



February 2024

ISLE OF MAN *Symphony* ORCHESTRA



NEWSLETTER

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Soon be Spring!

Greetings to all Members and Friends. We've certainly had some wild winter weather to contend with, but fortunately it hasn't stopped our rehearsals. We're getting to grips with the repertoire for our Spring Concert on Saturday, 9th March at St. Ninian's Church, with Graham Kirkland at the helm. Then to keep us busy, we will be joining IOMCS for its annual concert in the Villa Marina on Sunday 24th March. Read on for more details.

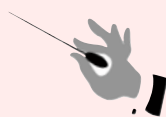
A Greeting from Graham

It has been a real privilege and pleasure to work with the orchestra on the programme for the March concert. I believe we're on course for everything to come together, which in itself is a credit to all your hard work in such a short space of time.

I think we have a popular programme to attract a good audience on the night and for the first time for many years we are opening up the last two rehearsals to GCSE music students who are studying the Beethoven symphony as a set work. There's a lot of detail for them to learn, as we've discovered in our rehearsals! My thanks go to Ruth Crossley for co-ordinating the visit.

I'm looking forward to the concert very much and hope you are too.

Graham



Concert Manager??

The Committee is keen to recruit a volunteer to take on the role of Concert Manager. This would involve making sure there are sufficient volunteers to cover all the necessary tasks to make things run smoothly in the week leading up to the concert. If you are interested in taking up this role, please let us know and more details will be provided. You do not need to join the committee to do this job.

Concert Dates for your Diaries.

Saturday 9th March : Spring Concert
(Conductor Graham Kirkland)

St.Ninian's Church : 7.30pm

Sunday 24th March : Concert with IOMCS
(Conductor Mandy Griffin) :

Villa Marina : 3pm

Saturday 13th July : Summer Concert
(Conductor Nigel Harrison)

QEII High School : 7.30pm

Sunday 24th November : Gala Concert
(Conductor Maurice Powell)

Villa Marina : 2.30pm

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Rehearsal Schedule 2024

Feb 7th, 14th : St. Johns : 7.30

Feb 17th (Sat) : Bemahague : 2.30 (Choral)

***February 21st : NO REHEARSAL ***

Feb 28th : St. Johns : 7.30

March 6th : St. Johns : 7.30

March 8th (Fri) : St. Ninian's Church : 7.30

March 9th (Sat) : **CONCERT** St. Ninian's : 7.30

Choral concert rehearsals :

March 13th : St. Johns : 7.30pm

Sat March 16th : Bemahague : 2.30pm

Thurs March 21st : Bemahague : 7.30pm

Sat March 23rd : Villa Marina : 2.30pm

Sunday March 24th Concert : 3pm

March 27th : St. Johns : 7.30

***April 3rd & 10th : NO REHEARSAL ***

April 17th & 24th : St. Johns : 7.30

May 1st, 8th, 5th, 22nd : St. Johns : 7.30

***May 29th & June 5th : NO REHEARSAL ***

Summer Concert, 13th July, QEII High School, 7.30pm

Looking ahead to the Summer, our concert is on Saturday, 13th July at QEII High School in Peel at 7.30pm.

Our conductor for this concert will be Nigel Harrison and his chosen repertoire is characteristically challenging! Sir Hamilton Harty's 'Ode to a Nightingale' features soprano Deborah Gooding. Soloist in Hummel's Trumpet Concert will be Clara Falkowska. The chosen symphony is Brahms' Symphony no.1 in C minor. Lots for everybody to get their teeth into!

We'll be starting work on this programme immediately after the Choral Concert, i.e. Wednesday 27th March.

Spring Concert, St. Ninian's Church, Saturday 9th March, 7.30pm

Only a month to go now until our Spring Concert on Saturday 9th March, in St. Ninian's Church, Douglas at 7.30pm, conducted by Graham Kirkland.



ISLE OF MAN
Symphony
ORCHESTRA
Patron : Charles Guard MBE

Spring Concert 2024

St. Ninian's Church, Douglas
Saturday 9th March : 7.30pm

Mendelssohn : Overture 'The Hebrides'
Debussy : Petite Suite
Strauss : Serenade for 13 Wind Instruments
Beethoven : Symphony no.5

Conductor : Graham Kirkland
Leader : Victoria Hope



Tickets : Adult : £15
Child/Student : £5
Email : jw-iomso@wm.im
Tickets also available from
Bridge Bookshops in Ramsey &
Port Erin, and Morrison Photos,
Bucks Road, Douglas

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As Graham says, rehearsals are going well. There are certainly a few challenges in the chosen pieces. Not least all the rushing around bits in the double bass parts!

Graham's approach to the Hebrides and Beethoven's Fifth have made us look at these familiar works from a different angle. I'm sure the audience will enjoy a refreshing performance of these works.

We are really enjoying Debussy's Petite Suite, a splendid contrast to the other pieces: the musical equivalent of Monet's Waterlilies!

The Richard Strauss Serenade for Wind is different again. So the audience has a variety of musical styles to listen to.

Tickets are on sale from Morrison Photos, Bucks Road, Douglas and Bridge Bookshops in Port Erin and Ramsey, or just email your requirements to me (jw-iomso@wm.im) and pay online. Remember St.

Ninian's Church has limited seating, so book early to avoid disappointment!

New Arrival!



Cellists Leo and Rachel Wasley, recently returned to the island from Ethiopia, are delighted to announce the birth of their daughter Rosa Bunty Wasley.

Rosa arrived safely on 5th January, weighing 7 lb 3 oz. Mother and baby are doing very well and when I visited them 5 days later all was calm and Rachel was looking radiant. They seem to be well-organised and very happy.

Congratulations!



Choral Concert, Sunday 24th March, Villa Marina, 3pm

ISLE OF MAN CHORAL SOCIETY

BRAHMS

EIN DEUTSCHES REQUIEM

HYMN TO THE FALLEN
(FROM SAVING PRIVATE RYAN)

WITH ISLE OF MAN SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

Conductor Mandy Griffin (Director of Music)

Debbie Gooding  Neil Taverner
Soprano Baritone

24th March 2024 at 3pm
Villa Marina, Douglas

Tickets on sale from the Villa Marina Box Office 2nd January 2024
Telephone 600555 Adults £15.00 - Children & Students £3.00
All inclusive of 2% booking charge

The orchestra always enjoys the annual collaboration with the Isle of Man Choral Society, directed by Mandy Griffin.

It's at least 10 years since we had the pleasure of performing the Brahms German Requiem, so we're looking forward to that.

The John Williams 'Hymn to the Fallen' will be familiar to many from the film 'Saving Private Ryan', but it's never been performed here before, so will be a new experience for us all.

The first rehearsal is for orchestra only, on Saturday 17th February at St. Ninian's Lower School, Bemahague at 2.30. (See rehearsal dates on page 2 in red.)

Tickets are on sale from all the usual Villa outlets - Villa Box Office and Welcome Centre, viilagaiety.com or hotline 600555. Time to book your favourite seats!