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PLEASE ALLOW ME TO INTRODUCE MYSELF...

As we were thinking about ways to keep our playing members up to date with all the exciting news that seems to be happening recently, a brilliant idea suddenly occurred to us. Why not create a newsletter? An informative, enjoyable series of interesting quips, stories and facts with photos and articles that could be updated at the start of every concert. As soon as we got started with this, the next step was obvious: why not make it available to our supporters and friends? So here we are, the first issue. We hope you like it and please, please, please do tell your friends about it!

Bryan



SAPHIR INSPIRES!

This is Julian's new project to bring, via the piano, classical music to a wider audience. It will include workshops and recitals in schools, adult piano tuition and even *'The Piano at Leisure'* events at hotels comprising themed talks and recitals with food and wine! Details of events will be posted on www.juliansaphir.com as soon as they are up and running! Alternatively email ivoryartists@yahoo.co.uk for more information.

WHAT'S COMING UP?



Continuing one of the orchestra's main objectives to offer our younger performers unique, life-changing experiences, our next two concerts should prove fruitful...

World Music Concert: 23rd March 2013, Royal Hall. Favourites, including performances by local children of Latin American music led by our soloists INCA: Walton – *Spitfire Prelude and Fugue*; Dvorak – *Slavonic Dances Op 46 Nos. 1, 3 and 8*; Villa-Lobos – *The Little Train of the Caipira*; Latin American Music by INCA; Tony Hinnigan – *Los 33* (World Premier of this HSO commission); Rimsky-Korsakov – *Russian Easter Festival Overture*; Gershwin – *American in Paris*.

If you haven't yet managed to read up on Tony Hinnigan, he makes fascinating reading: www.tonyhinnigan.com. Tony has been commissioned to compose a piece for the HSO, so expect a wonderful piece using traditional South American folk music inspired by the Chilean mining disaster. His piece is called *Los 33* and will be a World Premier.

INCA will be doing 2 workshops with local children and children from the Nidderdale area, performing a number of traditional pieces with their own instruments and with panpipes, hence please note that this concert will start at 7:00pm.



INCA

EVEN MORE TO COME!

The second of this year's concerts is a real move into uncharted territory...

Summer Concert with a Matinée Concert for Children: 22nd June 2013, Royal Hall. From 2:00 'til 3:15pm the matinee concert will be for *No Strings* (www.nostrings.org.uk), a charity formed to raise awareness of worldwide issues – "life saving lessons through the magic of puppetry". Taking part will be the puppeteers who are the artists from the original Muppet Show! Yes, hard to believe, but they will be performing in front of and with the children.

The matinee and the evening concert will include a guest narrator, the actor Hugo Speer. Hugo is becoming an avid supporter of our concerts and has already been instrumental in raising the

profile of the HSO. The children can make a simple sock puppet which they can bring with them to the matinee. The piece they will be involved with is Prokofiev's *Peter and the Wolf*. The other piece in the afternoon programme is Britten's *Young Person's Guide to the Orchestra*.

The matinee will last about 1 ¼ hours and there will be a small charge to raise funds for the charity. The evening's concert will include: Saint-Saens – *Danse Macabre*; Prokofiev – *Peter and the Wolf* (narrated by Hugo Speer); Dukas – *Sorcerer's Apprentice*; Beethoven – *Symphony No. 6*.

There will also be a presentation of the work of *No Strings* by Johnie McGlade. He and his wife Rosie founded the charity and have already worked with thousands of people all over the



world. You will also see how they are able to pass on their crucial information through puppetry and video and witness the role of an *eRanger* ambulance bike (www.eranger.com) with Ian Avery. The design of the *eRanger* ambulance bike has been modified to create a mobile cinema for No Strings films.



If you have any suggestions for future newsletters please contact: admin@harrogateorchestra.org.uk

WORDSEARCH COMPETITION

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Find the six composers hidden in the word search. There is a prize draw to win a ticket in the Grand Circle of the Royal Hall, for HSO's 22nd June concert. If you would like to take part, please email your name and a contact telephone number or email address to: admin@harrogateorchestra.org.uk, along with the names of the six composers. Correct entries will be entered into the draw. Competition closes Friday 31st May.

BEETHOVEN HAYDEN
BRAHMS MENDELSSOHN
CHOPIN WAGNER



On 21st April, HSO's 1st violinist, Katharine Blease, will run the London Marathon to raise money for the Sense Charity (www.sense.org.uk). Sense is a national charity that supports and campaigns for children and adults who are deaf-blind. They work with children, young people, adults and older people who are born with or suffer from progressive sight and hearing loss; offering a range of housing, educational and leisure opportunities.

If you would like to sponsor Katharine, please visit www.virginmoneygiving.com/KatharineBleas. All donations gratefully received and will help continue the invaluable work carried out by Sense.

WANT TO PLAY?

If you are interested in joining the orchestra please contact our conductor Bryan Western:

conductor@harrogateorchestra.org.uk

Bryan is pictured opposite with actor and director Hugo Speer, who we would once again like to thank for his continued support of HSO.



FUTURE CONCERT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



9th November

Details to follow in the next issue...

