

# British High Commission hosts Sheku Kanneh-Mason and the Kanneh-Mason family

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Sheku Kanneh-Mason shot to global fame after his mesmerising performance at the wedding of Prince Harry and Meghan Markle in 2018. He won the BBC Young Musician award in 2016, and the first cellist in history to reach the top 10 of the UK album charts. Sheku is also one of seven siblings, all extraordinary instrumentalists, who have been described by Simon Cowell as the world's most talented family.

British High Commissioner to Australia, Vicki Treadell said:

I am delighted to welcome Sheku and the Kanneh-Mason family to Australia during their much anticipated tour and celebrate their extraordinary talent.

This exciting moment follows the UK-Australian Season of Culture, a huge creative and cultural exchange which sought to answer the question 'who are we now'. The Kanneh-Masons epitomise the diversity, creativity and talent that exists across modern Britain.

Andrew McKinnon said:

This is the largest tour the family has undertaken outside of the UK. I am very proud to be presenting these exceptional young British musicians, who are already winning the hearts of Australian audiences, with the critic for the respected Limelight magazine saying of their debut concert in Perth that the family's performances are a must-see

This is the first Australian tour by Sheku and the Kanneh-Masons. Sheku will be joined by his sister Isata, now one of Britain's leading young pianists, in a performance of greatly loved sonatas for cello and piano. In the second half of the program he will be joined by the entire family. The program will feature works by Schubert, Liszt, Mendelssohn, Shostakovich, Gershwin and other popular composers.

- Sheku Kanneh-Mason performing at the [Royal wedding](#)
- Isata Kanneh-Mason celebrates [Clara Schumann](#)
- Isata Kanneh-Mason performing 'Sometimes I Feel Like a Motherless Child' by Samuel Coleridge-Taylor, from her second solo album 'Summertime'. Listen: <https://uma.lnk.to/sfq3Ss2UPR>
- The Kanneh-Masons – <http://www.kannehmasons.com/>
- Sheku Kanneh-Mason – <https://shekukannehmason.com/>
- Isata Kanneh-Mason – <https://www.isatakannehmason.com/>
- The Kanneh-Masons are Isata, 25 (piano), Braimah, 24 (violin), Sheku, 23 (cello), Konya, 21 (piano and violin), Jeneba, 19 (piano and cello), Aminita, 16 (violin and piano), and Mariatu, 12 (cello and piano).
- Sheku plays a 1700 Matteo Gofriller cello, kindly on loan from an anonymous syndicate of private investors.
- All tour details at Andrew McKinnon Presentations [www.amck.com.au](http://www.amck.com.au)

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