



Newsletter - Spring 2012

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Fright Night

For months we have been counting down the days until we could let loose and do what we do best; perform, entertain and most importantly, have fun. From having our faces transformed into frightening vampires and spooky skeletons, to performing before audiences that vastly outnumbered any from previous concerts, we can safely say we've had a whale of a time. Young people in the audience were heard enquiring about how they could join and tourists and locals alike were standing on benches in order to see us, so it is clear the event has also been a highly successful one.



We are all very grateful to Sue Moore, who corresponded with Professor Toulmin from the university, giving up a lot of her time making phone calls and getting the orchestra organised for the big event. - **Camelia Yousefpour**

Socials

We're hoping the new year's social calendar will be better than ever. Our event for November was bowling at Hollywood Bowl, Centertainment. The Christmas Social was popular, with more than 20 members of the orchestra enjoying a quiz, old-fashioned party games and food. Other future social plans include 'Endurance Mao,' trips to the seaside and picnics - but not before we get some warmer weather!

The Orchestra's annual residential trip to Crich is only weeks away but there's still time to book your place. It will be held on the 9th - 11th March at the Briars, Crich. This weekend is an opportunity to do some intensive playing before the Easter concert, and is always great fun and not to be missed. - **Robyn Horne**



Concerts

SYO performed its 2011 Christmas concert at the Sheffield High School, a new venue for the orchestra. An ambitious programme featuring Berlioz's 'Symphonie Fantastique', with the orchestra playing 'The March to the Scaffold' and 'Witches Sabbath' to a high standard, alongside some lighter repertoire - 'Phantom of the Opera' in particular boosted by the unconventional inclusion of a saxophone section in the orchestra consisting of alto, tenor and baritone! The orchestra welcomed back Clare Rees-Zimmerman on the viola, who played a fantastic solo.



Our next concert will be on March 31st at Ecclesall Parish Church, where the orchestra will once again be accompanying Michael Davies, this time playing the Grieg Piano Concerto. The programme will also feature Dvorak's Symphony No 9, 'From the New World'. It should be a fantastic concert, and tickets will be available from orchestra members very soon. - **Ben Ward**



Crich 2012 - There's still plenty time to sign up for this year's SYO residential to The Briars, Crich. Forms can be downloaded from the website or just talk to Ben Ward (clarinettist) after a rehearsal - it is always a fantastic weekend and a highlight of the orchestra's year, so please do consider coming along if you haven't been before.

Hoodies - After exhausting our current supply of fantastic SYO hoodies we are looking at ordering more, but need some idea of how many and which sizes. To express interest send us an email or talk to Ben after a rehearsal.

Solos - Members of the orchestra are encouraged and welcome to perform solos in concerts - if you have an idea for something you would like to play, be it a full concerto or something of a smaller scale, Steve would love to hear from you.

YouTube - SYO has a YouTube channel where videos of performances have been uploaded. It can be accessed at www.youtube.com/user/syovideos or by clicking the 'Videos' link on the SYO website.

Dates for your Diary

9th - 13th March - Crich weekend away

31st March - Easter concert at Ecclesall Parish Church

14th July - Summer concert at St Andrews, Hanover Way

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