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NEWSLETTER

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Summer continues (wet & windy!)

Greetings to all Members and Friends. Don't let the unpredictable weather get you down. Collect your folder from me and you'll be fully occupied until we meet again on 6th September! We have Wagner, Beethoven and Rimsky-Korsakov to look forward to next term, when Maurice will once again take the helm. Read on for more details.

A Message from Maurice

Our Gala Concert in December this year promises to be one of the most spectacular ever mounted in the history of our orchestra. Our programme will open with the resplendent and glowing prelude to Wagner's *Die Meistersinger*, continues with Beethoven's magisterial 5th Piano Concerto and concludes with one of the most popular of all orchestral showpieces, the colourful and exotic *Scheherazade* of Rimsky-Korsakov. Yulia Chaplina, who gave such a wonderful performance of Rachmaninov's 2nd Piano Concerto at our Gala Concert 'From Russia with Love' in 2021, will once again be our delightful soloist in the Beethoven concerto.

The Wagner was last performed by the IOMSO in November 2000 under the baton of Wendy Smith; the Beethoven, at Ramsey Grammar School in November 2002, with Graham Kirkland as soloist, again with Wendy Smith conducting; Rimsky-Korsakov's masterpiece has never been programmed.

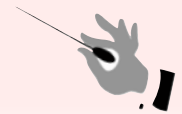
There are plenty of challenges in the programme: our leader for this concert, Juliet Tranter, speaks for Scheherazade herself in a wonderful series of violin solos throughout the work, and each of the principal wind and brass players have important solos. The

percussion section will be fully occupied in every movement.

It has, perhaps, never been more important for you all to familiarise yourselves with this stunning work before rehearsals begin in September. Please make every effort to collect your parts from Janet during the next few weeks, and watch and listen to a performance on Youtube (plenty of performances under 'Scheherazade with score') so that we are ahead of schedule from the outset.

I hope you all enjoy the holiday period and I look forward to working with you again on this my penultimate Gala Concert.

Maurice



Concert Dates for your Diaries.

**Sunday 3rd December : Gala Concert
(Conductor Maurice Powell)**

Villa Marina : 2.30pm

**Saturday 9th March 2024 : Spring Concert
(Conductor Graham Kirkland)**

Venue t.b.c. : 7.30pm

**Saturday 13th July 2024 : Summer Concert
(Conductor Nigel Harrison)**

Venue t.b.c. : 7.30pm

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Rehearsal Schedule 2023 - 24

Sept 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th : St. Johns : 7.30

October 4th, 11th, 18th : St. Johns : 7.30

*** October 25th : NO REHEARSAL ***

Nov 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th : St. Johns : 7.30

Dec 2nd (Sat) : St. Andrews (t.b.c.) : 2.30

Dec 3rd(Sun): Villa Marina: 10am (Rehearsal)

2.30pm CONCERT

December 6th, 13th : St. Johns : 7.30

***Dec 20th, 27th & Jan 3rd : NO REHEARSAL ***

Jan 10th, 17th, 24th, 31st : St. Johns : 7.30

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

***Feb 21st : NO REHEARSAL ***

Feb 28th : St. Johns : 7.30

March 6th : St. Johns : 7.30



Members subscriptions 2023-24

As usual I need to remind you that your annual subscriptions as members or Friends of IOMSO will be due in September.

We have a one-off reduction for members this year in view of rises in the cost of living. This year's subs will be just £30.

Please can you let us know if any of your contact details have changed recently, so we can keep our records up to date. Just email our Hon. Secretary Elizabeth Brooks (e.f.brooks@hotmail.com) with any address changes.

If you know any players who would like to join us, please ask them to contact Janet Warburton (jw-iomso@wm.im)

Gala Concert, Villa Marina, Sunday 3rd December 2.30pm



On Wednesday, 6th September we'll be starting work on the repertoire for our Gala Concert in December. The chosen programme is very varied and should prove popular with our audience.

However there will be many challenges for the orchestra. Wagner's Meistersinger is the most straightforward of the pieces - big and bold.

In the Beethoven concerto we have to match the speeds required by our lovely soloist Yulia Chaplina, who was a pleasure to work with in 2021.

Then there's Scheherazade. It includes so many solos for every instrument and there are many rhythmic complexities. Lots of individual practice will be required here!

Please put the date in your diaries - it promises to be a wonderful concert. Watch for updates on our website and Facebook page to check when tickets go on sale.

Congratulations!

One of the orchestra's loyal Friends, Angela Maiden, was chosen to represent the Island in the Special Olympics in Berlin last month. She was awarded a bronze medal in the 50m Freestyle. Well done Angela!



Summer Concert, St. Ninian's Church, Saturday 15th July 2023

What a wonderful concert that was! A delightful programme, a capacity audience obviously enjoying our playing, and a superb soloist. Katie Jackson excelled with her beautiful and emotional performance of the Bruch Violin Concerto. I hope Katie might consider returning to play another concerto with us - I think we'll need to book the Villa next time!



*All photos courtesy of
Frank Warburton*

