

James Warburton - Biography

James Warburton is a freelance violinist based in the North West of England and North Wales. He graduated from the Royal Northern College of Music in 2022 with first-class honours.

Hailing from Bolton, James started playing the violin at age 7 and progressed through the local music service orchestras, before joining the Halle Youth Orchestra and the RNCM's junior department, where he was taught by Steve Wilkie. During his undergraduate degree, James was taught by Julia Hanson, and led multiple orchestras in numerous notable projects.

James performs regularly with a number of orchestras across the North, including the Royal Liverpool Philharmonic Orchestra, BBC Philharmonic, and Hallé Orchestra. Recently, James performed Bruch's Scottish Fantasy with the City of Stoke-on-Trent Symphony Orchestra. He also appears in chamber recitals with a number of professional chamber groups, as well as with his fiancée, harpist Angharad Huw.

The Enys Chamber Music Festival is a charity based in Cornwall which James supports as a trustee, dedicated to bringing high-quality chamber music performance to the region. His role involves planning throughout the year and culminates in annual outreach work and memorable, captivating performances in the Falmouth area. In addition, he runs Egerton Strings, providing string musicians for weddings, events, and concerts.

Recently, James was appointed as a violin teacher at Shrewsbury School, where he supports pupils in 1-to-1 lessons and in orchestral playing. He also teaches a small class of private pupils at his home.

James is very fortunate to play a superb English violin made in 1772 by Joseph Hill, which is generously loaned to him by the Tompkins Tate Musical Instrument Trust.