



ISLE OF MAN  
*Symphony*  
ORCHESTRA



NEWSLETTER

February 2023

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## Winter will soon be gone!

Happy New Year to all Members and Friends. Rehearsals are in full swing for our Spring Concert at RGS on Saturday 11th March, in the safe hands of Nigel Harrison. The repertoire is certainly challenging! We have also just started rehearsing for our annual collaboration with IOM Choral Society for the concert in the Villa on Sunday 26th March, under the direction of Mandy Griffin. There is definitely plenty to keep us busy this term. Read on for more details.

### *A Note from Nigel.*

It is a great privilege for me to be conducting the whole orchestra for this concert, and I'm delighted that the challenging programme is growing on you.

For us to devote half of the concert to music by women composers is, I believe, a first for the orchestra, and a box of delights it is proving to be. In particular Cécile Chaminade's beautiful Flute concertino, played so admirably by Ruth Crossley, is a real gem. Jess Christian's contemplative string piece is a great foil to Dame Ethel Smyth's overture to "The Wreckers" and the Kaprálová Rustic Suite, based on folk songs from the Balkans, is stretching the playing envelope for many of us. With its hints of Stravinsky, Smetana and Dvořák this will, I'm sure, be a hit with the audience.

Then to finish with Dvořák's seldom-played but joyful and exuberant 5th Symphony in the second half – well the audience is in for a treat. Keep practising and we'll have a ball on March 11th.

*Nigel*



### *New Members*

We are always delighted to welcome new members to IOMSO and this term we have two new cellists ; Ruby Reynolds (daughter of Roselle) and Rebecca Bovenizer, who has returned after many years. Another new addition is Courtney Oates who has just joined the 2nd violins. We hope they will enjoy their time in the orchestra.

### *Concert Dates for your Diaries.*

***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 6th May : Ramsey Choral,  
St. Paul's Church, Ramsey : 7pm***

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

***Sunday 3rd December : Gala Concert  
(Conductor Maurice Powell)  
Villa Marina : 2.30pm***

***(Rehearsal schedule p.2)***



## Rehearsal Schedule 2023

Feb 8th, 15th : St. Johns : 7.30

\* Feb 22nd : NO REHEARSAL \*

March 1st, 8th : St. Johns : 7.30

Mar 10th (Friday) : RGS : 7.30

Mar 11th (Sat) CONCERT : RGS : 7.30

### Rehearsals with IOMCS

Feb 4th(Sat): SNHS Lower School : 2.30

Feb 18th (Sat): St. Andrew's Church: 2.30

Mar 4th (Sat) : SNHS Lower School : 2.30

Mar 15th : St. Johns : 7.30

Mar 23rd (Thurs): SNHS Lower School : 7.30

March 25th (Sat) : Villa Marina : 2.30

March 26th (Sun) : Villa Marina : 3pm :

CONCERT with IOMCS

March 29th : St. Johns : 7.30

April 5th : St. Johns : 7.30

\* April 12th & 19th: NO REHEARSAL \*

April 26th : St. Johns : 7.30



## Summer Concert, 15th July

Here's advance notice of our Summer Concert on Saturday, 15th July at St. Ninian's Church at 7.30pm, with conductor Graham Kirkland.

The concert starts with Weber's Overture 'Oberon', which after a magical slow starts just takes off, with fistfuls of notes for the fiddles!

Max Bruch's beautiful Violin Concerto features guest soloist Katie Jackson, who grew up on the island and now plays with the Hallé. It will be wonderful to have Katie back with us.

The strings will be playing the Serenade by Dag Wiren, and to complete a splendid programme we will play Schubert's Symphony no. 3.

Look out for further details in the April Newsletter.

## Spring Concert, RGS, Saturday 11th March 2023

The poster for the Spring Concert 2023 features the Isle of Man Symphony Orchestra logo at the top, with the patron's name, Charles Guard MBE. The main title is 'Spring Concert 2023' in large, bold letters. Below this, the venue and date are listed: 'West Hall, Ramsey Grammar School Saturday 11th March : 7.30pm'. The programme includes works by Ethel Smyth, Chaminade, Kaprálová, and Dvořák. The conductor is Nigel Harrison, the leader is Juliet Tranter, and the flute soloist is Ruth Crossley. Ticket prices are listed as £14 for adults and £5 for children/students. Contact information for tickets and more information is provided. The Arts Council logo is at the bottom, along with the charity number 970.

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### Spring Concert 2023

West Hall, Ramsey Grammar School  
Saturday 11th March : 7.30pm

Programme to include :  
Ethel Smyth : Overture to The Wreckers  
Chaminade : Flute Concertino  
Kaprálková : Rustic Suite  
Dvořák : Symphony no.5 in F Major

Conductor: Nigel Harrison  
Leader: Juliet Tranter  
Flute: Ruth Crossley

Tickets : Adult : £14  
Child/Student : £5  
Email : [jw-iomso@wm.im](mailto:jw-iomso@wm.im)  
Tickets also available from  
Bridge Bookshops in Ramsey &  
Port Erin, and Morrison Photos,  
Bucks Road, Douglas

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Preparations are well under way for our Spring Concert in the West Hall of Ramsey Grammar School on Saturday 11th March at 7.30.

Nigel Harrison is our conductor this term and he decided to present several works by female composers. Ethel Smyth, Cécile Chaminade, Clara Schumann, Jess Christian and Vítězslava Kaprálová all feature in the first half. We also have female soloists. Our own Ruth Crossley will be playing Chaminade's Flute concertino, and Mandy Griffin will be accompanied by Judith Christian in the Clara Schumann songs.

Dvořák's 5th Symphony fills the second half. This is a wonderful, joyful and exuberant symphony, which is inexplicably seldom heard. The orchestra last played it in 1997, conducted by Wendy Smith.

Tickets are on sale at Morrison Photos, Bucks Road, Douglas and at Bridge Bookshops in Ramsey and Port Erin. Alternatively email Janet Warburton : [jw-iomso@wm.im](mailto:jw-iomso@wm.im) or ring mobile 462898.

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

By now members of IOMSO will have looked at their parts of Elgar's 'The Music Makers' and Finzi's 'For St. Cecilia' and will have realised why we need all those rehearsals. The piece by Ellie Quayle to words by former Manx Bard, Zoë Cannell is fortunately less challenging! Please try to find time for a bit of prior practice and try to attend as many rehearsals as possible (see rehearsals list in red).

We look forward to working with the choir again, under the direction of Mandy Griffin. The first couple of rehearsals are purely orchestral - the choir will join us for the first time on 4th March.

Tickets are already on sale from the usual Villa outlets. Book early to reserve your favourite seats.



ISLE OF MAN CHORAL SOCIETY  
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P R E S E N T

*We are the music makers  
We are the dreamers of dreams*

**Elgar - The Music Makers  
& Finzi - For St Cecilia**

Musical Director:  
**Mandy Griffin**

Soloists:  
**Jane Mayne & Lorcan O'Mahony**

**Sunday 26th March 2023 at 3pm  
The Royal Hall, Villa Marina, Douglas**

Featuring:  
World premiere performance of "Composer of Life"  
Music by Ellie Quayle, Words by Zoë Cannell

Tickets on sale from the Villa Gaiety Box Office - [www.villagaiety.com](http://www.villagaiety.com)  
Telephone 600555 - Adults £15.00 - Children & Students £3.00\*\*  
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