

Penny Stirling

Pro Corda North Course Director

Penny Stirling was born in Somerset and trained at the Royal College of Music in London. She ran the string department at Wells Cathedral School, was Head of the Instrumental Music Service for Wiltshire and then moved to Manchester where she became Director of the internationally renowned Junior Strings Project, a Queen's Anniversary Prize winner for the Royal Northern College of Music. In 2004 she moved to North Yorkshire and became Director of Yorkshire Young Musicians, a DfE Music and Dance Scheme Centre for Advanced Training for highly talented children in the Yorkshire and Humber region. She is Chair of the Junior Conservatoires and Centres for Advanced Training Committee. A busy teaching career combines with mentoring teachers in their own professional development; County Music Service Professional Development days, Course Leader for the CTABRSM both at home and internationally (Hong Kong, Indonesia etc) and presenter for ABRSM's Centenary Travel Award in the West Indies, as well as Mentor for Yehudi Menuhin Foundation teachers in Bermuda and European String Teacher's Association both at home and in Scandinavia. She recently took part in the Working Group for the new qualification for Music Educators being produced by Arts Council England. She founded the chamber music course Young String Venture at Lake District Summer Music and is Course Director for Pro Corda North as well as being a Diploma examiner for ABRSM and adjudicating for many music festivals both at home and abroad.

