

SCYO

FRIENDS OF
SURREY COUNTY
YOUTH ORCHESTRA

Autumn 2014

newsletter

Dates for Your Diary

10 th October	Sectionals
17 th October	Full
24 th October	Bring in items for Phil the Bag
31 st October	No Rehearsal – Half term
7 th November	Full
14 th November	Full
21 st November	Full
28 th November	Joint concert with SCYWO 8pm Dorking Halls
5 th December	Full
12 th December	Full plus mince pies during the break.

Please make sure you have the dates in your diary and let Alison know ASAP if you are unable to make key performance dates. Also, please remember to update the absence book with the details of rehearsal dates you know you will miss.



Welcome to this terms newsletter and a warm welcome to musicians and parents who are new to the Orchestra. Our conductor is Lee Reynolds this term.

At the end of the summer term, the Friends of Surrey County Orchestra organized the design and printing of tour hoodies for those musicians going on the trip to France. Also, for those not going or leaving the orchestra, Orchestra hoodies. There was much excitement as they were collected. Not that they needed hoodies on the tour, the weather was by all accounts glorious. The tour was 'the best yet' according to the Orchestra manager Alison. All four concerts went exceptionally well and at one concert, the audience numbered over a thousand.

If you would like to see more photos from the tour, checkout our Facebook page.



Fundraising

SCYO Brand items for Sale



SCYO Mugs

They are £4.50 each and are fully dishwasher safe. Makes a lovely gift or a memento of your time in the Orchestra.



SCYO Magnetic Pencils

These pencils stick to anything metallic. A useful and fun gift at only £2.50p each or 5 for £10. They stick to the metal on music stands. Never lose your pencil again. They make great gifts too.



SCYO Tote Bags – OLD DESIGN

SCYO tote bags are now available for purchase at 50p each.

On sale at concerts or can be purchased during Friday night rehearsals.

Christmas Hamper Donations

We are planning to hold our annual Christmas themed Raffle at the forthcoming concert at Dorking Halls. We are looking for donations to fill some lovely hampers to raffle. Wine, chocolates, cake, sweets, or any other Christmas items would be much appreciated.

Please bring them in on any Friday during rehearsals up until 21st November. This is one of our biggest fundraisers, so your help is much appreciated.

Thank you.



Thank you for your support
£104 was raised from your donations
in May

The next collection will be

24th October

Phil The Bag



Other fundraising ideas and sponsorship are always welcomed

There is so much more we would like to be able to do, for instance commission another piece written especially for the orchestra. So please do let us know if you have come across fundraising activities elsewhere that you think we might be able to try. We always welcome offers of sponsorship.

If you or your company were in a position to sponsor a recurring performance cost or the commissioning of an orchestral work, we would love to hear from you.

Please contact our Chairperson:
suzanne.cacciottolo@gmail.com

M E S S A G E B O A R D

Exciting Event – date for your diaries

'Magna Carta – The Freedom Game' is a new community opera, commissioned by Surrey Arts to celebrate the 800th anniversary of the sealing of the Magna Carta in Surrey. 'Magna Carta – The Freedom Game' is composed by Hannah Conway, with words by Sir Richard Stilgoe and directed by Karen Gillingham.

The opera explores Magna Carta values such as democracy, liberty, citizenship and freedom. It has two acts and tells the story of a Surrey family and their quest to win back freedoms which are taken away from them during a computer game. The opera concludes with the message that we should never stop playing for freedom.

It will be performed for the first time by over 1000 Surrey residents at the Royal Albert Hall on **Tuesday 12 May 2015**. The project has received funding from Arts Council England and Arts Partnership Surrey.

You will receive a letter from Alison shortly, giving you details of the SCYO the rehearsal dates for this



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Lift Share

If you would like to participate in a lift share which can be especially useful if you live some distance from Woking do contact Alison at alison.harding@surreycc.gov.uk or 07968 832413 for help in finding others travelling from your area. Please make sure that you have returned your membership form so that Alison can circulate a list to help you with lift sharing. Please indicate on the form if you do not wish your details (address, email, contact numbers) to be circulated. Alison always does her best to help when asked about lift shares, but can't guarantee to do so if she doesn't receive the request until Friday. This information comes from the SCYO Membership Forms updated at the beginning of each orchestral/academic year.

Refreshments

The Association of Friends of the Surrey County Youth Orchestra organizes a limited range of drinks and biscuits that are sold for a nominal fee e.g. 15p for a snack size chocolate bar such as a 2 finger Kit Kat. An 'honesty pot' is available for payment and for small amount of change, if required. The biscuits seem to be very popular and the system has worked successfully over the years but of late **many more biscuits are being consumed than are paid for**. To try and remedy the situation, we will be putting up bigger signs so that that the cost of the biscuits is clear and if your child would like to purchase drinks or biscuits please could you ask them to bring in some change.

We would also be very grateful if members and staff could pay for the biscuits each time they take them.

Thank You



Waiting at Westfield

Do remember if you are staying at Westfield during the rehearsal, you can no longer sit in the seating area just inside the main entrance but...you are welcome to come over to the lobby just outside the main rehearsal hall for a hot drink and a biscuit (please do pay for your refreshments, we have an honesty box) while the Orchestra is rehearsing. During full rehearsals, there is a room with a large table and chairs available (with wifi) if you need to work or just come in, keep warm and listen to the music!

We sell second hand music books and sheet music

On average, 25% of the normal price. The items in our store are on display at the SCYO concerts, and a sample list of available items with prices will be included at the end of this newsletter and on the website (coming soon). If you are interested in any items they can be brought out for viewing and purchase at any Friday rehearsal. If you would like the full list, please email shirleya.pearce@btinternet.com.

This service relies on donations of sheet music and grade books etc. So if you, your family or friends have sheet music, music theory grade books you no longer want, we would welcome donations for us to sell on. As always, Friends of SCYO committee members can be found in the lobby outside the main rehearsal hall at Westfield to hand over donations.

Want to advertise musical items for Sale?

We offer the opportunity to advertise instruments 'For Sale' or 'Wanted' in the Newsletter. Once submitted, adverts remain in the newsletter until the end of the academic year or until you notify us they have sold. You can discuss your requirements with a Friends of SCYO committee member during a Friday rehearsal or email a picture of your item and details to shirleya.pearce@btinternet.com: We do not charge but ask for a small one off donation to the Association.

FOR SALE or WANTED

Items for sale

If you would like to advertise a musical instrument for sale, please email shirleya.pearce@btinternet.com with details and some photos, and we will put your add in next terms newsletter. We only ask for a donation to the friends for this service.



MUSIC - A PLEA FROM ALISON!

All our music is hired and has to be returned with no markings on it. Please keep your markings to a minimum (do you really need to put five circles round a key change?), and use a soft pencil. I often spend several hours after a concert rubbing out markings (sometimes people actually write amusing comments on the music - I don't find them funny), and apart from the fact that it hurts my hand, there are much better things I could be doing for SCYO!

If you have a practice copy please bring it to each rehearsal to ensure that we have sufficient music to play from.

Alison