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NEWSLETTER

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Autumn leaves!

Greetings to all Members and Friends. We are already well into our rehearsals for the Gala Concert in December. This term's music is of a rather different style, which we are just getting used to, but there is still much to enjoy. Read on for more details.

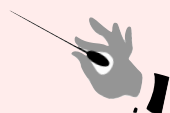
A Message from Maurice.

I hope you all have found, as I have, that the first rehearsals for our Light Music Gala Spectacular in December have been not only very enjoyable, but enlightening, as we have come to know repertoire – many of the pieces are new to us – and are beginning to appreciate their varied moods, styles and subtle and often brilliant orchestration. A light music programme is challenging in many ways - technically and interpretively - but I am pleased with the orchestra's response to these challenges.

I believe our programme contains all the ingredients required to make it thoroughly enjoyable for our audience, with a good balance between substantial pieces such as Farnon's *A la Claire Fontaine*, Delius' *La Calinda* and Haydn Wood's *Mannin Veen*, and the lighter, shorter mood of novelty pieces such *The Devil's Galop*, *The Girl from Corsica* and the *Elizabethan Serenade*.

I am sure that the afternoon of Sunday 4th December will live long in the memory, and will send everyone home with a lighter heart.

Maurice



New members!

We are delighted to welcome several new members to IOMSO this term.

On oboe we have Lois Parks. Joining the violins are Una Shea and Tom Shirtliff. Lower strings have gained Shino Kagami on cello and Ed Jeffers on double bass.

Also for this concert we have a new leader, Victoria Hope, which means there are various changes in the 1st and 2nd violin sections.

Concert Dates for your Diaries.

**Sunday 4th December : Gala Concert :
'Journey into Melody': compère Charles
Guard: Villa Marina : 2.30pm**

**Saturday 11th March 2023 : Spring
Concert (Conductor Nigel Harrison): West
Hall, RGS : 7.30pm**

**Sunday 26th March : Concert with
IOMCS : Villa Marina : 3 pm**

**Saturday 15th July : Summer Concert
(Conductor Graham Kirkland):
St. Ninian's Church : 7.30pm**

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Rehearsal Schedule 2022-23

October 12th, 19th : St. Johns : 7.30

*** October 26th NO REHEARSAL ***

November 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th :
St. Johns : 7.30

December 3rd (Sat) : St. Ninian's Lower
School, Bemahague : 2.30

December 4th (Sun) : Villa Marina :
Rehearsal : 10am : CONCERT 2.30pm

Dec 7th : St. Johns : 7.30 : AGM : 8.30

December 14th : St. Johns : 7.30

Dec 21st, 28th & Jan 4th : NO REHEARSAL

Jan 11th, 18th, 25th : St. Johns : 7.30



A.G.M.

This year's Annual General Meeting will take place on Wednesday, 7th December at St. Johns School.

We will rehearse from 7.30pm for an hour, starting on the new music for our Spring Concert, with Nigel Harrison conducting. Then after a short break we will hold the AGM.

If there are any issues you would like to be discussed, please let us know. Also if you wish to nominate anyone for the committee, please inform one of the current Trustees.

Gala Concert, Villa Marina, Sunday 4th December 2022



Rehearsals are in full swing for IOMSO's Gala Concert in the Villa Marina on Sunday, 4th December at 2.30pm.

This year's gala concert, 'Journey into Melody' showcases music from the golden age of British Light Music, including pieces by Eric Coates, Edward Elgar and our own adopted Manx composer, Haydn Wood. There's also the odd bit of Delius and Elgar in the programme, so with such variety, there's bound to be something to please everyone.

Featured items include songs by our favourite local singers Karen Elliott and Mandy Griffin, and Eric Coates's Saxo Rhapsody for solo saxophone (Chris Sullivan) and orchestra.

The concert was to be compèred by Andy Wint, but he has sadly had to withdraw. However, our esteemed patron, Charles Guard, has agreed to take over this role. This will surely be a concert of

wonderful music to delight both orchestra and audience.

Tickets are now on sale from all the usual Villa outlets. Adults : Stalls £14.50, Circle £16. Seniors : Stalls £12, Circle £13.50. Child : £5 all areas.. Book early to secure your favourite seats!

Look out for further updates on IOMSO's Facebook page or our website www.iomso.im

New Arrival !

I'm delighted to pass on the news that Charlotte (bassoon) and Andrew Galka announced the safe arrival of their daughter Harriet Blae, weighing in at a healthy 8lb 15oz on Thursday, 29th September.

Hearty congratulations to the Galka family and here are two lovely photos of Harriet, one in her cot and the other in the arms of big brother Sebastian, who looks very happy with his baby sister.



Celebrity Author

Our Hon. Secretary and valued member of the 2nd violin section, is also, as many of you will know, author of a couple of great novels published in UK and in America. Her latest book 'The House in the Orchard' has just been released in USA and Elizabeth is currently in Seattle on a short book-signing tour. Here's a photo from her latest Facebook post. She writes: 'This evening's conversation with Pennie Clark Ianniciello at the Elliott Bay Bookshop was so much fun. Great questions from Pennie and a small-but-perfectly-informed audience! Thank you to everyone who organised it, it was an absolute honour to be invited!'



Another IOMSO Wedding !



Leo and Rachel, stalwarts of the cello section, got married in Scotland at the beginning of September. They're just back from their honeymoon in Chile and Scotland.

They will only be on the Island for a few weeks before heading off to Ethiopia at the end of October. Leo will be joining the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa, based in Addis Ababa, as an editor and translator.

We wish them all the best for their future together and hope they will return to us before too long.