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ISLE OF MAN *Symphony* ORCHESTRA

NEWSLETTER

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Summer Holidays!

Greetings to all Members and Friends. Our Summer concert seems quite a while ago now: but it was a really successful occasion with a large audience (photos on p.4) Enjoy your well-deserved summer break, but don't let too much dust settle on your instruments - remember Maurice will be back in the driving seat next month! Read on for more details.

A Message from Maurice.

First of all, congratulations to you all, and Bernard of course, for the splendid concert at King William's College earlier in the month. All the pieces were well-received by the enthusiastic audience and each work was replete with many delightful moments to savour.

How many of us remember the last programme the IOMSO devoted entirely to British Light Music? The venues were St. Ninian's High School and King William's College; the month was April 2008; our guest soloist was Karen Elliott and the compère for the evening was Charles Guard.

I recall that the music was very well received, although the audiences were modest. Our December Gala Concert entitled 'Journey into Melody' will be a much more extravagant affair. Not only will we have vocal soloists and a compère (on this occasion Manx Radio's Andy Wint, a huge fan of the music of Eric Coates), but Chris Sullivan will play Coates' one movement saxophone concertino, the 'Saxo Rhapsody'; a gorgeous work, and the centre-piece of the first half of the programme.

There will be other pieces by Coates, and, of course our own adopted Manx composer Haydn Wood whose 'Mannin Veen' will bring the concert to a rousing and heart-warming conclusion.

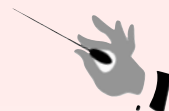
Only two pieces will be reprised from 2008:

Tomlinson's 'A Little Serenade' (the theme music for my Manx Radio programme 'A Little Light Music', and in my opinion the perfect piece of British Light Music), and Armstrong Gibbs' slow waltz 'Dusk'.

'A Walk in the Park' might be a fine title for a piece of imaginary light music, but as we know, the music will be challenging technically and stylistically to play well. There'll be plenty for everyone to do.

See you all in September. Have a wonderful summer. I, of course, shall spend the time sharpening my baton . . .

Maurice



Concert Dates for your Diaries.

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

Saturday 11th March 2023 : Spring Concert : West Hall, RGS : 7.30pm

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

(Rehearsal schedule p.2)



Sponsors Needed!

We are currently looking for local businesses who would like to take advertising space in the programme for our Gala Concert in the Villa Marina on 4th December. The programme will be A4 size in full colour throughout.

A quarter page advert costs £60, half page £100, full page £200, back page £250, double page £400. If you know of any business that might be interested, please ask them to contact Janet Warburton for further details (jw-iomso@wm.im).

Advertising copy would be needed by the end of October.

Rehearsal Schedule 2022

September 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th :

St. Johns : 7.30

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

**** October 26th NO REHEARSAL ****

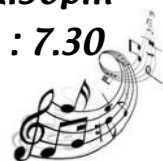
November 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th :

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



Gala Concert, Villa Marina, Sunday 4th December 2022



Maurice Powell will be wielding his (ready-sharpened!) baton once more in September, preparing IOMSO for a rather different Gala Concert in the Villa Marina on 4th December at 2.30pm.

This year's concert is called 'Journey into Melody' and is a programme of British Light Music, which was extremely popular in the early 20th century and has recently experienced a renaissance, as orchestras and audiences recognise the delightful qualities of its melodies and approachable style.

Eric Coates is perhaps the king of light music composers - his London Suite was definitely a hit with our summer concert audience last month - and some of his other works feature in the concert. But there are also pieces by Haydn Wood, a prolific composer in the genre, whose works were often inspired by his upbringing on the Isle of Man. Not to mention Ernest Tomlinson, Robert

Farnon, Leroy Anderson etc. - even a bit of Edward Elgar!

The concert will be compèred by Andy Wint from Manx Radio and will also feature vocal soloists. All in all a feast of wonderful music to delight both orchestra and audience. Make sure you put it in your diaries now!

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

Wedding of Chris Sullivan and Ellen Stewart

Saturday, 23rd July may have been a dismal day as far as weather was concerned, but Chris and Ellen's wedding at St. Lukes Church was definitely a happy occasion. It was delightful to present them with a wedding gift from IOMSO at our recent concert. (Photo by Frank Warburton).

Here are a couple of photos from their wedding day, taken by guests at their reception in the Victory Cafe at the Bungalow.



And saving the best till last, here's a beautiful one taken at St. Lukes by Amoré du Plessis.



Website Update

Not only has Chris Sullivan got married recently, he's also of course joint chairman of IOMSO and he performed as clarinet soloist in the Summer concert. Now he is also administrator of the orchestra's web site. The address remains the same (iomso.im), but as of 16th August, it will be transferred to a new platform and will look rather different.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our long-serving webmaster Libby McIntosh for all her sterling work over many years keeping the website up to date and making it a site to be proud of. So thanks Libby - you've done a brilliant job !

Summer Concert, Kings Court Theatre, 9th July 2022



*Photos courtesy
of
Frank Warburton*