



*****PRESS RELEASE*****

**BRASS BLAST OFF & FLUTES FLY INTO ORBIT
LOCAL COMMUNITY ORCHESTRA INVITES YOU TO PLAY
HOLST'S PLANETS**

Musicians of all instruments and abilities are invited to come together in Haxby on Sunday 11th May, for an afternoon exploring Holst's popular and exhilarating Planet Suite with local community orchestra. Aply captained by the All Seasons Orchestra's intrepid leader Catherine Shackell players will be guided through with expertise and more than a little fun!

This will be the second in the All Seasons Orchestra's series of orchestral workshops navigating the wonders of our solar system according to Holst, and takes us past Mars and the rocky planets. So, whether you can blast off with a bassoon, orbit with an oboe or even rash land with a cello, we'd love you to come and join our crew for the day.

Our first event in the Planets series was terrific fun – we had a fabulous turn out. Some passages in the music look really scary, but there is a lot that is very playable and people always amaze themselves at what they are able to achieve – especially with a pieces like Mars that they know so well!

Artistic Director – Catherine Shackell

As with every ASO event, players are asked to bring a music stand on which to put their navigation charts and a small contribution of food to share with their fellow astronauts at break time. Music (including specially transposed parts) will be provided on the day.

Event details:

Come & Play Holst Planets II: Mars & the Rocky Planets

Sunday 11th May, 2014

2-6pm in Haxby & Wigginton Methodist Church Hall, Haxby, York. YO32 2JJ

Participation price: £10

About All Seasons Orchestra

All Seasons Orchestra is a friendly and non-auditioned community orchestra set up just over a year ago to provide orchestral playing opportunities for amateur musicians in York and the surrounding area. We play a varied selection of music from across the orchestral repertoire, some easy bits and some of that really meaty stuff you've always wanted to have a go at. The orchestra operates on a play as you go system so asks no weekly commitment and there are no limits on the numbers of players, the more the merrier!

The group also 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 Thursday evening session.

To book a place for this event or for more information about the All Seasons Orchestra:

- visit our website: www.allseasonsorchestra.org.uk or,
- contact Catherine Shackell on 07811 772 332 / events@allseasonsorchestra.org.uk