

Colne Valley Youth Orchestra and Training Orchestra

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Please check all of the points below carefully as there is a great deal happening!

Pre-Christmas busking

A small group of players did some busking in the town centre and at B&Q just before Christmas. This was an opportunity to promote the orchestra and the forthcoming Teddy Bears' Concert. Thanks to Mrs Smy for helping out.

St Mark's Residential Weekend Friday 19th – Sunday 21st November

This was a very busy weekend with a great deal of work done on the new music for the forthcoming year. The Friday rehearsal in particular was very good with students actually having some energy left at the end of the week! A great deal of progress was made with the new programme.

Put next year's date in your diary: Friday 18th to Sunday 20th November

Fishtank Festival Sunday 28th November (London)

A very successful outing to Brick Lane in London where we played to an appreciative audience. It was fun getting two 'cellos and two double basses in the minibus!

Christmas Concert, Clacton Saturday 4th December

Due to the poor weather, this concert was postponed until **Saturday April 2nd**. St Paul's, Clacton is very much looking forward to the concert, so please put the revised date in your diary.

Training Orchestra Christmas Concert Sunday 12th December

The Training Orchestra Christmas Concert was very festive with a range of music being played and enjoyed by the audience. Congratulations to all of the players and the soloists who acquitted themselves very well. Thanks to Caroline Finlay for playing the piano for the soloists, all of the Main Orchestra helpers and parents for their support in making this a successful event.

Teddy Bears' Concert Sunday 30th January 2011

The orchestra is playing once again at this concert held in the Moot Hall in support of the Mayor's Charities. Rehearsal 10-12.30 with the concert at 2.30pm. Come and listen to Nigel's new work 'Giraffe's Can't Dance'. Tickets are available on the door or in advance from the Mayor's Office or Mann's Music. Cost: Adults £5, Under 16s £3.50, Under 2s free, family ticket (2+2) £15

Round Table Event Saturday 5th February

Don't forget that the Main Orchestra is providing music for this event from 6.30 until 8.30pm. Please arrive just after 6pm and be ready to play by 6.30pm. Black and white concert dress please.

Play for Pleasure Holiday Orchestra Monday/Tuesday 21st/22nd February

If you are interested in getting involved in the holiday orchestra please use the www.cvyo.net link to download the relevant information

Fundraising Concert Sunday 27th March

This is being held at The Arts Centre and aims to raise money for the orchestra. There will be a brief rehearsal at 12.00 followed by the concert at 2.30. Cost will be £10 with tickets available from The Arts Centre on 01206 500900. It's in your interests to encourage lots of people to come to this!

30th Anniversary Celebrations September 2011

Plans are being forged to celebrate the 30th anniversary of the founding of the orchestra; watch this space for details. The concert will be on Sunday 4th September 2011. Please put the date in your diary NOW!

If anyone can, or knows anyone who would be willing to donate some money/other help towards the celebratory concert please contact David Bobby on david.bobby@btinternet.com

New President

The orchestra is very pleased to announce that Damon Albarn has agreed to become the orchestra's new president

January 2011 – Future Dates (TO = Training Orchestra, MO = Main Orchestra)

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DATE 2011	MAIN ORCHESTRA	TRAINING ORCHESTRA	NOTES
January 30 th Sunday	Teddy Bears' Picnic Concert 10.00 – 4.00		Moot Hall Concert 2.30 Dress: Blue T-shirts, black trousers/skirts, black shoes
February 5 th Saturday	Round Table Event Moot Hall 6.00 - 8.30		Dress: black and white concert dress
February 13 th Sunday	Rehearsal 10.00 – 4.00 Possibly in performance studio		VI Form College
February 21 st /22 nd Monday/Tuesday		Play for Pleasure Holiday Orchestra and Concert. 10.00 – 4.00 each day. Concert Tues. At 7.30.	Lion Walk Church. M.O. members invited to help out and any CRB checked parents. Dress: black and white concert dress.
March 20 th Sunday	Rehearsal 10.00 – 4.00 Possibly in performance studio	Rehearsal 2.00 – 4.00	VI Form College
March 27 th Sunday	Fund raising concert Rehearsal 12.00 Concert 2.30pm		Colchester Arts Centre Dress: black and white concert dress Tickets £10 from Arts Centre 01206 500900
April 2 nd Saturday	Re-arranged Concert in CLACTON		
May 8 th Sunday	Rehearsal 10.00 – 1.00 Note half day rehearsal	Rehearsal 2.00 – 4.00	VI Form College
June 26 th Sunday	Joint Concert and Strawberry Tea Rehearsal 10.00 – 1.00 Concert at 2.30	Bring lunch and plenty to drink. Rehearsal 10.00 – 1.00 Concert at 2.30	Venue: tbc Dress: Blue T-Shirts, black trousers, shoes.

The above dates are firm except where shown. Any changes will be advised through the newsletter as and when appropriate.

Parents and orchestra members – please enter these dates in the family diary now!

Reminders:

- If you cannot make a rehearsal please either email Nigel on hildrethnigel@colchsfc.ac.uk or call him on 07598303316
- Every member (whether TO or MO) should bring a pencil to rehearsal
- If you wish to borrow music to practise please ask. But remember to return it at the next rehearsal
- Concert dress varies, there are two versions: blue CVYO t-shirt, black skirt/trousers, socks/tights and shoes or white shirt/blouse, black bow tie for boys, black skirt/trousers, socks/tights and shoes
- If you don't have a CVYO t-shirt these are available at a cost of £6 from Nick Sheppard on 01621 868677

NOT ABLE TO ATTEND? Ring 07598 303316, the CVYO mobile no. for parents and members to use (both M.O. and T.O.) should they need to contact the MO or TO at rehearsals, on tours, at concerts etc. (e.g. If you are unable to attend on the morning of a rehearsal, please let Nigel and Chris know.) Nigel can still be contacted by email on hildrethnigel@colchsfc.ac.uk or by telephone at the college on 01206-500733. If you know in advance that you will not be able to attend an event it does help the conductors with their planning to know as soon as possible