

Royal Liverpool Philharmonic Orchestra Viola Day

On Saturday 11 January 2020, Royal Liverpool Philharmonic welcomed nearly 40 viola players, aged 7 - 21, to its first annual Merseyside Viola Day. This was a day aimed at instructing, inspiring and celebrating viola playing and viola culture in the wider Merseyside area.

Students and adult observers began the day by watching a performance given by three musicians from Royal Liverpool Philharmonic: Gwendolyn Cawdron, Ian Fair and Emily Vanlint. The students went on to participate in technique workshops, a masterclass, and ended the day by playing in a viola ensemble, performing arrangements of Handel and the Beatles.

Keen violinists were also welcome to join in a 'viola for violinists' session and participated in the viola ensemble.

Feedback has been overwhelmingly positive, with one student saying they'd never been in a room with so many other viola players before! Keep your eyes peeled for Merseyside Viola Day 2021...

Gwendolyn Cawdron

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