



ALL SEASONS ORCHESTRA

An open-access orchestra for York & the surrounding communities

Gosh, what a lot there is to tell you when we've only been going for such a short time – so far we've played with music from Mendelssohn's 1st Symphony, Tchaikovsky's 2nd (nicknamed *The Little Russian*), Purcell's *Fairy Queen* & Handel's *Fireworks Suite*, as well as swinging our way through Oakes' *Wyrd Sisters*, and dipping into a few other pieces for a bit of seasonal variety.

As some of you may have noticed we now have a wonderfully vibrant logo, and lovely shiny website to match as well as a facebook page and twitter wotsit where you can join in ASO's musical banter between sessions. Jane (bass clarinet) has been trying her hand at arranging too, so we now have her arrangement of Mozart's *Sleigh Ride* to add to our collection– other offerings and musical experimentations welcome!

Keep reading to find news and dates for what's coming-up throughout the festive period and into the New Year.

Catherine

INTRODUCING THE ALL SEASONS LOGO

Just in case you haven't spotted it yet, the full colour version of the fantastic logo that professional designer Sonia Reis has created for us is at the top of this page. Many thanks to Sonia for her giving up her time to design a logo which conveys so well what the All Seasons Orchestra is about. She's managed to draw together the different seasons, different people and different styles of music we play as well as encompassing the enthusiasm and life you all bring to the orchestra.

You can see more of Sonia's work by visiting her website: <http://designbysoniareis.wordpress.com/>

WELCOME TO TOBY WARDMAN

I'm delighted to be able to announce that Toby Wardman will be picking up the All Seasons baton in the New Year while I'm on maternity leave.

Toby is a popular music entrepreneur in York and Musical Director of Southbank Singers so the chances are, even if the name doesn't ring any bells, you'll recognise him when you meet him in January. Here's a photo of Toby (ok, the back of his head) conducting an orchestra and choir event in York in October this year.

We've got a great selection of music lined up for you to play with Toby in the New Year & I'm hoping to be able to pop along to the odd session and say "hi" while I'm too encumbered to conduct.



Photograph: John Cunningham

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WINTER HAPPENINGS 2012-13

Saturday 15th December: Carol Singing

Toby has kindly invited All Seasons players to join him for a spot of charity carol singing to raise money for York Women's Counselling Service.

Time: from 2.30pm

Just drop in for a hearty song or two when you fancy a break from your Christmas shopping.

Place: York Railway Station foyer

Price: Free

Sunday 16th December: Mince Pie Party

Tom and I would like to invite you to a festive little gathering to celebrate, well, Christmas, the successful beginnings of the All Seasons Orchestra and the existence of mince pies.

Time: 2 - 6pm drop in

Place: 17 Manor Road, Tadcaster, LS24 8HP

Price: Free

Thursday 10th January: New Year's Dinner

Hannah Droop (clarinet) has done a great deal with the Flag & Whistle, (our usual post-playing haunt) and has arranged a New Year's Dinner to give us a chance to catch up and socialise after the Christmas break before we resume our weekly sessions.

Time: 7.30pm

Place: Flag & Whistle, Huntington Road, York, YO32 9PX

Price: £7.50 per head (partners welcome).

Menu choices

*Steak & Ale Pie ~ Chicken Chasseur ~ Veggie Surprise
with chips or new potatoes and vegetables*

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Apple crumble & custard ~ Bowl of ice cream

Places are limited so if you'd like to come along please make sure you let Hannah know your meal choices & how many of you there will be: hannah.droop@gmail.com

We need to confirm numbers with the chef so please make sure that you contact Hannah by Friday 4th January at the latest. If you need to cancel after this point payment will be at the Flag & Whistle's discretion. There's no need to pay in advance please just bring the correct money with you to the meal.

ALL SEASONS ORCHESTRA WILL BE PLAYING ON:

Thursday evenings, 7.30 at Joseph Rowntree School, New Earswick, York, YO32 4BZ

Last session before the Christmas break will be Thursday 13th December 2012

New Year Dates are: 17th January - 14th February 2013 // 28th February - 21st March 2013

For more information about All Seasons Orchestra

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