16th November

Semiramide – Rossini

Concerto – Nikita Koshkin (World Premier)

Solists: Aquarelle Guitar Quartet

Symphony No. 5 – Tchaikovsky

14th December VENUE TBC

Family Christmas Concert



15th March PROGRAMME TBC

7th June

Gala Concert: Tour de France Proms

15th November

Marriage of Figaro – Mozart

Cello Concerto No. 1 – Shostakovich

Soloist: Laura van der Heijden

(BBC Young Musician of the Year Winner)

Pines of Rome – Respighi

13th December VENUE TBC

Family Christmas Concert



21st March

Coriolan Overture – Beethoven

Piano Concerto No. 2 – Brahms

Soloist: Julian Saphir

20th June PROGRAMME TBC

21st November PROGRAMME TBC

BRIAN RANKIN

Our 'Friends' secretary Brian Rankin is stepping down from his role in September. HSO would like to thank him for all his hard work. friends@harrogateorchestra.org.uk

OUR MAN IN ARGENTINA

As a result of the concert in November when Alberto Portugheis came to play the Grieg with us, Bryan has been invited to be a guest conductor of the Amadeus Chamber Orchestra in Buenos Aires. The concert is on 24th August 2013. Anyone wanting tickets please ask Bryan! Well done that man!

Their conductor Alfredo Corral will be coming to the UK to do a special additional concert with us in November, when Alberto will be playing Beethoven 3rd piano concerto. Great news – Mike Booth, our ex-chairman, has offered to sponsor this concert. Many thanks Mike! There will be more information on this in the next HSO Musical Notes newsletter.

HSO SALES

We still have some concert recordings and items of merchandise available for sale, including:

DVDs

Summer 2008 Opera highlights with the Halifax Choral and Beethoven 9: £8

Spring Concert 2012 with Caroline Heard playing the Bruch Violin Concerto: £10

CDs

Winter 2007 Rachmaninov Symphony No. 2: £3

Winter 2012 with Alberto Portugheis (Grieg Piano Concerto) and Beethoven 1: Double CD: £7

Merchandise

T-shirts (£7); Polo shirts (£10); Fleeces (£20)

All in black with our logo in white (super value!) If you'd like a free car/window sticker, just ask at the next concert or in rehearsals.

WELCOME!

The orchestra would like to extend a very warm welcome to our newest members:

David Annett (Horn)

Linnea Stokes (Violin)

Harry Messenger (Violin)

Laura Harrison (Violin)

Tom Chamberlain (Cello)

Carol Truman (Cello)

Alison Cranney (Cello)

Amanda Kirby (Viola)

Andrew Fake (Trumpet)

Ben Rowe (Violin)

And welcome back (after children) to:

Julia Priestley (Violin)

Rumina Onac

Caroline Hunter (Cello)

YOU MUST BE JOKING!

What is the ideal weight for a conductor?
About 2½ lbs. including the urn.

Why do viola player's stand for long periods outside people's houses?
They can't find the key and they don't know when to come in.

How is lightning like a viola player's fingers?
Neither one strikes in the same place twice.

What do you do with a horn player that can't play?
Give him two sticks, put him in the back, and call him a percussionist.

What do you do if he can't do that?
Take away one of the sticks, put him up front, and call him a conductor.

If you would like to advertise in future issues of this newsletter or our concert programme please contact Flick McKee:

sales@harrogateorchestra.org.uk

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Full page £100

Half page £50

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SPECIAL THANKS TO THE PIANO MAN



Many thanks are due to Mark Crossland AKA The PianoMan for his very generous support at the last two concerts. He provided magnificent Shigeru Kawai Concert Grand pianos for both Julian Saphir and Albeto Portugheis to perform their solos, as well as demonstrating the fantastic Kawai ES7 portable digital piano at the last concert.

Mark's showroom is located at 168-170 Easterly Road, Leeds. With over 50 carefully selected instruments on show, Mark will find you the perfect piano and you can buy with confidence knowing that his aim is to have some of the most competitive internet prices around. This, combined with a proven track record for giving outstanding customer service and delivery to anywhere in the UK, makes The PianoMan the obvious choice for choosing your next piano.



Tel: 0113 240 8030 www.thepianoman.ltd.uk

FAMILY CHRISTMAS CONCERT HARROGATE INTERNATIONAL CENTRE

The family Christmas Concert was a wonderful evening and HSO would like to thank the music coordinators Carmel Wake, Lizzie Williams & Fiona Page and all the music teachers for their hard work with the school choirs.

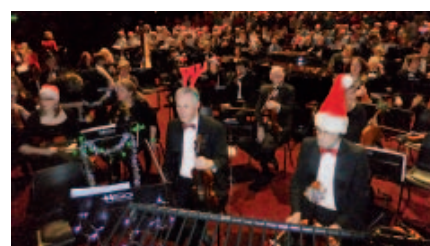
Participating schools were: Western, Richard Taylor, Follifoot, Bilton Grange, North Righton, Willow Tree Primary, Rossett Acre, Beckwithshaw, Killinghall, Pannal, Starbeck, Scotton Lingerfield, St John's, Goldsborough and Kettlesing Felliscliffe.

Special thanks go to the young soloists India Barton, Kirsty MacGregor and Dorcas Ojiakor, who sang the first verse of 'Once in Royal David City'. As always, it was a special evening for everyone involved, including the Harrogate Choral Society and their off shoot chamber group Beati Cantores.



Some orchestra members getting festive!

Even Santa was in festive mood and are we all agreed that Bryan's jokes are getting better? Perhaps not! Let us hope we can afford the increased prices of the HICC and perform again this December! More details to follow.



Royal Hall - view from the orchestra



Bryan Western and Flick McKee meeting with No Strings charity in Newcastle



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