CATHERINE SCHOFIELD STRINGENDO BIOGRAPHY Feb 2021



Catherine Schofield VIOLIN (or Ms Cathy as she is known) has taught at Junior Guildhall and Trinity Music Conservatoires and has a longstanding and thriving private teaching practice. She loves inspiring younger string players and over the years found it rewarding to see them progress into fully fledged young musicians with some going onto musical studies at University and College level.

For many years Ms Cathy has been very interested in using both the Kodaly inspired Hungarian system of music education and

Dalcroze movement based musicianship in her teaching. She has gained certificates for training in both disciplines. Alongside this Catherine is passionate about the importance of chamber music. She is a founder member of the renowned Bridge String Quartet, established over 30 years ago, and has freelanced with English Chamber Orchestra, English Touring Opera, Glyndebourne Touring Orchestra and Primavera- to name a few. She coaches regularly not only on Bridge Quartet courses but also for Dartington Summer Music and Pro Corda Music courses.

The Saturday morning Stringendo Music Classes were set up over 5 years ago in West London with Guildhall and Trinity Music Conservatoires colleague and cellist Simon Trentham. Its holistic ethos of musical training for youngsters with an emphasis on singing, movement and chamber music ensemble skills seems to bring together all that Ms Cathy considers as the essence of the developing musician.