



# MABON JONES

Violinist & Teacher

## PROFILE

I am a Welsh violinist based in Manchester with a wealth of experience playing in chamber groups, orchestras and as a soloist. After studying music at the University of Manchester I am now studying for a master's degree under Leland Chen at the Royal Northern College of Music. Living in Manchester has given me the opportunity to play, record and perform with a wide range of ensembles in a variety of musical styles and traditions including contemporary classical, jazz, folk and klezmer. As well as playing the violin, I have experience teaching it in 1-1, small group and whole class settings.

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## EDUCATION

### Royal Northern College of Music

2019 - present  
Studying violin under Leland Chen.

### University of Manchester

2015 - 18  
Graduated with a first class degree with honours in Music (MusB).  
Studied violin under Jonathan Martindale.

### Junior Royal Northern College of Music

2013 - 15  
Studied violin under Steven Wilkie.  
ABRSM Violin Grade 8 - Distinction

### Ysgol Dyffryn Nantlle

2008 - 15  
Head Boy 2014-15  
A-level: A in Music, A in Welsh BAC and B in Mathematics.  
GCSE: 2 A\*s, 6 As & 2 Bs

## PERFORMANCE EXPERIENCE

### RNCM Orchestras and Ensembles

- Was involved in several orchestral concerts including performances of Dvorak's 9<sup>th</sup> Symphony, a side-by-side Concert Orchestra project with Manchester Camerata and a String Ensemble project with Norwegian violinist Henning Kraggerud and Hungarian cellist Miklós Perényi.

### No Dice Collective – Manchester (2018 – present)

- New music ensemble and residents at the International Anthony Burgess Foundation.

### AdLib Quartet – Manchester (2015 – 19)

- String quartet who regularly performed in recitals and functions.
- Highlights include a performance of Thomas Adès' *Four Quarters*, the 1<sup>st</sup> movement of Ravel's string quartet and movements from the American quartet by Dvorak.

### Orchestral Experience

- Performed at BBC Proms 2019 as a member of the BBC Proms Youth Ensemble for a world premiere of a piece written by Jonny Greenwood in a side by side project with BBC NOW.
- Current member of Piccadilly Symphony Orchestra in Manchester.
- Member of NEW Sinfonia.
- Former member of the National Youth Orchestra of Wales, working with musicians such as Catrin Finch, Carlo Rizzi and Paul Daniel.
- Former member of The Manchester University Symphony Orchestra who I led on several occasions.

### Music Performance/Recording

- Toured with Opra Cymru in their production of Beethoven's *Fidelio*.
- Awarded 3rd prize at both the 2018 Urdd and National Eisteddfods in the over-19 instrumental solo category.
- Often involved in recording sessions, including four sessions at Maida Vale studios, London in 2016.

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

### Violin Tutor – Thameside Music Service (2018 – present)

- Teaching violin, viola and cello at both primary and secondary schools.
- Giving 1-1, small group and whole class lessons on a weekly basis.
- Taking rehearsals and assisting with the junior and senior string ensembles.
- Experience in online 1-1 teaching over Zoom.

REFERENCES – Available upon request