

Sunderland Symphony Orchestra

Founded October 1999

Charity registration no. 1082431

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

Musical Director - Ray Farr

NEWSLETTER – Spring 2012

Birth

Vanessa Parson (Bassoon)
and her husband
are pleased to announce the birth
of Elisabeth Rose, earlier this year.

Thanks and appreciation

To **Sunderland Lions Club**, for generously donating
a set of temple blocks, stand, and a whip (slapstick) for the
percussion section of the orchestra.

Sunderland City Council Community Chest

The new music stands and music storage bags which have
been paid for by the Sunderland City Council
have been purchased.

Patrons and Friends

We welcome **Brian Arrowsmith**
as a Patron of the orchestra.

Departures

**Severine Chanduloy (Violin), Ditte Goard (Violin),
John Feechan (Trumpet) and Alan Lackenby (Trombone)**

have all left the orchestra for various reasons.

We extend our thanks to them for the time they have spent with us, and for the contributions
they have made; we wish them well in their future endeavours.

John Lennox (Vice Chairman) returned to Sri Lanka in January 2012, for a further period of work.

St Patrick's Day Concert – March 2012

Ruth Corry (Irish Harp), from Belfast, and Eleanor Penfold (Soprano – Irish songs) from Surrey,
gave excellent performances.

All the music performed had an Irish connection, and was well received by the audience.

The final item in the programme – 'Irish Blessing' was specially arranged
for orchestra and soloist by our Musical Director, Ray Farr.

Annual General Meeting 2012

At the Annual General Meeting, the existing committee members were re-elected
and Lynne Dakers joined the team.

It was decided to raise the membership fees for the year commencing January 1st 2013
to £84.00 for playing members, with a concessionary fee of £54.00 for full time students.

Patrons (£60.00) and Friends (£30.00) remain the same.

Sunderland University

The orchestra collaborated with the Media Productions Department
of Sunderland University in April, regarding the production of a documentary.

Filming took place in West Park Church and involved members of
the violin and percussion sections of the orchestra.

Committee meetings

Committee meetings are scheduled for
Thursday 14th June 2012 and Tuesday 11th September 2012
7.30pm at West Park.

If there are any matters which you would like the committee to discuss,
please let the chairman know in advance, so that they may be placed
on the agenda.

Future Events for your Diary

All in West Park Church, Stockton Road, Sunderland
METRO: Park Lane

Saturday 30th June 7.30pm

Music from Stage & Screen

Details of the music to be played are listed on the web site.

Please note that this is Armed Forces Day, and the Lord Lieutenant of the County has organized a Tattoo in the City as part of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee celebrations to be held at the same time as our concert.

(On the north side of the river, at St. Peter's Campus of the University – outdoors).

Our concert will go ahead as planned, owing to the arrangements which have now been in place for several months, and the difficulties involved in changing them.

Saturday 27th October 7.30pm

Queen's Jubilee Promenade Concert

Including Symphony no.5 by Felix Mendelssohn

Saturday 15th December 3.00pm

Christmas Concert

Tickets £8.00.

(Under 16 years and full time education [show valid NUS card] £5.00)

At the door.

Provisional concert dates for 2013

16th March, 22nd June, 26th October, 14th December



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