



ALL SEASONS ORCHESTRA

An open-access orchestra for York & the surrounding communities

Welcome back! It's been a gorgeous Summer, and now we've got a really rather exciting term ahead of us.

The Thursday night group is back in full swing and amongst other things have started looking at Haydn's gloriously uplifting Symphony no.95, from his London Symphonies. Jane has been busy arranging over the Summer, so for those of you who play instruments that Haydn would have loved and no doubt included if only they'd been invented early enough, you now have your very own parts written specially for you (not even just a transposition of someone else's part!).



Photograph: Cris Marshall

Other reasons for excitement this term include:

- Mendelssohn, Handel, Wagner, Rameau, and Corelli - all coming up this term.
- our 1st birthday (Thursday, 7th November)
- our events programme kicks off big time... well that's just too exciting, I can't fit it all in here you'll have to look over the page.
- I've now finished my maternity leave and am back to regular group and event stick waving (ok, maybe that one's only exciting for me - it's great to be back in the thick of things).

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO US

All Seasons Orchestra will be celebrating our 1st birthday, the first Thursday back after the half term break. Don't worry we won't be forgoing music making for partying, we'll be having our usual session PLUS (you see we do listen to what you say). Yes, you guessed it, music plus even more cake, we're also going to aim to sneak the world's shortest ever AGM into the break.

Catherine



Photograph: David Hawkshaw

Rob

ALL SEASONS ORCHESTRA WILL BE PLAYING ON:

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

Dates for Autumn Term 2013

Thursdays 12th September - 24th October // 7th November - 19th December

EVENTS NEWS

Thank you to everyone who completed our events questionnaire - it's great to know that you like what we're doing, and has been really helpful to know what kind of events and music you particularly enjoy. As always, we'll do our best to keep you all happy and smiley.

Having reviewed your responses the committee has decided for the time being, to focus on running the weekend workshops & study days you enjoy, alongside our regular Thursday group. There were only a few respondents who were keen to do concerts - not enough really to make them a viable option at present. It was pretty unanimously felt that people wanted to feel well prepared before playing in public; I quite agree - it's no fun feeling underprepared and stressed! So, we're also working on building our repertoire so that in the future, we would be able pull the odd performance out of the hat should we wish to.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Here's a little peek at what's coming up this term so you can put the dates in your diary now before something else sneaks in. Full details including how to sign-up are available on our website along with events after Christmas.

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Saturday, 5th October 2013

Wagner 200 ~ A Celebration of Wagner's Music

Extracts & arrangements of some of Wagner's most popular and accessible music, including: Tannhauser, Lohengrin & the exhilarating Ride of the Valkyries - wahoo!
2 - 5pm - Manor Academy, Millfield Lane, Nether Poppleton. YO26 6PA

Thursday, 7th November 2013

All Seasons Orchestra First Birthday & AGM

Music and playing as usual, with more cake and extra jolliness with what will hopefully be the world's shortest AGM sandwiched in the middle.
7.30 - 9.30pm - Joseph Rowntree School, Haxby Road, YO32 4BZ

Sunday, 8th December 2013

Corelli Christmas Concerto for baroque string orchestra

Lord of the Rings: Return of the King for symphonic band (wind, brass & percussion)

Both running 2 - 5pm - Huntington Memorial Hall, 46 Strensall Road, Huntington YO32 9SH



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I was also delighted to see that a number of you were interested in transposing, arranging, composing and conducting - so we'll be arranging opportunities along these lines too. They'll be open to everyone, so even if you didn't say so on the questionnaire you'll still be very welcome to come along.

Make sure you have a look at our events programme over the page and get those dates in your diary now so you don't get double booked. Well, you wouldn't want to miss out would you?