

Flautist Alex Leese Wins Youth Music's Competition To Perform With Katherine Jenkins At The Wisley Music Festival

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As the winner of Youth Music's Wisley Music Competition, 18-year-old flautist Alex Leese was thrilled to be given the chance to perform live at this year's Wisley Music Festival.

Launched in April, entrants were invited to send in a CD demo of a performance, and were offered the unique opportunity to perform at this prestigious festival with full orchestral backing, and to support Katherine Jenkins, the headline act on 7 June.

Alex performed Concertino for flute by Chaminade with the National Symphony Orchestra conducted by Anthony Inglis.

Of the experience, Alex said:

"The concert was fantastic, it was really great to work with such a big star as Katherine Jenkins and I would not have had that chance without the competition."

Youth Music was delighted to be able to give Alex the opportunity to perform at such a prestigious festival; the competition was a brilliant way to promote the high quality of music making amongst young people and to give them a focus for their enthusiasm. Alex was chosen from 176 entrants around the country, and stood out because of "his sensitive and highly musical playing". Alex, from Richmond in Surrey, has studied flute at Junior Trinity, performing regularly for the past few years but this has been his most high-profile concert to date.
