



# ALL SEASONS ORCHESTRA

An open-access orchestra for York & the surrounding communities

All Seasons Orchestra sprang back into action after the Christmas break and we've had a fantastic start to the new year. So far 2014 has been a year of launches:

**We were launched into the New Year by Handel's Fireworks** after several requests to play it some more. Our baroque repertoire is sounding really good at the moment, full of character and life. The baroque style particularly suits the ethos of All Seasons. Composers during that period were usually working to tight deadlines for specific events, and tended to churn out vast quantities of music in order to keep bread on the table. This made them resourceful, pragmatic, and practical in their approach to composition and performance. They generally had to make use of the players they had on the day and indeed substitute instruments when necessary.

**We launched ASO's first expedition into space**, exploring the Solar System according to Holst with Part I of our our Planets series of events. The Jack Lyons Concert Hall was a fabulous venue to play in and it was wonderful to have such juicy brass and percussion sections. What a tremendous achievement to get all the way from Jupiter to Saturn and Uranus as well, all in just one day. Sign up now for our next space expedition on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> May.

We've been making up for Holst's neglect of our home planet by wending our way through Liz Sharma's *A Day on Temperate Earth* in our Thursday group. The rhythms are a little tricky in places but it's well worth the effort. Here's a recording of another orchestra playing it narration by Martin Clunes: <https://soundcloud.com/lizsharma/a-day-on-temperate-earth>

**We've launched the ASO Music Sharing Page on our website** so that other players elsewhere can enjoy using our transposed parts. Well it wouldn't fit with our ethos of promoting music making if we kept them all to ourselves would it?! Have a look at: [http://allseasonsorchestra.org.uk/joinin\\_sharing.php](http://allseasonsorchestra.org.uk/joinin_sharing.php)

**We also launched ASO's Transposing & Arranging Group** this half term, so we now have a whole group of folk equipped with laptops, scores, mice and various orchestral navigation charts. Much fun, tea and cake was had by all as you can see:



I know there were a number of you who were keen to have a go at Transposing & Arranging but couldn't make the last session. Don't worry we will be running more sessions so just keep an eye out for the next one.

Have a look at page 2 to see what events we've got coming up and to find out about our Easter celebrations. Happy Springtime everyone!



## JOIN IN OUR MUSICAL EGGSTRAVANGSA THIS EASTER

I hereby challenge the All Seasons collective to create an orchestra out of eggs! We need eggspert players of all instruments and artists of all abilities to reflect the truly egglectic composition of the All Seasons Orchestra.

Deadline: 12noon Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> April 2014

Please email a photo of your performing egg to: [events@allseasonsorchestra.org.uk](mailto:events@allseasonsorchestra.org.uk)  
All eggs must be your own work (unless you're little and need the help of a big person).  
Photos must be of this year's egg efforts.

## 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 a quick on-line enrolment form are available on our website.



Photograph: David Hawkshaw

### Sunday, 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2014

#### HAYDN Symphony 104 in D major

Haydn's final Symphony, No. 104, aka 'The London Symphony' is packed full of repeating themes and catchy rhythmic passages making it such a wonderfully playable work.

**2 - 5pm - Earswick Village Hall,**  
Earswick Chase, (old) Earswick  
YO32 9FY

### Thursday, 10<sup>th</sup> April

#### ASO SOCIAL Easter Meal 7.30pm

Shirley oboe has been in negotiations with the chef at *The Flag & Whistle* in Huntington and they've come up with a fantastic menu for us and the great deal of 2 courses for just £7.95 per person!

Full details on the website please book your place and meal with Shirley by the **end of March.**

### Sunday, 11<sup>th</sup> May

#### THE PLANET SUITE Part II Mars & The Rocky Planets

The second of our orchestral study days navigating the wonders of our solar system according to Holst, takes us past Mars and the rocky planets.

**2 - 6pm - Haxby & Wigginton Methodist Church Hall** (opposite the duck pond), Haxby, YO32 2JJ

~ You can sign up for all our events on our website or by emailing: [events@allseasonsorchestra.org.uk](mailto:events@allseasonsorchestra.org.uk) ~

### ALL SEASONS ORCHESTRA WILL BE PLAYING ON:

Thursday evenings at 7.30pm

Joseph Rowntree School, New Earswick, York, YO32 4BZ

**Last rehearsal of the Spring Term is Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> April**  
(but don't forget about the ASO social on the 10<sup>th</sup>!)

**Dates for Summer Term:** Thurs 24<sup>th</sup> April - 22<sup>nd</sup> May // Thurs 5<sup>th</sup> June - 17<sup>th</sup> July (inclusive)