

SUSSEX SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA



2012 YEARBOOK

WELCOME TO THE SUSSEX SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

I am delighted to welcome you to the orchestra's new yearbook and introduce you to our exciting 2012 season of concerts. Having only recently taken over as Chair of the Sussex Symphony Orchestra I was immediately struck by the strong friendships that have been forged and the teamwork that has gone into making this group one of a kind.

At the SSO we take particular pride in being a local orchestra – our members either live or work in Sussex. We are run entirely by a team of dedicated volunteers who do everything from hiring music, selling tickets, looking after our patrons and designing our posters to driving the van. None of this would be possible without the passion and vision of our founder and musical director, Mark Andrew James.

We have a programme of fantastic concerts for the 2012 season, which will appeal to all tastes. Highlights for me include the string concert in January which follows on from our highly acclaimed ensemble concerts in Cuckfield during 2011. This is a treat for players and audience alike and we are delighted to be performing in a new venue, Bishop Hannington Church in Hove. This is a particularly important event in our diary as the concert is in support of the Martlets Hospice, with whom we have a long-standing relationship.

Further into 2012, we look forward to investigating those infamous operatic soprano fatalities in our Brighton Fringe Festival, 'CSI Opera!'. We are also excited to be working alongside Lesley Garrett at the Haywards Heath Prom in July and unravelling the rapturous melodies of Tchaikovsky's 'Rococo Variations' with cellist Pavlos Carvalho in October.

The big symphony concerts that we are known for have not been forgotten. Brahms' Symphony No 3 in March and Tchaikovsky's Symphony No 4 in October will be performed in the majestic setting of St Bartholomew's Church, Brighton.

With the orchestra's 20th anniversary in 2013 approaching we are already planning a year of celebratory concerts across Sussex, a programme of education and community work and to end the year, a grand ball!

To find out more details about our 20th anniversary year and our upcoming concert series, including times, venues and tickets prices, please visit the orchestra at www.ssomusic.co.uk. Advance tickets for all concerts can be purchased directly from the orchestra on 01273 415384 or ssotickets@talktalk.net. Alternatively all St Bartholomew's concert tickets can be purchased from the Dome Box Office on 01273 709709.

We look forward to seeing you at our future concerts.

Hannah Carter, SSO Chair



JOHAN
double bass

NICOLA
violin and leader

JEREMY
percussion



ALEX
harp



2012 SEASON DATES

SATURDAY 28TH JANUARY

Bishop Hannington Church, Hove
An evening of your favourite string music in aid of the Martlets Hospice and the orchestra

SATURDAY 11TH FEBRUARY

St Bartholomew's Church, Brighton
A gala concert for Valentine's Day including Bernstein's 'Symphonic Dances from West Side Story'

SATURDAY 24TH MARCH

St Bartholomew's Church, Brighton
'The Young Person's Guide to the Orchestra' & Brahms' Symphony No 3

SATURDAY 19TH MAY

St Bartholomew's Church, Brighton
As part of the Brighton Fringe Festival: The Opera Gala 'CSI Opera!'

SATURDAY 16TH JUNE

St Bartholomew's Church, Brighton
Highlights include Mozart's Clarinet Concerto with Michelle Andrews and Beethoven's Symphony No 6

SATURDAY 14TH JULY

Victoria Park, Haywards Heath
The Haywards Heath Prom concert with Lesley Garrett

SATURDAY 6TH OCTOBER

St Bartholomew's Church, Brighton
A Tchaikovsky gala concert with cello soloist Pavlos Carvalho

SATURDAY 10TH NOVEMBER

St Bartholomew's Church, Brighton
Our annual choral concert with a performance of Faure's Requiem

SATURDAY 8TH DECEMBER

St Bartholomew's Church, Brighton
A Christmas celebration with guest singers and seasonal music



JOE
flute & piccolo

HELEN
bassoon

GET INVOLVED

BECOME A PATRON

Please consider becoming a patron of the most exciting orchestra in the region. Find out more at www.ssomusic.co.uk.

Benefits include:

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- Preferential seating at all other concerts
- Invitations to pre-concert rehearsals
- Advance and discounted ticket purchase for all concerts
- Your name in our concert programmes

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NEW PLAYERS

The SSO is an extremely hard working, dedicated group of people who give up their time to perform to the highest standards at concerts that have been critically acclaimed. So if you are of Grade 8 standard or above, able to deliver a concert performance of this level with just of one intense but fun rehearsal then we'd like to hear from you. Please contact the orchestra on sussexso@gmail.com or call us on 01273 415384 to discuss the possibility of becoming a member.

NON-PLAYING OPPORTUNITIES

You don't have to be a player to be involved. We have many areas where we need voluntary support, such as front of house, our library, stage management and other administration. We would also be really happy to hear from students interested in gaining arts administration experience. Contact the orchestra on sussexso@gmail.com or call us on 01273 415384 to discuss how you think you could get involved.

THE MARTLETS HOSPICE

The Sussex Symphony Orchestra and the Martlets have worked together on many occasions and we make regular exit collections in aid of our local hospice.

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