

Steven Burnard is well established as one of the country's foremost viola players having held posts as Co- Principal Viola in BBC Symphony and Principal Viola of BBC National Orchestra of Wales, and BBC Philharmonic where he currently performs. In addition , he is also in demand as a Guest Principal with many of the UK orchestras including London Sinfonietta, London Philharmonic and Royal Scottish National Orchestra as well as Oslo Philharmonic in Norway. He has performed much of the solo viola repertoire with BBCNOW and BBC Philharmonic including Concertos by Walton, Bartok, Martinu and Michael Berkeley and whilst in Wales took part in the World Premiere performance and recording of Michael Berkeley's Tristessa for Cor Anglais, Viola and orchestra on Chandos , which was written specifically for him and Celia Craig.

Steven is a keen chamber musician having been a member of the Duke and Vale String Quartets and has been a guest with the Vanbrugh and Bochmann Quartets, and in 2012 gave a performance in Bridgewater Hall, Manchester of the Viola Sonata by Shostakovich. Steven is increasingly in demand as a teacher, having taught at the Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama , Manchester University, and as a visiting consultant at Royal Northern College of Music. He plays on a viola made by David Rattray of London.