

BRIDGE QUARTET BIOGRAPHY 2025

Colin Twigg violin1 **Catherine Schofield** violin 2
Michael Schofield viola **Lucy Wilding** cello

Named after the fine English composer and violist Frank Bridge, the output of the Bridge Quartet over three decades has been sprinkled with "discoveries" of the English quartet repertoire. A close association with EM Recordings enabled the quartet to research and promote works by Butterworth, O'Neill, Parry, Goossens, Hurlstone and Howells. More recent CD releases with EMR include collaborations with with tenor Charles Daniels and baritone Roderick Williams in Gurney's Housman song cycles *"this brilliant performance by Williams, Dussek and the Bridge Quartet, make this disc an absolute must-have..." Opera Today June 2020*

Shortly after its formation the Quartet received several South Bank recitals from the Kirckmann Concert Society and it has subsequently given Wigmore Hall concerts to capacity audiences. The Bridge Quartet has broadcast and played at many festivals in the UK and Europe as well as touring to Kenya and USA

An unusual asset of the Bridge Quartet is having its own composer "in residence". Leader Colin Twigg has written works for the CBSO and also composed specifically for the Bridge Quartet. A CD featuring his chamber music compositions was recently released by Toccata Classics with excellent reviews. *"Performances, recording and Twigg's booklet notes are all exemplary"* Gramophone 2017

This season the Bridge Quartet have enjoyed a words-and-music collaboration entitled "Dear Father" featuring works and readings of Mozart with actor Christopher Kent as well as recitals for Huddersfield and Manchester Concert Society. A second CD of Arnold Cooke quartets has been released on the Toccata Classics label with future recording plans in the pipe line for this coming season. The quartet also looks forward to performing again at the Wigmore Hall this coming season.

"The Bridge Quartet play with immaculate technique and understanding." Music Web International September 2023 (Arnold Cooke Quartets nos 1,3&5)

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