Khatchaturian

Grande Valse Brillante in E flat major Op. 18                                                          Chopin

Sammi, aged 13, has been studying at Chetham’s School of Music with Gemma Beeson since she was 9; she also learns flute and organ. A first prize winner at both this year’s Chester Festival and the 2024 URDD Eisteddfod Junior Piano Recital, Sammi especially admires Debussy, whose music deeply inspires her.

**Shirley Zhong – Violin                                                                                     Simon Bate - Piano**

Sarabande in G Minor                                                                                                      Bohm

Concerto No. 5 in D Major Op. 22, 3rd Movement (Rondo)                           Seitz

Millionaire’s Hoedown                                                                                                      Clebanoff

Shirley, 11, started violin at six and entered Chetham’s School of Music aged eight. (She also learns piano and voice). Winner of the 2024 URDD Eisteddfod Violin Solo Final, she also won the Under 16 and Open String Classes at the ‘25 Chester Festival. She particularly loves the music of Friedrich Seitz.

 *FUTURE ‘MUSIC AT WESLEY’ CONCERTS*

 **Tuesday Lunchtime Concerts Series**, 12.45pm. Retiring collection.

 October 14th: Jordi Bitlloch (piano)

 October 21st: Cameron Liu (piano)

 October 28th: Deva Winds and Piano Quintet

 **Saturday Lunchtime Organ Recitals**, 12.45pm. Retiring collection

###  October 18th: Philp Rushforth (Chester Cathedral)

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