

Colne Valley Youth Orchestra and Training Orchestra

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30th Anniversary Celebrations Sunday 4th September 2011

Tickets for the Gala Concert to be held at 2.30 on Sunday 4th September in the Moot Hall will be on sale to existing Main Orchestra and Training Orchestra members and their families at the Joint Concert and Strawberry Tea on Sunday 26th June. Tickets will be £10 for adults and £5 for children, with a family ticket also available at £25 (2+2). This will include the concert itself and a light buffet at The Sixth Form College afterwards. After the Joint Concert tickets will be on general release to former members and their parents. There is limited availability for tickets, so please ensure that you get them at the concert to avoid disappointment.

Fundraising Concert Sunday 27th March

This was held at The Arts Centre and raised over £370 for the orchestra. There was a good and appreciative audience, including a number of councillors and the then Deputy Mayor, Helen Chuah, in a building with great acoustics. The concert saw the introduction of a number of new pieces as well as some old favourites, which made a varied and entertaining afternoon. The orchestra played very well and The Arts Centre was pleased to host the event in what is their 30th year as well.

Rearranged Concert, Clacton Saturday 2nd April

This is the concert that was due to take place in December, but was called off in all that snow! Having been patient and waited four months for the concert, the audience at St. Paul's Church in Clacton was extremely appreciative of the excellent efforts of the orchestra. Congratulations were offered by many of the audience to both players and Nigel. There was, again, a good range and variety of pieces played.

Rehearsals Sunday 8th May

The May half day rehearsal for the Main Orchestra was well attended, given that exams are looming for many of the players. The rehearsal was very productive, with good work put in on a range of music for the remaining concerts and the tour.

The Training Orchestra rehearsal had almost as many players as the Main Orchestra and is growing in strength and confidence. The orchestra now has players representing all sections and the rehearsal was excellent

Please Note: There is an expectation that **all** players should attend **all** rehearsals/concerts. It is vital that dates are put on calendars/into planners and apologies should be sent in advance/at the start of the day if there is an unforeseen problem. Contact details can be found at the end of the newsletter.

Joint Concert and Strawberry Tea Sunday 26th June

The joint concert between the Training Orchestra and the Main Orchestra will take place at The Sixth Form College. There is a rehearsal beginning at 10am with the concert starting at 2.30pm. Tickets are £6 adults, £3 children, family ticket £15 (2+2)

It is vital that Training Orchestra members bring lunch and plenty to drink. For the Main Orchestra, normal lunch arrangements are in place from 1-2pm (approx.)

Dress is blue CVYO t-shirts and black trousers/skirt with black shoes. If you don't have a CVYO t-shirt, or need an extra one for tour, these will be available on the day at a cost of £6

Main Orchestra Tour to Maastricht Monday 25th – Friday 29th July

A reminder to anyone who has signed up for the tour that the final payment of £200 is due on 27th May, 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.

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Instruments are **not** covered by the Equity Insurance. Please arrange this separately

If your son/daughter is **over 16** you must read the 'Pre-Travel Policy' information at the bottom left of page two of the insurance document. If they have any medical conditions (see the list) or have been in hospital in the last 2 years you need to call the Travellers Health Check number **PLEASE ALSO CHECK MEASLES IMMUNISATION IS UP TO DATE** (there is currently an epidemic in France) please consult your GP if in doubt.

Main Orchestra Pre-Tour rehearsal and concert Sunday 24th July

Whilst this concert is pre-tour, all members are expected to attend and play. Rehearsal is 10-1, with the concert starting at 2.30. There will be a retiring collection for this concert. The parents' meeting for the tour will take place **after** the concert this year. Dress is concert dress i.e. black and white or black and black.

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

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DATE 2011	MAIN ORCHESTRA	TRAINING ORCHESTRA	NOTES
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: VI Form College Dress: Blue T-Shirts, black trousers, shoes. Cost: £6 adults, £3 children, £15 family ticket (2+2)
24 th July Sunday	Pre-tour rehearsal and concert Rehearsal 10.00 – 1.00 Concert at 2.30 Parents' Meeting after the concert		VI Form College Dress: black and white or black and black concert dress Cost: Retiring collection
July 25 th – 29 th Monday - Friday	Tour to Maastricht		See website for further details
September 4 th Sunday	30 th Anniversary Concert Rehearsal 10.00 – 1.00 Concert at 2.30	30 th Anniversary Concert Rehearsal 10.00 – 1.00 Concert at 2.30 Bring lunch and plenty to drink.	Venue: Moot Hall Dress: t-shirts to be provided, black trousers/skirt and shoes Cost: £10 adults, £5 children, family ticket £25 (2+2) includes light buffet at VI Form College afterwards
September 18 th Sunday	Open Rehearsal 10.00 – 4.00	Open Rehearsal 2.00 – 4.00	VI Form College Pizza lunch
October 16 th Sunday	Rehearsal 10.00 – 4.00 AGM 3.30	Rehearsal 2.00 – 4.00 AGM 3.30	VI Form College AGM at 3.30 – parents please make an effort to attend
October 28 th Friday	Oyster Feast 10.30 – 4.30		Dress: Blue T-shirts, black trousers/skirt, black shoes
November 18 th – 20 th Friday - Sunday	St Marks residential weekend		All MO players are expected to attend. Details to follow
November 20 th Sunday		Rehearsal 2.00 – 4.00	VI Form College
December 11 th Sunday	MO helpers please!	Christmas Concert Rehearsal 11.00 – 1.00 Concert 2.30	Please note change of rehearsal time! Dress: Blue T-shirts, black trousers/skirt, black shoes MO helpers please Cost: retiring collection

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 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 Bev 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