



ISLE OF MAN
Symphony
ORCHESTRA



NEWSLETTER

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Summer at last!

Greetings to all Members and Friends. IOMSO finally, at the 4th attempt, managed to perform the concerts with Ramsey Choral - they were worth waiting for! (photos on pp.3&4) Now rehearsals are in full swing for our Summer Concert in King's Court Theatre at KWC on 9th July, with Bernard Osborne conducting. Read on for more details.

Bernard's Blog.

It is so good to be working with the Isle of Man Symphony Orchestra as conductor again after two years, due to the cancellation of concerts due to Covid regulations or the spring concert cancelled in early 2021 then taking place later with Maurice in July 2021.

The music we are preparing for our "Summer Concert" on 9th July at King William's College includes some of the most popular works in the repertoire. Mendelssohn's wonderfully evocative Overture to A Midsummer Night's Dream, the London Suite of Eric Coates, a selection of Finzi's Bagatelles for clarinet played by Chris Sullivan and, in the second half, the wonderful 1st Symphony of Beethoven. I am sure we will be performing a programme that will once again delight the audience as well as offering challenging but enjoyable music for the orchestra to play. I am sure that the performance at this concert will be of our usual high standard and to that end we have already been working hard at rehearsals and of course practising the "tricky bits" at home.

As always many thanks must go to the committee and other helpers who are so important in the organisation of our concerts.

Our forthcoming concerts for autumn 2022 at the Villa and next year at a range of venues are now all at an advanced stage of planning by the committee - so once again here's to an outstanding year of music making!

Bernard



Concert Dates for your Diaries.

**Saturday 9th July : Summer Concert :
King's Court Theatre, KWC : 7.30pm**

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

**Saturday 11th March : Spring Concert
Venue t.b.c.**

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

(Rehearsal schedule p.2)



Rehearsal Schedule 2022

June 15th, 22nd, 29th : St. Johns : 7.30

July 6th : St. Johns : 7.30

July 9th (Saturday): Rehearsal 4.30:

CONCERT 7.30: Kings Court Theatre, KWC

*** SUMMER HOLIDAYS! ***

Sept 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th : St. Johns : 7.30

October 5th, 12th, 19th : St. Johns : 7.30

October 26th NO REHEARSAL

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

December 3rd (Sat) : St. Andrew's : 2.30 t.b.c.

December 4th (Sun) : Villa Marina :

Rehearsal : 10am CONCERT 2.30pm

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



IOMSO Committee

I trust that the members of IOMSO are happy with the work the committee is doing to make the orchestra run smoothly. Please let us know of any complaints, rather than grumbling in the background!

You'll be pleased to hear that Graham Kirkland has agreed to join the committee (as a guest for the time being).

We are currently considering people to conduct the orchestra, as Maurice is winding down his involvement with IOMSO. As well as Bernard Osborne, there has been a show of interest from Nigel Harrison and Graham Kirkland. I'm sure IOMSO will be in safe hands with any of those.

IOMSO Summer Concert, Saturday 9th July

It's made a pleasant change (no offence to Maurice!) to have Bernard Osborne conducting. His approach is rather different, but nonetheless demanding.

Mendelssohn's overture to Midsummer Night's Dream is fun to play and listen to, though by no means easy. Listen for the donkey braying!

Eric Coates 'London Suite' is light music with some splendid tunes to latch on to - e.g. you'll hear 'Cherry Ripe' in the 1st movement.

Finzi's Bagatelles for clarinet and strings feature our very own virtuoso Chris Sullivan - 20th century music, but quite romantic in style. These bagatelles are light, but not trivial.

IOMSO last performed Beethoven's Symphony no.1 in Spring 2009, so we come to it quite fresh. It's a most attractive piece - Beethoven in lighter mood!

Tickets are on sale in Bridge Bookshops in Ramsey and Port Erin and (until about 20th June) in Lexicon in Douglas. You can also get tickets by emailing Janet Warburton :

jw-iomso@wm.im

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

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Patron : Charles Guard MBE

Summer Concert 2022

Kings Court Theatre

KWC, Castletown

Saturday 9th July

7.30pm

Conductor :

Bernard Osborne

Leader :

Tom Field

Programme to include :

Mendelssohn : Midsummer Night's Dream

Eric Coates : London Suite

Finzi : Bagatelles [Clarinet : Chris Sullivan]

Beethoven : Symphony no.1

For more information see
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The Isle of Man Symphony Orchestra is a registered charity no: 970

Ramsey Choral Concert, Peel & Ramsey, May 22

The much-delayed Ramsey Choral concert was finally performed in Peel Cathedral and St. Paul's Church, Ramsey. Large audiences responded enthusiastically, especially to the island premier of Dan Forrest's Requiem for the Living. There were splendid solos from Jess Quigley, Karen Elliott and Graeme Nash (known for some reason as 'Tufty') and the choir excelled themselves. So congratulations to Nigel Harrison for producing such an excellent concert.





Roy Baker and Nigel Harrison with Frank Woolley on piano played 2 pieces for Clarinet & Viola.



Photos courtesy of Frank Warburton