

SCYO

FRIENDS OF
SURREY COUNTY
YOUTH ORCHESTRA

Autumn 2013

newsletter

Dates for your Diary

13 th Sept 2013	Autumn Term begins Full Rehearsal
20 th September	Sectionals
27 th September	Sectionals
4 th October	Sectionals
11 th October	Sectionals
18 th October	Sectionals
25 th October	Full
1 st November	No rehearsal – Half Term
8 th November	Full
15 th November	Full
22 nd November	Full
29 th November	Joint Concert with SCYWO at Dorking Halls 8pm
6 th December	Full
13 th December	Full
21 st March 2014	Concert at H G Wells, Woking 7.30pm

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.

All Change

Welcome to our new look Newsletter and our all new re-designed orchestra logo.

As some of you would have seen at the last concert at Farnham Maltings, we have updated the orchestra logo and will be rolling out the new look on the website and facebook page over the next term. We also have fabulous new mugs for sale as well as other merchandise coming soon.

A warm welcome to all the new members of the Orchestra and their parents, and to the first of our new conductors, Tom Horn, who will be conducting this term.

The first rehearsal of the term started with an impressive number of players despite the horrible weather and traffic problems, along with a busy evening of auditions.

If you know anyone who would be interested in joining the Orchestra, it's not too late. Please do get in touch with Alison for details of how to join.

The Music for this term is:

Carnival Overture - Dvorak
Peterloo - Malcolm Arnold
Le Cid Ballet Suite - Massenet
Sleigh Ride - Delius



Alison's mobile: 07968 832413 or Email: alison.harding@surreycc.gov.uk

Orchestra Tour 24-29 July 2014

*** Now urgent * - we currently have insufficient numbers to go ahead!**

Please let Alison know by 8th October if you are intending to go.

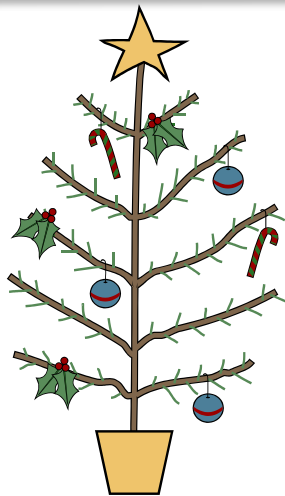
LOIRE, FRANCE

Following the highly successful tour to Strasbourg last year, Alison and her team are now in the process of making arrangements for the 2014 tour to the Loire. Staying at the Centre d'Accueil du Lac de Maine, which is situated in extensive grounds 5km from the centre of Angers. There is a lake in the grounds with a beach and lifeguards. Four concerts are planned, plus a day at Futuroscope, and a boat trip.

Travel is by coach, taking the ferry from Portsmouth to Caen. This will reduce considerably the amount of coach travel on the outward and homeward journeys. The cost to each participant will be £690. As previously, payments can be made over several months. The required staffing ratio and all Surrey County Council health and safety guidelines will be followed, including an inspection visit prior to the tour.

In order to have a successful tour, as many as possible orchestra members are needed to attend. Please do your best to come! Please complete the form and return to Alison as soon as possible with a deposit of £100 (cheques payable to Surrey County Council).

If you are not able to go on tour you don't need to complete the form - please let Alison know by email.



Christmas Hamper Raffle

Once again we are planning a fund raising raffle at the next concert in Dorking on 29th November.

We would like to ask for donations to make up 3 or 4 hampers. Anything appreciated, no matter how large or small. Gifts could include wine, chocolates, biscuits, cake or almost anything with a festive theme. Donate anytime with the last day being 22nd November at the beginning of the rehearsal please. Thank You. Your support is appreciated.

Friends of SCYO Committee (FSCYO)

Date of the next meeting is **15th November at 8:00pm.** * All welcome* New Members needed.

This newsletter has been prepared by the Friends of SCYO. If you would be interested in knowing more about what we do, have a chat with a Committee Member in the foyer outside the main rehearsal hall any Friday evening or come along to our next Committee Meeting in the large room off the foyer. It is an open meeting, all welcome. The activities we undertake in support of the orchestra are sociable and not onerous. Being involved makes the waiting time while the orchestra rehearsals fly by.

The Committee comprises: Chairperson, Secretary, Treasurer, Sheet Music Librarian, Refreshment helpers, Fundraising Lead and Newsletter Lead and the SCYO Manager (Alison Harding) plus several other members who help ad hoc with organizing and running our activities in support of the orchestra. If you think you would like to get involved and know more about us, please contact our Chairperson, Suzanne Cacciottolo at suzanne.cacciottolo@gmail.com

MESSAGE BOARD

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.

We sell second hand music playing/theory grade 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.

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 can come over to the foyer 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 large table and chairs available if you need to work or just come in and keep warm.

Want to advertise musical items for Sale?

We offer the opportunity to advertise music books, sheet music and instruments 'For Sale' or 'Wanted' on our electronic list via the Website and Newsletter. Once submitted, adverts remain on the list and 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 the address below. We do not charge but ask for a one off donation to the Association.

Please email adverts to us at shirleya.pearce@btinternet.com: Payment should be made in cash or cheque to 'AFSCYO'.

Refreshments

Just a reminder we provide refreshments for the break in the foyer outside the rehearsal room. Students can help themselves to squash or tea and coffee is available. We ask for a minimum donation. This money then goes to purchase more refreshments and biscuits, so it's in your own interest to pay for them. Parents are welcome to help themselves. Fresh milk is always available for tea and coffee.

Fundraising

Phil The Bag

Our next 'Phil' the Bag Recycle Day is on

25th October

Please bring in your unwanted clothes

A very big Thank You to everyone for your donations for the last Phil the Bag collection, which brought in **£200**.

You can support our next 'Phil the Bag' collection by bagging your unwanted textiles, bags, belts, shoes etc and bringing the bags to SCYO rehearsal on Friday 25th October. If you normally throw out your unwanted towels, sheets, curtains and have clothes gathering dust in the wardrobe, please use them to 'Phil' the bag! Don't forget to ask grandparents, friends and neighbours to have a good clear out too! Items are accepted in any type of bag and in any condition. This is a great way to help reduce waste and provide valuable clothing for people in developing countries whilst boosting funds to help the orchestra.

Please do not bring in any items before that evening as there is nowhere to store them!



For more information go to
www.philthebag.co.uk

SCYO Brand items for Sale



New Design SCYO Mugs

These mugs are new for this year featuring our recently designed logo. They are £5.00 each and are fully dishwasher safe. Makes a lovely gift if filled with sweets.



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 £1.00 each.

Fundraising ideas and sponsorship 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. SCYO will soon be organizing another tour to Europe in July 2014. Events like this are memorable for years after, but incur some heavy hidden costs, such as venue hire and transporting large musical instruments. So 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

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

FOR SALE or WANTED



QTX Electric Guitar

Excellent Condition!

Colour: Black and white

Comes complete with a 12 Watt Amplifier and strap.

Lead not included.

Price : £65 ONO

For more details and enquiries please contact Peter Fenech on tel: [01483 428624](tel:01483428624) or email address: retop318@gmail.com

Music Books For Sale

If you would like to view any of the music books we have for sale, please contact a member of the committee who will bring out the box for you to look through at Friday rehearsals. If you are after something specific, why not put a note in the next newsletter.

If you have any music books you no longer require, we are always grateful for donations.

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

Forthcoming Events

If you would like to notify other members of the orchestra of any up and coming events you think they may be interested in, please let us know. We can put in the newsletter. Remember, Newsletters are produced one per term. Email Shirleya.pearce@btinternet.com