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Friends of Southampton Youth Orchestras Newsletter

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What do the Friends of the Southampton Youth Orchestras actually do?

The Friends of Southampton Youth Orchestras (FSYO) is an organisation that exists to support the tier of youth orchestras in the city of Southampton, from the youngest ensembles, the Finzi and Purcell strings, right up to the nationally acclaimed Southampton Youth Orchestra.

Over 400 children from age 7 to 18 play regularly in these orchestras, and they have a great deal of fun as well as learning the skills of playing music with others. FSYO aims to support the work of the dedicated conductors of the orchestras and those who help the children and young people. For example we are keen to en-

courage parent helpers who can support the ensembles by helping with refreshments, providing raffle prizes, and selling raffle tickets and programmes at concerts. The Friends organisation also supports the orchestras by raising funds to provide some financial support for tours and weekend trips, and for occasional purchase of music and equipment.

A regular newsletter is produced, and a library of music maintained and made available for hire.

The committee of the FSYO is made up of parents of children in the different ensembles and

meets on a monthly basis to plan concerts etc. We are currently seeking sponsorship and always welcome parents who may have particular contacts or skills.

We encourage all parents of children in the ensembles to join the Friends of Southampton Youth Orchestras, for the very modest sum of £10.00 per family per year. Please do feel free to contact any of the members of the committee if you have suggestions or questions.

Sally Boxall, Chair of the Friends of the Southampton Youth Orchestras

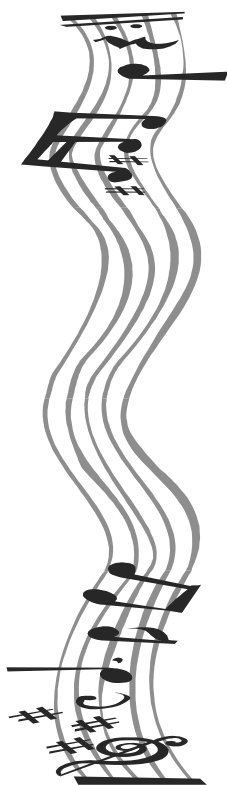
How funds have been used recently

Funds raised by the Friends are used in many different ways to support the players.

- Halls have been hired for concerts, including Thornden Hall, the Turner Sims Concert Hall and Southampton Guildhall
- Residential trips for the senior ensembles (SYO, SYCS and SYS) have been subsidised, reducing the cost to parents
- Instruments, particularly percussion,

have been purchased

- A conductor's desk has been provided at Townhill Park for the Purcell and Elgar Strings
- New music has been purchased for some of the ensembles
- Funding the design and printing of the new programme covers
- Purchase of a stage piano for use by all the ensembles



Committee members 2005-2006

POSITION	NAME	ENSEMBLE(S)
Chairman	Sally Boxall	SYO
Treasurer	Miyuki Archibald	SYS
Vice Chair	Ann Smith	SYO
Acting Secretary	Pam Please	SYO
Membership/Minutes Sec	Sue Wilkins	SYO, SYCS, Elgar
Newsletter Editor	Jane Warren	SYS
SYO Transport	Peter Gosney	ex SYCS
SYO Librarian	Linnet Evans	SYO
Assistant Librarian	Eun-Ha Kang	SYS
Committee	Richard Boardman	SYCS
	Theresa Bowen	SYCS
	Fiona Male	SYS
	Anne-Marie Zimmermann	SYO, Elgar

Ensembles and Directors 2005-2006

Ensemble	Director	Venue	Time
Purcell Strings	Helen Bullas	Sholing Junior	Wednesday 4-5 pm
Finzi Strings	Vanessa Jarvis	Shirley Warren Primary	Monday 4-5 pm
Holst String Orchestra	Zoe Hunting	Shirley Junior	Monday 4-5 pm
Elgar String Orchestra	Christa Porter	Sholing Junior	Wednesday 5:15 - 6:15 pm
Southampton Youth Sinfonietta	Joan Male (asst. Karen Hatton)	Cantell School	Saturday 9:30 - 11:45am
Southampton Youth Concert Sinfonia	Martin Felton (mgr. Joy Tricklebank)	Regent's Park School	Saturday 9:30am -12
Southampton Youth Orchestra	Jane Higgins	Taunton's College	Saturday 9:30 - 12:30

Concert Diary 2006

Date	Ensemble	Venue	Time
04/02/2006	Southampton Youth Orchestra Spring Concert	Guildhall	7:30 pm
17/03/2006	Southampton Youth Concert Sinfonia Spring Concert	West Totton Centre, Hazel Farm Road, Totton	7:30 pm
25/03/2006	Pyramid Concert (All ensembles)	Central Hall	7 pm
06/05/2006	Southampton Youth Orchestra	Thornden Hall	7:30pm (tbc)
17/06/2006	Southampton Youth Sinfonietta	Turner Sims Concert Hall	7:30pm
26/06/2006	Holst Orchestra*	Shirley Junior School	7 pm
01/07/2006	Southampton Youth Concert Sinfonia Summer Finale Concert	Turner Sims Concert Hall	7:30pm
05/07/2006	Elgar Orchestra*/ Purcell Strings* Joint Concert	Townhill Junior School	7 pm
08/07/2006	Southampton Youth Sinfonietta Midsummer Madness	Abbey Hall, Netley Abbey	7 pm
08/07/2006	Southampton Youth Orchestra	Turner Sims Concert Hall	tbc
10/07/2006	Finzi Orchestra*	Shirley Warren Primary School	4 pm
	*parents and friends only		

Tickets for Turner Sims Concert Hall concerts are available from the Box Office on 023 8059 5151. All other tickets will be available through the orchestras.

If you have any contributions to, or queries about, the newsletter, please direct them to me, Jane Warren, by email:
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We would be delighted to hear from local business people who would be interested in advertising in our concert programmes. Enquiries about options and rates should be addressed to Ann Smith, FSYO Vice-chair.

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Pyramid Concert: 25 March 2006 at Central Hall

.It's once again the time of year for the Southampton Youth Orchestras' Pyramid Concert. This very special event is promoted every year by the Friends of the Southampton Youth Orchestras to showcase all the ensembles together. It is always fascinating to hear the progression from the very junior string ensembles, often with less than a year's orchestral experience, to the Southampton Youth Orchestra itself.

After a 'detour' to the Guildhall last year, the Pyramid Concert will be back at the Central Hall in St Mary's following the latter's refurbishment. It is in many ways an ideal venue with its raked, 'in the round' seating affording good sightlines for the audience.

The concert will be compèred by Philip Litchfield, the head of Southampton Music Service. It will begin at 7pm on Saturday 25th March and tickets will be priced at £6 full price and £5 concessions with a special price of £1 for (non-playing!) children.

Refreshments will be available in the interval, although we have been asked to point out that no food and drink is allowed in the hall itself. Raffle tickets will also be on sale and members of each ensemble will be asked to donate a contribution. All proceeds will go to support the work of all the orchestras.

