

Sunderland Symphony Orchestra

Founded October 1999 Charity registration no. 1082431

Founders & Vice-Presidents - John Lennox, Mark Greenfield, Winifred Lundgren

Musical Director - Paul Judson

Newsletter - Spring 2015

Next concert

Saturday 27th June - Summer Concert, 7.30pm. In West Park Church.

The programme will provisionally include:

Overture to 'The Merry Wives of Windsor' - Otto Nicolai

Tritsch-Tratsch Polka - Johann Strauss

Variations on a Shaker Melody from 'Appalachian Spring' - Aaron Copland

Berceuse & Finale from the 'Firebird Suite' - Igor Stravinsky

Tickets: Adult £8.00: (Full time education and under 16 years £5.00). At the door.

October Concert

Saturday 17th October – 7.30pm

It is planned to include 'Romance in' F Opus 50 for Violin & Orchestra by Beethoven
(Violin soloist - Judith Thompson)

Guests at this concert will be:

The choir of St. Andrew's Operatic Society

Tickets: Adult £8.00: (Full time education and under 16 years £5.00). At the door.

Venue to be announced

Christmas Concert

Saturday 12th December at 3.00pm

Details & Venue to be announced

Previous Concerts

Guest singers - Rachel Orr (Soprano) and the Castletown Community Choir performed with the orchestra in October and December 2014 respectively.

At the last concert, in March 2015, the evening was graced by the presence of the Deputy Mayor of the City of Sunderland, Councillor Barry Curran, and the Deputy Mayoress, Mrs. Carol Curran.

Our musical director has been highlighting the talents of orchestra members, by involving them in roles other than those to which we are accustomed to hearing them:
In the Christmas concert, Fiona Cockling (Clarinet) sang soprano solo, and in the recent March concert, Phil Jackson (Trumpet) sang baritone solo.

Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting in March 2015 was held in West Park Church, and the sitting Committee Members were re-elected.
Membership subscriptions for the forthcoming year, 2016, were held at the same level as for the present year.

Grants

The Sir James Knott Trust has given the orchestra a substantial grant for the purchase of music.
The Sunderland Lions Club has awarded the orchestra a further grant for the purchase of equipment.
An anonymous donation of £1000.00 has been received 'to further the aims of the orchestra'.
We give grateful thanks to the donors.

Addition to the family

Jane Boyd (Cello) & Stephen now have a brother (James) for Ethan.
We wish them all well.

Facebook

A friend of the orchestra, Lloyd Watson, has continued to develop the orchestra's 'Facebook' page with information, photographs and short video clips.

The address has been simplified and is now:
www.facebook.com/sunderlandsymphonyorchestra.

West Park Church

There have been a number of expressions of interest regarding the sale of West Park Church, but no formal offer to purchase has yet been made by any party.
The Northern Synod Trust of the United Reformed Church has given the orchestra permission to continue using the building for rehearsals etc., and to hold the June concert therein.
No suitable alternative accommodation for the orchestra, has as yet been found, should the need arise to leave West Park.



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