

# Sunderland Symphony Orchestra

Formerly 'City of Sunderland Millennium Orchestral Society (CoSMOS)'

Founded October 1999      Charity registration no. 1082431

[www.sunderlandsymphonyorchestra.org.uk](http://www.sunderlandsymphonyorchestra.org.uk)

**Founders and Vice-Presidents – John Lennox, Mark Greenfield, Winifred Lundgren**  
**Musical Director – Ray Farr**

## **NEWSLETTER – Summer 2010**

### Charity name and constitution

At the Annual General Meeting, the name of the charity was changed to 'Sunderland Symphony Orchestra' for marketing and public relations reasons, since this is the name by which the orchestra is known to the public.

A special general meeting was held to bring the constitution up to date, but with no alteration to the aims and objectives, which remain exactly the same as previously.

In accordance with the wishes of the three founders, the original name of the charity will be maintained (in small print) on all programmes and various other documents so that our heritage is not forgotten.

The changes have all been accepted by the Charity Commission.

The orchestra's bank account is now in the name of 'Sunderland Symphony Orchestra' and all cheques and payments should be so addressed.

At the Annual General Meeting, the following appointments were made:

Chairman	David Mills.	0191 549 1784	chairman_cosmos@hotmail.com
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**Sponsorship and support** have been received from The Vardy Foundation and The Rt. Hon. The Lord Foster of Bishop Auckland.

Our Musical Director has started a series of **sectional workshops** for the different divisions of the orchestra. The first one was for the cello section, led by Gabriel Waite from Northern Sinfonia. This was followed by a workshop for the second violins led by our own leader, David McCourt.

### **Recruitment**

The orchestra has a number of vacant desks at the moment - a recruitment drive will be started very soon. We have vacancies for bassoon, brass and strings. Please contact the Musical Director, Ray Farr, at [ray.farr@durham.ac.uk](mailto:ray.farr@durham.ac.uk) or by phone at 0771 743 3613.

### **Percussion instruments**

A new orchestral triangle and a pair of orchestral cymbals have been purchased to enhance the percussion section.

A representative from 'Northern Percussion' has examined the instruments of this section which are owned by the orchestra and made recommendations. Some of the instruments are satisfactory, others not. If implemented, his recommendations would cost about £10,000.00.

### **Rehearsal room**

The church hall at West Park which is used for rehearsals has been carpeted throughout to help improve the acoustics in the room.

The orchestra's **asset register/inventory** has been brought up to date. Unfortunately, the whereabouts of a number of musical instruments purchased by the orchestra are unknown – can anyone help? They may have been loaned out or borrowed, but we need to know what has happened to them, since they are listed on our insurance portfolio.

Of particular concern are: 14 music stands, an oboe, a bassoon, a xylophone, 3 acoustic guitars, six violins and a trombone bag. If anyone can help shed light on these, please contact the Vice-Chairman.

### **Staffing of concerts**

#### **HELP NEEDED**

Serving refreshments, selling programmes, stewarding and maintenance of security. Have you a husband, wife, partner, family member or friend who might be willing to join the small enthusiastic group of helpers at concerts?

We are severely understaffed in all areas.

If you think you can help please contact the editor, address below.

### **Future Events for your Diary**

#### **Next two concerts**

*(Venues to be confirmed)*

##### *Orchestral concert*

*Saturday 23rd October 2010*

*7.30pm*

*Rachmaninoff Piano Concerto No. 2*

*Soloist - Dr. Patrick Zuk*

##### *Christmas concert*

*Saturday 18th December 2010*

*2.00pm*

### **Provisional concert dates for 2011**

*(Venues to be confirmed)*

Saturday 19th March	With vocalist	7.30pm
Saturday 2nd July	With instrumental soloist	7.30pm
Saturday 22nd October	Last Night of the Proms	7.30pm
Saturday 17th December	Christmas Concert	2.00pm

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