



Chester Folk Festival ONLINE

Friday 22nd – Monday 25th May 2020 (Spring Bank Holiday Weekend)

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PROGRAMME

The physical manifestation of Chester Folk Festival usually takes place in the village of Kelsall, some 8 miles from Chester. Various venues in the village are used for the different events. For sentimental reasons, we have named the channels we are using over the weekend after those venues. They are -

Marquees 1 & 2 - Two **video channels** mainly for the curated video concerts, some workshops and specials (**Key - V**).

Community Centre, Social Club, Green Room – Three **Zoom rooms** for live events such as workshops, singarounds, music sessions, and Chance to meet the artist events (**Key - Z**).

Festival Bar – Another **Zoom room** but this one is for meeting and chatting rather than for music, though you're welcome to talk about music if you wish (**Key - Z**).

Friday

Time	Event	Duration (Approx)	Location	Description
19.30	Open Zoom	3 hours	Festival Bar (Z)	Time to meet up with friends new and old, to chat, exchange stories and memories
20.00	Evening Concert 1	45 – 50 minutes	Marquee 1 (V)	YouTube Premiere - A mixture of lockdown and pre-recorded videos including contributions from Christina Alden & Alex Patterson and Les Barker
20.00	Folk Club	2 hours 30 minutes	Community Centre (Z)	Chance for singers and musicians to meet together to share tunes and songs MC: Close Quarters
21.00	Evening Concert 2	70 – 90 minutes	Marquee 2 (V)	YouTube Premiere - A mixture of lockdown and pre-recorded videos including contributions from RPR and Greg Russell

Notes – Changes since previous published version in yellow

^{*1} **Youth Room** – Daily events exclusively aimed at singers and musicians in the 10-20 age group. For safeguarding reasons, please turn video on and ensure that screen names for any under 16s are first name only.

^{*2} **Singing Workshop** – Artist: An Croenen

Subject: "Finding your Inner Cathedral." Includes warmup exercises, focus on breathing techniques, voice placement, and a holistic approach to singing, using your physical body as well as emotional world to produce living sounds. Please wear comfortable clothes, this is a relaxed, informal session. You will have the opportunity to write to An in advance, to ask about specific aspects of singing that you would like to focus on. Please email An care of CFFonline2020@gmail.com. Please put Singing Workshop as the subject of the email.

^{*3} **Chance to Meet** – Artist: Maranella

With songs and tunes along the way, costumed minstrels, Maranella, talk about their approach to performing medieval music and share top tips for blending in should you happen to find yourself stranded in medieval Europe.

