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YORK'S NEWEST ORCHESTRA LAUNCHES IT'S EVENTS PROGRAMME

All Seasons Orchestra boasted a fantastic turnout of nearly 50 people for their first event at the weekend. York's newest orchestra ambitiously ran not one but *two* events simultaneously to launch it's events programme on Sunday 19th May.

In one room local flautist Fiona McLaughlin led a concert band workshop playing an eclectic mix of rousing music including the well known Can-can (where the flutes received special tips on how to reach the highest notes). Next door, baroque cellist Catherine Strachan guided string players (photo below) through the tempestuous waves of Telemann's Water Music, with special tips on authentic bowing techniques. After the obligatory tea and cakes, both groups played to each other and the day ended with an exciting blow through music from Thunderbirds.

All Seasons Orchestra's Artistic Director Catherine Shackell is rather secretive about plans for forthcoming events but promises are for an exciting programme:

I can't tell you just yet what we've got planned for the coming academic year as we're still waiting for details to be confirmed, but I can say that this is just a taste of things to come. We have alto of very enthusiastic and committed people within All Seasons and there are lots of brilliant ideas buzzing around so watch this space!

Artistic Director – Catherine Shackell



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About All Seasons Orchestra

The All Seasons Orchestra, opened it's doors to amateur musicians of all instruments and abilities in November last year. Understanding that jobs and family lives can make it difficult to commit to coming along every week which is a requirement of a lot of many orchestras, All Seasons Orchestra is made up of whoever is able to come along on each given occasion.

The group meets regularly on Thursday evenings, from 7.30, at Joseph Rowntree School in New Earswick, York, under the direction of Catherine Shackell. Everyone who has ever played an instrument and can read music a bit is invited to pop along and join in for a free trial session.

For more information about the All Seasons Orchestra:

- visit our website: www.allseasonsorchestra.org.uk or,
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