

# Colne Valley Youth Orchestra and Training Orchestra

## Newsletter 109 March 2011

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

### **Teddy Bears' Concert Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> January 2011**

This was an extremely popular event this year with extra chairs being drafted in to accommodate everyone! The programme was enjoyable and kept the audience entertained. Nigel's new work 'Giraffes can't dance' was a great success. As a result of the concert and raffle the Orchestra was able to donate £750 to the Mayor's charities. The event was attended by Madam Mayor, who wrote a letter of thanks to the orchestra for the fantastic fundraising.

### **Round Table Event Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> February**

The Main Orchestra had been invited to play at this event. They played a varied programme of music for about an hour, having just managed to squeeze themselves onto the stage! Many positive comments were received about the quality of playing from people attending the event.

### **Play for Pleasure Holiday Orchestra Monday/Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup>/22<sup>nd</sup> February**

This was a highly successful event with 34 youngsters signing up to join in the fun. It was great to see a number of new players and we hope to see them joining the Training Orchestra as a result. The concert at the end of the two days was very well attended and extremely enjoyable. This was attended by Deputy Mayor Helen Chuah, who handed out the prizes. There was a considerable amount of positive feedback from both the participants and their parents, so a huge than you to everyone involved in helping to organise this.

### **Rehearsals Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> March**

Just a reminder that the March rehearsals take place at the normal times on this date.

Please make every effort to attend as the last Main Orchestra rehearsal was not particularly well attended. It is vital that everyone does attend as there are two important concerts in the two weeks following this rehearsal.

### **Fundraising Concert Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> 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!

### **Rearranged Concert, Clacton Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> April**

Due to the poor weather, this concert was postponed until **Saturday April 2<sup>nd</sup>**. St Paul's, Clacton is very much looking forward to the concert, so please put the revised date in your diary. Details for the concert are on the future dates list. It is vital that this concert is well supported by the Main Orchestra members as it had to be postponed in December

### **Main Orchestra Tour to Maastricht Monday 25<sup>th</sup> – Friday 29<sup>th</sup> July**

A reminder to anyone who has signed up for the tour that the second payment of £150 was due on 21<sup>st</sup> February, so if you haven't yet paid this please do so asap (cheques payable to Colchester Youth Orchestra Tours) to Mr Mike Boddy, 175 Lexden Road, Colchester CO3 3TE. The final payment of £200 is due by May 27<sup>th</sup> please.

If you haven't signed up for tour yet.....why not? Get involved and join in the fun. Contact Mike asap. Full details of the tour are on the website

### **30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations September 2011**

Plans are being forged to celebrate the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of the orchestra; watch this space for details. The concert will be on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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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<b>DATE 2011</b>	<b>MAIN ORCHESTRA</b>	<b>TRAINING ORCHESTRA</b>	<b>NOTES</b>
March 20 <sup>th</sup> Sunday	Rehearsal 10.00 – 4.00 Possibly in performance studio	Rehearsal 2.00 – 4.00	VI Form College
March 27 <sup>th</sup> Sunday	Fund raising concert Rehearsal 12.00 Concert 2.30pm		Colchester Arts Centre Dress: black and white or black and black concert dress Tickets £10 from Arts Centre 01206 500900
April 2 <sup>nd</sup> Saturday	Clacton Concert Postponed concert from December Rehearsal 5pm Concert 7.30pm		St Paul's Church Clacton Dress: black and white or black and black concert dress Tickets £10 from Anne Steward on 01206 561462 or £12 on the door
May 8 <sup>th</sup> Sunday	Rehearsal 10.00 – 1.00 Note half day rehearsal	Rehearsal 2.00 – 4.00	VI Form College
June 26 <sup>th</sup> Sunday	Joint Concert and Strawberry Tea Rehearsal 10.00 – 1.00 Concert at 2.30	<b>Bring lunch and plenty to drink.</b> Rehearsal 10.00 – 1.00 Concert at 2.30	Venue: tbc Dress: Blue T-Shirts, black trousers, shoes.
24 <sup>th</sup> July Sunday	Pre-tour rehearsal and concert		Details to follow
25 <sup>th</sup> – 29 <sup>th</sup> July Monday - Friday	Tour to Maastricht		See website for further details

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](mailto: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 or black 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](mailto: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

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