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Saturday

Time	Event	Duration (Approx)	Location	Description
11.00	Open Zoom	11 hours 30 minutes	Festival Bar (Z)	Time to meet up with friends new and old, chat and exchange stories and memories
11.00	Workshop	30 – 45 minutes	Marquee 2 (V)	Dance workshop with Martyn Harvey: American Contra
11.00	Workshop	45 – 50 minutes	Community Centre (Z)	Beginners Online Tune Session – Leaders: Jay Stannard and Ian Jones
11.00	Workshop	45 – 50 minutes	Social Club (Z)	Youth Room - daily events exclusively aimed at singers and musicians in the 10-20 age group Leader: Fluff Smith <i>*1 See under Friday for more information</i>
12.00	Workshop	30 minutes	Marquee 2 (V)	North West Morris Workshop Part 1 of 2 – featuring Chester City Morris Men. Bring your dancing shoes!
12.30	Songs	25 – 30 minutes	Marquee 1 (V)	Home learning opportunity – some songs from Mel Barrett
12.30	Music Session	1 hour 45 minutes	Social Club (Z)	Bring along your tunes to share with other Zoomers MC: Elizabeth Armstrong & Helen Armstrong
12.30	Singaround	1 hour 45 minutes	Green Room (Z)	All singers welcome. Bring along your party pieces to share MC: John Warburton
13.00	Chance to meet	45 – 50 minutes	Community Centre (Z)	Artist - Virginia Kettle and the Dreamkeepers MC: Mal Waite
14.00	Afternoon Concert	45 – 50 minutes	Marquee 1 (V)	YouTube Premiere - A mixture of lockdown and pre-recorded videos including contributions from Phoebe Rees and a track from Blackbeard's Tea Party
15.00	Chance to meet	45 – 50 minutes	Community Centre (Z)	Artist: Phoebe Rees MC: Katrina Turner
15.30	Workshop	1 hour	Marquee 1 (V)	Rondez vous - Chester's popular French and European Music and Dance group – get out your instruments and/or dancing shoes. You don't even need a partner.
16.30	Chance to meet	45 – 50 minutes	Community Centre (Z)	Artist: Christina Alden & Alex Patterson MC: Helen Weiss
17.30	Special	45 – 50 minutes	Marquee 1 (V)	The Songs of Stan Rogers - Featured artists, including Greg Russell, Phoebe Rees and The Waite Collective contribute their versions of songs written by probably Canada's greatest song writer
18.30	Quiz	60 – 90 minutes	Social Club (Z)	Fun questions to test your knowledge and your memory MC/Quizmaster: Katrina Turner
20.00	Evening Concert 1	45 – 50 minutes	Marquee 1 (V)	YouTube Premiere - A mixture of lockdown and pre-recorded videos including contributions from Winter Wilson and Ben Robertson
20.00	Folk Club	2 hours 30 minutes	Community Centre (Z)	Chance for singers and musicians to meet together to share tunes and songs MC: An Croenen
21.00	Evening Concert 2	70 - 90 minutes	Marquee 1 (V)	YouTube Premiere - A mixture of lockdown and pre-recorded videos including contributions from Belshazzar's Feast (individually and collectively) and Reg Meuross

Sunday

Time	Event	Duration (Approx)	Location	Description
11.00	Open Zoom	11 hours 30 minutes	Festival Bar (Z)	Time to meet up with friends new and old, chat and exchange stories and memories
11.00	Workshop	45 – 50 minutes	Community Centre (Z)	Singing Workshop Artist: An Croenen Subject: “Finding your Inner Cathedral.” *2 See under Friday for more information
11.00	Workshop	45 – 50 minutes	Social Club (Z)	Youth Room - daily events exclusively aimed at singers and musicians in the 10-20 age group Leader: Fluff Smith *1 See under Friday for more information
11.00	Workshop	45 – 50 minutes	Green Room (Z)	Clown Workshop Artist: Martin Huckle
12.00	Display & Workshop	30 minutes	Marquee 2 (V)	A display by Pecsætan Morris, Bradshaw Mummers and North West Morris Workshop Part 2 of 2 – featuring Chester City Morris Men
12.30	Story telling	15 – 20 minutes	Marquee 1 (V)	Cheshire stories Storyteller: Tom Hughes
12.30	Music Session	1 hour 45 minutes	Social Club (Z)	Bring along your tunes to share with other Zoomers MC: Phoebe Rees
12.30	Singaround	1 hour 45 minutes	Green Room (Z)	All singers welcome. Bring along your party pieces to share MC: Dave Vaughan
13.00	Chance to meet	45 – 50 minutes	Community Centre (Z)	Artist: Bradshaw Mummers MC: Katrina Turner
14.00	Afternoon Concert	45 – 50 minutes	Marquee 1 (V)	YouTube Premiere - A mixture of lockdown and pre-recorded videos including contributions from Wet the Tea (collectively and Andy Connally solo) and a track from Pilgrims' Way
15.00	Chance to meet	45 – 50 minutes	Community Centre (Z)	Artist: Close Quarters MC: Mal Waite
16.00	Display	30 minutes	Marquee 2 (V)	Morris and Mummers – featuring Chester City Morris Men and Bradshaw Mummers
16.30	Chance to meet	45 – 50 minutes	Community Centre (Z)	Artist: Cohen Braithwaite-Kilcoyne MC: Helen Weiss
17.30	Special	60 - 70 minutes	Marquee 1 (V)	Liege and Lief – A video recording of the special put together by Full House and friends in 2019, to celebrate the 50 th anniversary of Fairport Convention's seminal album
18.30	Chance to meet	45 - 50 minutes	Community Centre (Z)	Artist: Maranella - Medieval Music: Five ways for a Folkie to Fake it *3 See under Friday for more information
19.30	Ceilidh	45 - 50 minutes	Marquee 2 (V)	Caller: Martyn Harvey
20.00	Evening Concert 1	45 minutes	Marquee 1 (V)	The Raven Folk Club at the Festival: Part 1 featuring some of their regular contributors
20.00	Folk Club	2 hours 30 minutes	Community Centre (Z)	Chance for singers and musicians to meet together to share tunes and songs MC: John Warburton
21.00	Evening Concert 2	70 - 90 minutes	Marquee 1 (V)	The Raven Folk Club at the Festival :Part 2 featuring a vintage concert by Huw Williams and the late Maartin Alcock

