



ALL SEASONS ORCHESTRA

An open-access orchestra for York & the surrounding communities

Seasons Greetings fellow musicians where has December sprung from all of a sudden?! It seems only a couple of weeks ago that we were starting the Autumn Term, and what a lot we've packed into one term. We launched our events programme in October with a celebration of Wagner's music and I am writing to you now, after our second 2in1 event during which we journeyed through Middle Earth's treacherous time changes playing the soundtrack from Lord of the Rings: Return of the King, while local cello teacher Catherine Strachan lead the strings playing Corelli's Christmas Concerto on the other side of the wall.

Our Thursday evenings have been similarly stuffed full. We've played a Mendelssohn Sinfonia (that's the one with the reeeeeally slow introduction followed by those wonky 3 note patterns in the first movement), Haydn's Symphony No. 95, and a selection folk songs and dances by the bird-loving Russian composer Liadov. We also celebrated our 1st Birthday in October playing Mozart's very first Symphony along with a whole heap of first movements. And somehow along the way we managed to find time to squeeze both an EGM and an AGM into our busy schedule. Phew! No wonder I didn't see December coming!

Here's a little Christmas present from me to you in the form of a festive wordsearch. See how many words or indeed phrases from *The Twelve Days of Christmas* you can find:

Catherine
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WINTER HAPPENINGS 2013-14

Saturday 14th December: Carol Singing

Toby has kindly invited All Seasons players to join him for a spot of charity carol singing to raise money for SHELTERBOX <http://www.shelterbox.org/> - emergency disaster relief in the Philippines and elsewhere.

Time: from 2.30pm

Place: York Railway Station foyer

Music & sleigh bells provided. No experience necessary. Children of all ages welcome. Just drop in for a hearty song or two when you fancy a break from your Christmas shopping and if you're still with us at the end come for a pint and a bite to eat.

Thursday 19th December: ASO Christmas special with mince pies

Come and join us for our last Thursday night session of this term. We'll be playing seasonal music and munching upon festive mince pies before we break for Christmas. Same time and place as usual (see below).

Saturday 4th January: Music Sorting & Sellotaping Tea Party

Catherine & Rosie invite you to join them in drinking tea and preparing music for the new term.

Time: 2:30pm

Place: Catherine's in Tadcaster - contact me for directions 07811 772 332

Saturday 1st February 2014: Holst Planets Suite - Jupiter & the Gassy Giants



The Planets will be orbiting the University of York's, Jack Lyons Concert Hall at the beginning of February.

In this, the first a series of ASO events looking at one of the best known and most loved works in the classical repertoire, Catherine Shackell will be taking players on an exploration of Jupiter and a selection of the minor gaseous planets.

Put the date in your diary and keep an eye open for full details in the New Year.

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 19th December 2013

New Year Dates:

Thursdays 9th January - 13th February 2014

Thursdays 27th February - 3rd April 2014

For more information about All Seasons Orchestra

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