Monday

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11.00	Open Zoom	11 hours 30 minutes	Festival Bar (Z)	Time to meet up with friends new and old, chat and exchange stories and memories
11.00	Event	15 – 20 minutes	Marquee 1 (V)	The story behind the song – presented by Bill Malkin
11.00	Workshop	30 – 45 minutes	Marquee 2 (V)	Dance workshop with Martyn Harvey: Dances from Around the World
11.00	Chance to meet	45 – 50 minutes	Community Centre (Z)	Artist: Mark Dowding MC: Mal Waite
11.00	Workshop	45 – 50 minutes	Social Club (Z)	Youth Room - daily events exclusively aimed at singers and musicians in the 10-20 age group Leader: Fluff Smith ^{*1} See under Friday for more information
12.00	Display	30 minutes	Marquee 2 (V)	Morris – featuring Chester City Morris Men (from Lockdown), White Hart Morris Men and Sheffield Steal Rapper
12.30	Special	60 – 90 minutes	Marquee 1 (V)	Chester Folk Festival commissioned Mick Ryan to write a musical drama which was premiered as The Navvies at the festival in 2006, performed by Mick and a host of talented local performers
12.30	Music Session	1 hour 45 minutes	Social Club (Z)	Bring along your tunes to share with other Zoomers MC: Andy Connally
12.30	Singaround	1 hour 45 minutes	Green Room (Z)	All singers welcome - Bring along your party pieces to share MC: An Croenen
14.00	Afternoon Concert	45 – 50 minutes	Marquee 1 (V)	YouTube Premiere - A mixture of lockdown and pre-recorded videos including contributions from Ninebarrow; Welcomme, Finnan & Chrimes, and The Waite Collective
15.00	Chance to meet	45 – 50 minutes	Community Centre (Z)	Artist: Vicki Swan & Jonny Dyer MC: Ged and Elizabeth Armstrong
16.00	Display	30 minutes	Marquee 2 (V)	Morris – featuring Chester City Morris Men and the Witchmen
16.30	Chance to meet	45 – 50 minutes	Community Centre (Z)	Artist: Greg Russell MC: Helen Weiss
17.30	Special	45 – 60 minutes	Marquee 1 (V)	20/20 Vision - This year's tea-time special extravaganza featuring many of the usual suspects
20.00	Evening Concert 1	45 – 50 minutes	Marquee 1 (V)	YouTube Premiere - A mixture of lockdown and pre-recorded videos including contributions from Vicki Swan & Jonny Dyer and a track from Les Barker
20.00	Folk Club	2 hours 30 minutes	Community Centre (Z)	Chance for singers and musicians to meet together to share tunes and songs MC: The Waite Collective
21.00	Evening Concert 2	70 – 90 minutes	Marquee 1 (V)	YouTube Premiere - A mixture of lockdown and pre-recorded videos including contributions from Virginia Kettle & The Dreamkeepers and Cohen Braithwaite Kilcoyne